

Understanding the ACT Compass®

The ACT Compass® is a computer-based exam used for college placement, and it is made up of 5 different exams. The tests are used to evaluate the skills that test-takers already have when they enroll in college. This helps colleges place students in suitable courses and identify students who need additional support as they prepare to do college-level work.

The ACT Compass® tests are untimed exams used by colleges to evaluate student proficiency when entering school. Schools often require that students take one or all of the available subject tests. Typically there is no score associated with passing or failing. Most schools use the results of the different subject exams to identify a student's strengths and weaknesses. The exam can help you start college in classes that meet your needs and set you up for success.

