

# COMPASS PLACEMENT TEST SAMPLE QUESTIONS



FOR PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS  
PREPARING TO TAKE

THE



HIGHLAND  
COMMUNITY  
COLLEGE

PLACEMENT TEST



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Dear Student:

The first step in Highland Community College's plan for student success is placement testing. These tests are really skills assessments. The COMPASS test developed by American College Testing (ACT) is used for reading and math placement. A writing sample is used for placement into composition courses.

To help students prepare for placement tests, the College provides students with sample test questions prepared by ACT for its COMPASS assessment. This is not intended to be a practice test.

In addition, we have included a sample topic for the Highland Community College writing sample, an example of a successful essay, and an example of an unsuccessful essay.

Highland Community College does not require students to take COMPASS Writing Skills.

This is not intended to be a practice test. The purpose of these sample questions is to familiarize you with the format of the test and the kinds of questions it includes.

More information is available at [www.act.org](http://www.act.org).