The COMPASS for GRCC Class Placement

What is COMPASS?
- COMPASS is a computer-based assessment tool (not a test) used to evaluate your skills and place you into appropriate classes. There are no ‘passing’ or ‘failing’ scores.
- The assessment includes three sections: Reading, Writing, and Math.

Is there a time limit?
- No, there is no time limit. You can take as much time as you need.
- The average time needed to complete the three sections is 1 ½ to 2 hours.

When and where can I take it?
- **Auburn Main Campus (Zgolinski Welcome Center)** – drop-ins available:
  - Monday, Tuesday: 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
  - Wednesday, Thursday: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
  - Friday: 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
  - Saturday: 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
  - Sunday: Closed
- **Kent Campus** – By appointment only. Call (253) 856.9595 to schedule.
- **Enumclaw Campus** – By appointment only. Call (253) 288.3400 to schedule.

When do I get my results?
- You’ll get your results immediately after completing the COMPASS.

What do I need to bring with me to the assessment?
- Photo ID
- Payment – currently $20 for all three sections or $10 for an individual section.

Tips for taking COMPASS:
- Relax and take your time. It is a tool designed to help you succeed in school.
- Be sure to read the directions at the beginning of each section.
- Answer every item. You are not penalized for guessing.
- Beware: once you go forward with the COMPASS software you cannot go back.
- Before you take the assessment, try some sample questions online.

Where can I find sample questions and learn more about the assessment?
- [www.act.org/compass/sample/index.html](http://www.act.org/compass/sample/index.html), click on “Sample Questions”
- [web.gsc.edu/fs/mhorton/LSEnglish/compasswriting.htm](http://web.gsc.edu/fs/mhorton/LSEnglish/compasswriting.htm)
- [www.compassetestquestions.com](http://www.compassetestquestions.com)

Questions? Contact the Assessment & Testing Center at (253) 833-9111 ext. 2650