



ACCUPLACER TESTING INSTRUCTION GUIDE

WHAT IS THE ACCUPLACER?

The **ACCUPLACER** is a series of tests that evaluate students' skills in **reading, writing, and math** to help college administrators place them in courses that match their skills. ACCUPLACER scores let students know where they stand academically, which makes it easier for them to plan a successful path toward a college degree.

WHY SHOULD I TAKE THE ACCUPLACER?

There are several reasons that students choose to take the ACCUPLACER:

1. Placement for college classes or training programs.
2. Qualifying for the Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship through the Arkansas Department of Higher Education (ADHE.)

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF TAKING THE ACCUPLACER?

The ACCUPLACER is **not timed!** Many students who struggle with the time restraints of the ACT and SAT find the ACCUPLACER a less stressful alternative.

HOW DO I USE MY ACCUPLACER SCORE TO QUALIFY FOR THE ARKANSAS ACADEMIC CHALLENGE SCHOLARSHIP?

- ☐ **To use the ACCUPLACER to qualify for the \$14,000 Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship, you must:**
 - Take **all three sections** (Writing, Reading, and Math) during the same exam session.
 - Receive a minimum **246** ACCUPLACER qualifying score.
- ☐ **If using your ACCUPLACER score to qualify, you will need to send your scores in yourself to the Arkansas Department of Higher Education (ADHE):**
 - Apply for the Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship at:
 - <https://sams.adhe.edu/>
 - Upload a copy of your scores into your ADHE application portal or email directly.

WHERE CAN I TAKE THE ACCUPLACER?

Northwest Arkansas Community College (NWACC)

- One College Drive, Bentonville, AR 72712
- NWACC Bentonville Campus, Becky Paneitz Student Center, NWACC Testing Center, Third Floor, Room 306

◆ **FOR FURTHER DIRECTIONS, PLEASE SEE ATTACHED NWACC MAPS** ◆

WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW?

- **Appointments are required to take the ACCUPLACER at NWACC.**
 - Seating is limited so same day appointment requests will not be honored.
- **The ACCUPLACER costs \$10 per exam session.**
 - All payments must be made online when scheduling your exam.
 - Cash is not accepted.
 - Once payment is received, you will receive an email confirmation of your appointment.
- **NWACC Testing Center Hours:**
 - **Monday –Thursday:** 8:00 am – 7:00 pm
 - Last test is seated at 5:00 pm
 - **Friday, Saturday:** 8:00 am – 1:00 pm
 - Last test is seated at 11:00 am
 - **Sunday:** CLOSED
- **You must bring a photo I.D. with you to the NWACC Testing Center.**
- **Personal items are not allowed into the testing room.**
 - Try to leave most personal belongings in your car!
- **Students are provided scratch paper and a calculator is built into the test.**
 - Students may *not* bring in their own materials, nor may they leave the room with their provided scratch paper.
- **There is no time limit on the ACCUPLACER.**
 - If you need to take longer than one session to complete your test, you will need to set up another testing time with the NWACC Testing Supervisor.

HOW DO I REGISTER?

- **Register online through the NWACC Testing Center:**
 - <https://www.nwacc.edu/testingcenter/nwacc-tests/default.aspx>

CAN I STUDY FOR THE ACCUPLACER?

- **Yes! Study guides are available on the College Board website:**
 - <https://accuplacer.collegeboard.org/students/prepare-for-accuplacer/practice>

I HAVE MORE QUESTIONS. WHO CAN I CONTACT?

- **You will need to contact the NWACC Testing Center directly.**
 - **GENERAL QUESTIONS:**
 - NWACC Testing Center
 - **PHONE:** 479-619-4354
 - **EMAIL:** testingcenter@nwacc.edu
 - **SPECIFIC QUESTIONS:**
 - Jennifer Ockinga, NWACC Assistant Director of Testing Services
 - **PHONE:** 479-986-4078
 - **EMAIL:** jockinga@nwacc.edu

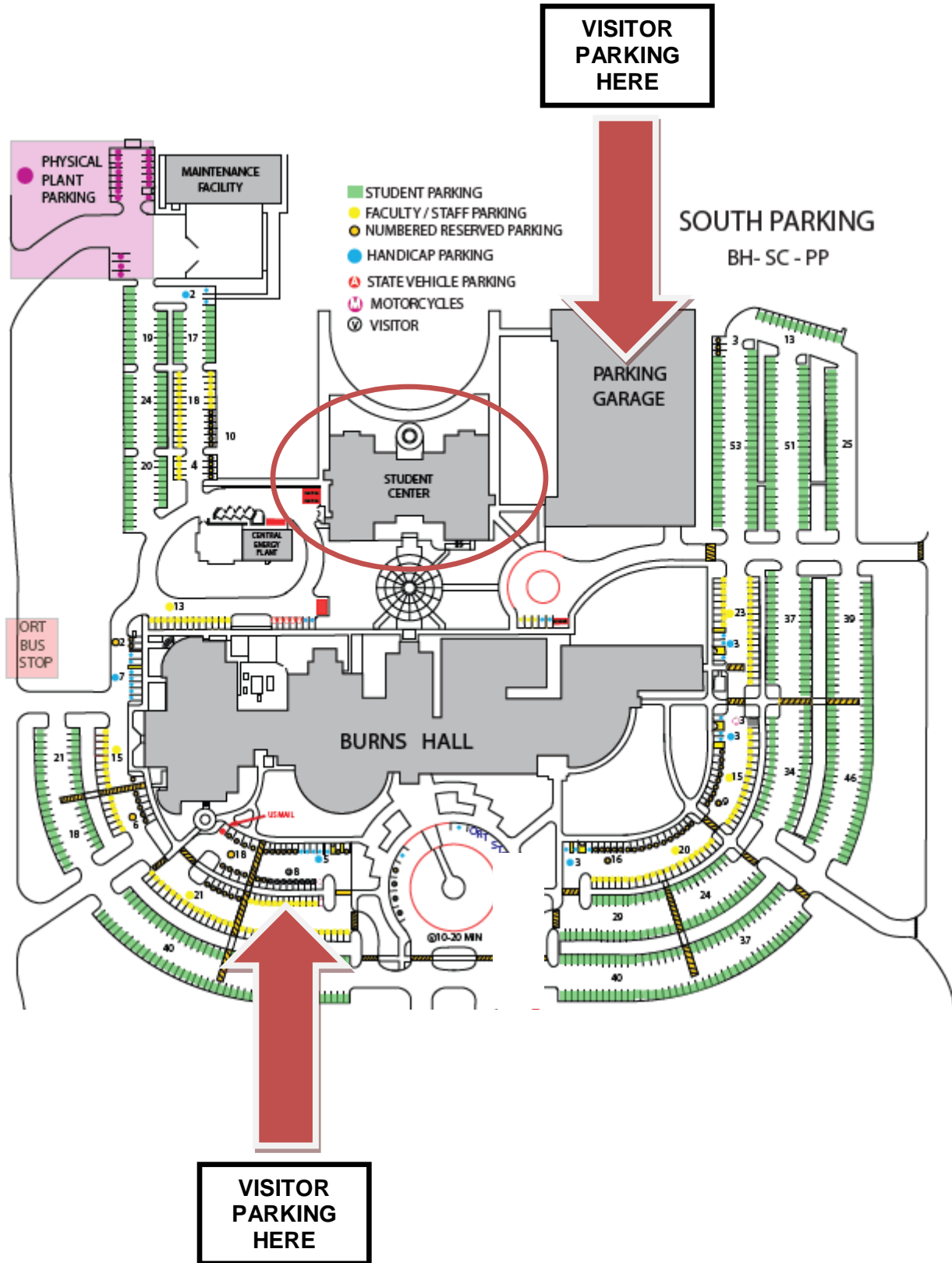
WHERE IS TESTING LOCATED AT NWACC?

Please see the attached NWACC map for directions and parking suggestions.

The NWACC Testing Center is located on the Third Floor of the Becky Paneitz Student Center, which is the building located directly behind the main NWACC building, Burns Hall. You can reach the Paneitz Student Center, one of two ways:

1. You may park in a Visitors parking spot in the front main NWACC parking lot and walk through Burns Hall and the middle courtyard to reach the Paneitz Students Center.
2. You may park in the parking garage located directly next to the Paneitz Student Center.
(Please make sure that you do not park in a NWACC-marked student parking spot.)

NWACC PARKING MAP:



NWACC BECKY PANEITZ STUDENT CENTER, THIRD FLOOR:

