

ABILITY-TO BENEFIT TESTS (ATB)

Students who wish to qualify for financial aid and who DO NOT have proof of completion of High School are required to take a proctored Ability to Benefit Test (ATB). Elgin Community College Testing Center is approved to administer the Compass ATB and CELSA ATB Tests.

COMPASS ATB

To be eligible for ATB status, a student must achieve or exceed the minimum scores on each subtest of Compass in a single testing experience. If a student does not achieve or exceed all three required Compass scores (Writing Skills 32, Reading 62, and Numerical Skills/Pre-Algebra 25) on a single test administration, the student must retake the complete Compass test in a new testing session and pass all three sub-areas in that new test session. Passing scores from one administration cannot be combined with passing scores from another test administration. The Compass ATB test is not timed, and students are given a calculator to use during the math portion of the test. The Compass test is a computerized adaptive test.

CELSA ATB

The CELSA (Combined English Language Skills Assessment) test is used for Ability to Benefit for those students whose English is their second language. Effective June 2006, a passing score is 37 on CELSA form 1 and a passing score is 34 on CELSA Form 2. . The CELSA test is a timed 45-minute multiple choice grammar and reading-comprehension test consisting of 75 questions.

Students MUST make an appointment with Victoria Roush, 847-214-7219 to take either the Compass ATB test or the Celsa test as an ATB Test.

Please visit these websites before you come to test. The Compass ATB Test will include Math (pre-algebra and numerical skills), reading comprehension, and finding the errors in a completed essay. COMPASS ATB students should review all these websites. CELSA ATB students need only review the English, Reading and Writing web sites.

General Testing Help

www.act.org/compass/sample/ **Choose: Testing Tips**
www.how-to-study.com/pqr.htm

Math

www.act.org/compass/sample/math.html **Choose: Numerical Skills**
www.gomath.com **Choose: pre algebra**
www.math.com **Choose: pre algebra**

English: Reading and Writing

<http://www.act.org/compass/sample/reading.html>
<http://www.act.org/compass/sample/writing.html>
<http://grammar.ccc.commnet.edu/grammar/>