



PERT Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's)

Q: What are the required placement scores?

A: Please refer to <http://www.fkcc.edu/current-students/advising-place-testing.da>

Q: If I initially tested using CPT, do I retest with CPT?

A: No, you will retest using the PERT.

Q: Should Florida Keys Community College continue to accept CPT (i.e., College Board ACCUPLACER) scores for placement purposes?

A: Yes, the CPT will continue to be an authorized placement assessment as well as SAT and ACT, as indicated in State Board Rule 6A-10.0315, F.A.C.

Q: How many questions will comprise the PERT?

A: Each sub-test (i.e., reading, writing and mathematics) will be 30 questions.

Q: How long will the PERT take students to complete?

A: It is estimated that students will take 45 minutes to complete each sub-test.

Q: Will placement testing procedures for English for Academic Purposes (EAP) change as a result of PERT?

A: Currently, EAP placement procedures are determined by the college and this is expected to continue. EAP students who have taken the LOEP exam will advance to the PERT in accordance with established EAP procedures (PERT replaces the CPT).

Q: What test will Dual Enrollment students take?

A: Dual Enrolled students will take the PERT as of March 2011 forward.

Q: Are students allowed to re-take the PERT immediately after the initial administration?

A: No, students should be required to spend time reflecting on their test results and preparing for the re-take. Florida Keys Community College's policy for retaking the test is 45 days in between administrations.

Q: What tests are the high school's administering as part of Senate Bill 1908 compliance?

A: The high schools have been authorized by the State and Florida Keys Community College to administer the CPT during this academic year. Any updates for next year will be placed on this site.

Q: Will high schools be authorized to administer the PERT?

A: The Department's Division of Public Schools is researching the feasibility of high schools serving as authorized testing sites. Once high schools are deemed ready to administer computer-based tests, it is anticipated that the Department will authorize them as PERT sites.

Q: Will the PERT be included on the U.S. Department of Education's (USDOE) list of eligible tests for federal financial aid ability-to-benefit (ATB) purposes?

A: McCann Associates and the Division of Florida Colleges are working with the USDOE and it is possible that the PERT will be ATB authorized. If and When this happens, information will be provided here.

Q: Will the PERT be allowed for college-level academic skills (CLAS) purposes?

A: The Division of Florida Colleges will work with McCann Associates to designate appropriate scores for CLAS purposes after the initial implementation is underway. Until that time, the CPT will be used. It is anticipated that the 2011 Legislature will address the CLAS as a result of recommendations forwarded by the Articulation Coordinating Committee.

Q: Will there be concordance with CPT, SAT and ACT for the PERT?

A: Yes, the Division of Florida Colleges will work with McCann Associates to identify concordant scores after the initial implementation is underway.

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