

Confirmation Testing Frequently Asked Questions

What is confirmation testing?

Students placed in developmental courses based on their ACT or ASSET scores will take confirmation tests to ensure proper placement in developmental coursework. Students take the test prior to seeing an advisor for registration.

Why are the tests required?

These confirmation tests ensure that each student is placed into the reading, writing, and math courses that

- Provide the best opportunity for student success
- Prevent students from taking unnecessary courses
- Help each student achieve his/her college goals as quickly as possible

The confirmation test gives a student who has not tested well on the ACT or ASSET an opportunity to demonstrate his/her skills before final course placement.

How can the student prepare?

The Adult Education Department at Pellissippi State offers refresher courses in math, reading, and writing (865-539-7109).

What are the tests?

Reading: an online version of the Nelson Denny reading test. This timed test allows 15 minutes for vocabulary questions and 20 minutes for comprehension questions.

Writing: a 30 minute essay with a pre-selected writing prompt. Students should bring pens, pencils, and photo identification to the testing sessions. Computers will be available for testing.

Math: a one hour, multiple-choice test that determines the students' ability to perform basic math, pre-algebra, and algebra skills. The student may use a calculator on the test but not a symbolic manipulator like the TI-89 or 92.

Is there a cost?

There is no cost for the tests.

After a student takes a confirmation test, when are the results available?

Results will be available in the student's account in mypellissippi within 48 hours.

More Questions?

Testing Center

To schedule a testing appointment or find out more information about the test
865-694-6454, Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Cashier's Office

Check on fee payment.
865-694-6605, Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Transition Studies Department

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