

Testing for Academic and Career Placement

RVC Administrative Procedure (4:10.060)

Rock Valley College is committed to supporting student academic and career success through appropriate placement practices that align students with courses and programs based on their skills, preparation, and readiness consistent with ICCB guidelines and College procedures.

Purpose

The purpose of this procedure is to establish placement and testing practices used to determine student readiness for coursework and eligibility for RVC courses.

Scope

This procedure applies to all Rock Valley students who are interested in registering for courses who are required to demonstrate placement levels or complete placement assessments prior to registration. The college may also require additional placement or aptitude assessments for selective or limited-enrollment programs.

Department and Primary Point of Contact Involved

Department: Records and Registration and Testing Center

Primary Point of Contact: Registrar/Director of Records and Registration and Testing Center Manager

Definitions

Placement Measures

Approved methods used by the College to determine student readiness for coursework, including standardized test scores like ALEKS and Accuplacer, high school coursework, GED (General Education Development) scores, CASAS (Comprehensive Adult Student Assessment System) scores, prior college credit, transitional coursework, credit for prior learning and various placement exams. Unofficial or official versions can be used.

Accuplacer

A standardized placement assessment used to evaluate a student's readiness for college-level English and mathematics coursework. Results are used as one of multiple measures to determine appropriate course placement at Rock Valley College.

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ALEKS

A standardized mathematics placement assessment used to evaluate a student's readiness for college-level mathematics coursework. ALEKS also provides personalized learning modules that allow students to strengthen mathematical skills before retesting. Results are used as one of multiple measures to determine course placement at Rock Valley College.

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Procedure

1. Upon applying to RVC, student sends designated placement measures to Records and Registration for review, or sits for standardized tests like Accuplacer, ALEKS to determine placement.
2. Placement may be determined using one or more approved measures, including standardized test scores, high school coursework and grades, GED scores, prior college credit, transitional coursework, and College placement assessments.
3. Placement is applied to student record, and student is then directed to work with Enrollment Coordinators or Advisors to discuss schedule.
4. Information regarding placement requirements, testing methods, waivers, exemptions, retesting opportunities, and related procedures are communicated through the College website and other official College publications.

Related Documents

ICCB Administrative Rules

Rock Valley College Website-Placement Requirements/Placement Assessments

Rock Valley College Catalog

Reference: AR 314

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