

The Assessment Process for Academic & Career Readiness

Academic & Career Readiness programs at ACC:

- Adult Basic Education (ABE)
- Adult Basic Literacy Education (ABLE)
- Career College
- English as a Second Language (ESL)
- ASE (Adult Secondary Education – includes Adult High School and High School Equivalency preparation such as GED, HiSET and TASC)
- Placement Test Preparation (preparing students for the college placement test)

What assessments are available for A & CR students?

- TABE (Test of Adult Basic Education)
- BEST Literacy (Basic English Skills Test)
- CASAS (Comprehensive Adult Student Assessment Systems)

All assessments are given to determine eligibility for Academic & Career Readiness programs, to place learners at appropriate levels of instruction, to diagnose learners' strengths and weaknesses, to monitor progress, and to certify learner mastery at specific levels of instruction. The assessment is timed and required for all individuals seeking enrollment into adult education programs available at ACC. The assessment will be used to appropriately place a student in classes based on the assessment results. ACC offers the assessment free-of-charge.

What academic areas does the assessment cover?

- TABE assessments may be given in the following areas: reading, math (computation and applied) and language. A locator is given to identify the proper level and form of the TABE assessment to be given. TABE is NRS approved for ABLE/ABE/ASE students. TABE is available computer, paper, large print and braille.
- BEST Literacy is a competency-based assessment that uses a variety of functional literacy tasks to measure adult English language learners' ability to read and write in English. BEST Literacy is approved for ESL students.
- CASAS assessments may be given in the following areas: reading, math, and writing. This assessment is used exclusively in ESL at ACC.

When can I take the assessment?

Appointments are required for an assessment. Assessments may be individual and/or in groups.

Post-testing Requirements:

All students in programs funded by the North Carolina Community College System must be tested twice annually with an approved assessment. All students must demonstrate an increased score on an NRS –approved standardized assessment within a two year period, or their continued participation in Academic & Career Readiness will be subject to review.

Students with Disabilities

Please contact Monica Isbell, Coordinator of Special Needs, at monica.isbell@alamancecc.edu or 336-506-4130 in order to request and arrange appropriate test accommodations. This should be done **before** scheduling orientation.