

## Assessment Procedures

The following are the Monterey Peninsula College Assessment Procedures for English, Math, English as a Second Language and Ability to Benefit testing:

### English Assessment:

- You may assess once per semester (fall, spring, summer). Once you have assessed you must wait 6 months or more before you can reassess without registering for or starting the MPC English Sequence.
  - **When reassessing, whether a student receives a lower or higher score, the new assessment results will override the previous.**
- A student **may not assess or reassess** if s/he has started the English sequence and has received one of the following grades: A, B, C, D, F, P/NP-(previously C/NC), or W.
- A student may also challenge assessment results with the English Department during the challenge dates established by the English Department.

### **Exemptions:**

- Assessment scores from another Community College in the State of California
- Transcripts from another Community College, CSU, UC or private regionally accredited college showing a passing grade of C or better in a college-level English class (*a catalog course description is required*)
- Scoring within the 50th percentile on the College-Level Examination Program (CLEP) or score of 3 or higher on the Advanced Placement English Language or English Literature test

## Math Assessment:

- You may assess once per semester (fall, spring, summer). If your results say you must retake the assessment again or you are unhappy with your results from your initial assessment; you must wait **two-weeks** between the initial assessment and taking your second assessment.
  - **If you are still not satisfied with your results after the second assessment, you will need to wait 6 months before you can reassess without registering for or starting the MPC Math sequence.**
  - **When reassessing, whether a student receives a lower or higher score, the new assessment results will override the previous.**
- A student **may not assess or reassess** if s/he has started the Math Sequence and has received one of the following grades: A, B, C, D, F, P/NP-(previously C/NC), or W.
- A student may also challenge assessment results with the Math Department during the challenge dates established by the Math Department.

### **Exemptions:**

- Assessment scores from another Community College in the State of California
- Transcripts from another Community College, CSU, UC or private regionally accredited college showing a passing grade of C or better in a college-level Math class (*a catalog course description is required*)
- Scoring within the 50th percentile on the College-Level Examination Program (CLEP) or a score of 3 or higher on the Advanced Placement Calculus (AB or BC) or Statistics test.

**Note:** As of **Fall 2009**, we no longer accept high school transcripts to satisfy the Math prerequisites.

## English as a Second Language:

- You may assess once per semester (fall, spring, summer). Once you have assessed you must wait 6 months or more before you can reassess without registering for or starting the MPC English or ENSL Sequence.
  - **When reassessing, whether a student receives a lower or higher score, the new assessment results will override the previous.**
- A student **may not assess or reassess** if s/he has started the English or ENSL sequence and has received one of the following grades: A, B, C, D, F, P/NP-(previously C/NC), or W.
- If a student has taken the English Placement Test (EPT) and then wishes to take the ENSL assessment, s/he may do so **once** (as long as s/he has not started the MPC “credit” ENSL or English Sequence).
  - **Multiple Measures will be used to determine final placement into an ENSL class.**
- A student may also challenge assessment results with the English as a Second Language Department during the challenge dates established by the English as a Second Language Department.

## Ability to Benefit Testing:

- The Ability to Benefit Test is a standardized test for students who have not earned a high school diploma or GED and who are seeking Student Financial Aid assistance.
- Ability to Benefit (ATB) is required by the Federal Government for students who are enrolling in college and wish to apply for financial aid. This test is to ensure that you have the ability to benefit from college enrollment.
- If you do not pass all 3 of the Ability to Benefit test sections, you are allowed to take the test once again within a 3 month period. You must wait **two-weeks** between the initial test and taking your second test. If you do not pass the second time taking the test, you will need to wait 3 months after the last test was taken before you can test again.
  - Students must take the Reading Comprehension, Sentence Structure and Mathematics components of the test and **pass ALL three sections** at the same time.
  - If a student passes 1 or 2 of the 3 components of the test, the student must **retake ALL three** sections of the test (*see retesting policy*).
  - **Please Note-** If you are not able to pass the test after your second try, we recommend that you meet with a Counselor to discuss registering for classes and completing six or more degree applicable units towards a degree or certificate at Monterey Peninsula College with a grade of a “C” or better. You can also see if you qualify for the Board of Governors Fee Waiver (BOG) to help pay for your tuition for the semester you are not receiving Financial Aid.

### **Exemptions:**

- High School Diploma
- General Education Development (GED)
- Completed six degree applicable units with a “C” or better grade that are applicable towards a degree or certificate at Monterey Peninsula College or another Community College.

# Frequently Asked Questions

## Admissions Applications-

Applications for Admissions **MUST** be filed with the Admissions and Records Office prior to making an appointment for any Assessments.

## How do I make an appointment-

Call 831-646-4027 or stop by the Assessment Office. You must have your MPC Student ID # to make an appointment for any assessment.

## What should I bring the day of the Assessment-

1) MPC Student ID #

2) Picture ID

3) Know which math assessment you will be taking (if taking the math assessment)\*

\*MPC offers 4 different math assessments. In order to choose which one you want to take click on **“Which Math Assessment Should I Take?”**, and look at the sample questions for all 4 math assessments. The sample problems in which you are answering about half of the questions comfortably is the # assessment to consider taking.

## What should I NOT bring to the Assessment-

Calculators, food, and drinks are prohibited. Children are not allowed in the assessment area and may not be left unattended on campus. **Pencils, Paper and Pens will be provided for you.**

## Parking-

Parking on Campus costs \$1.00 Mon-Fri. Saturday Parking is Free.

## Missed your appointment-

Please call the Assessment Center at 831-646-4027 to reschedule for another appointment.

### **Math Practice Assessments-**

You can find Math Practice Assessments under the “**Which Math Assessment Should I Take?**” link on the Assessment Homepage.

### **Retaking the English Assessment-**

You may assess once per semester (fall, spring, summer). Once you have assessed you must wait 6 months or more before you can reassess without registering for an English class.

### **Retaking the Math Assessment-**

You may assess once per semester (fall, spring, summer). If your results say you must retake the assessment again or you are unhappy with your results from your initial assessment; you must wait **two-weeks** between the initial assessment and taking your second assessment.

\*If you are still not satisfied with your results after the second assessment, you will need to wait 6 months before you can reassess without registering for a Math class.

### **Retaking the Ability to Benefit Test-**

You must pass all 3 of the Ability to Benefit test sections at one time. If you do not pass all 3 sections of the test, you are allowed to take the test once again within a 3 month period, waiting two weeks between testing. If you do not pass the 2<sup>nd</sup> time taking the test, you will need to wait 3 months after the last test taken before you can test again.

### **Challenges-**

You have the right to challenge the results of your assessments. You can contact the English and/or Math Departments to inquire about challenge dates and times.

**English is not my native language-**

If English is not your native language; you are strongly advised to take the English as a Second Language Assessment.

***Inglés no es mi primer idioma-***

*Si inglés no es su primer idioma, deberá tomar la evaluación de Inglés como Segundo Idioma.*

**Accommodations-**

Student with disabilities or those who need special accommodations for any parts of the STEP Program should contact Supportive Services at 831-646-4070 to make arrangements. TDD users should telephone 831-646-4068.

**How do I look up my Assessment Results-**

Go to [www.mpc.edu](http://www.mpc.edu), click on the link "WebReg" and login. From the menu, select "Placement".

**\*\*Ability to Benefit results -**

You will receive a copy of your results when you are finished with the test. A copy of the test results will also be forwarded to the Student Financial Services Office.

**Assessment results from another college-**

We can **only** accept assessment results from another California Community College. Please contact the Counseling Department at 831-646-4020 to make an appointment to have your results reviewed.