



The COMPASS Math Assessment

In order to have the COMPASS Math assessment place you into a course you feel accurately represents your knowledge, you must properly prepare to take it.

- 1) Do not attempt to take the COMPASS assessment on the same day as WCC Orientation. The Orientation program is very comprehensive and contains very helpful information. After sitting through the session, you will probably be tired and not in your best mental state to take the assessment. It is very important that you go into the COMPASS assessment refreshed and ready to do your best.
- 2) Have a goal of what course you would like to place into as a result of taking the COMPASS placement assessment. The following pages contain information that should be helpful for you as you prepare to take the COMPASS math assessment. Each page provides sample content you should know in order to place into MTH 067, MTH 097, MTH 169, MTH 176, or MTH 180.
- 3) Review the provided sheets and try the sample problems. If you are having any difficulty, consider any of the following websites:
 - <http://www.act.org/compass/sample/index.html> - This site is created by ACT to provide sample COMPASS questions for you.
 - General Math Help:
www.purplemath.com
 - Algebra Help:
www.algebrahelp.com
www.helpalgebra.com
www.algebra.com
 - www.youtube.com – There are helpful videos on many different math topics that you can access by typing in a topic in the Search Box, e.g. Graphing Lines or Quadratic Equations.
- 4) If you would like to speak with someone from the math department, visit the WCC math department website <http://departments.wccnet.edu/math>