Placement testing not required if you have an official transcript on file at SSCC listing college level English 101 and Math 102 (or equivalents) with grades of 2.0 or higher.
**Important Test Information**

**Why test...**
- This is the first step to enrolling!
- Appropriate course placement is determined from the placement exam.
- Placement tests assess a student's strengths and weaknesses in writing, reading, and math.
- Your COMPASS scores will inform and guide your advisor or counselor whom you will meet after completing your placement test.

**Before you test...**
- **PREPARE:** Review Grammar, Reading and Math skills. Visit the websites below for sample questions and practice tests.
- Review sample questions at: [http://www.act.org/compass/sample](http://www.act.org/compass/sample)
- Listen to "Everything about COMPASS" on the Information Line: 206-764-5349

**Come to Testing...**
- Get an SSCC student ID number from Registration.
- Pay test fee at Cashier and bring receipt and photo ID to to test session of your choice (seating first-come, first-served).

**SSCC Assessment/Testing webpage:** [www.southseattle.edu/resources/sas.htm](http://www.southseattle.edu/resources/sas.htm)

**Tutorial Resources:**
- www.grammar.com
- www.purplemath.com
- www.chompchomp.com
- www.math.com

**GED Testing Prep:**
- Public Libraries
  - www.gedpractice.com
  - www.gedwriting.com
  - www.gedreading.com
- SSCC Library
  - www.gedmath.com
- Purchase at Bookstores
  - www.gedsciencelab.com
  - www.gedsocialstudies.com
  - www.gedmath.com

**Call (206) 764-5363 for information about GED and COMPASS preparation classes.**

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<td><strong>Type of Test</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Test Format/Description</strong></td>
<td>Computer, native English speakers, multiple choice</td>
<td>Computer, Non-Native English speakers, multiple choice</td>
<td>Paper/Pencil, for placement into CHEM&amp; 161</td>
<td>Paper/pencil/pen, multiple choice + essay for Writing</td>
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<td><strong>Duration</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Sign-up</strong></td>
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*RUNNING START* candidates call Program Coordinator, Lynn Christensen, at 206-768-6478 for current procedure.