Postsecondary Education Readiness Test (PERT)

PERT is used for placement at all Florida community colleges for degree-seeking students. This test will assess your content knowledge in reading, sentence skills, and mathematics. It’s important that you prepare for the PERT since it will determine your placement into either college-level or developmental course work.

When and Where the Test is given
The test is offered in small group sessions throughout the school year. Students may be tested at any FKCC Center – Key West, Middle, or Upper Keys.

For information regarding test dates and times, call Advising Services 305-809-3196 (Key West), 305-743-2133 (Middle Keys) or 305-852-2737 (Upper Keys).

It is recommended to make an appointment to take PERT
Dates for the Key West campus can be found on the main web page www.fkcc.edu, click on News & Up Coming Events, and then click on the Orientation/PERT testing calendar for dates.

Additional Questions and Information
If you have additional questions or concerns about the test, or the testing environment, or need any additional information or assistance concerning the Florida College Entry-Level Testing Program, please contact the test administrator at 305-809-3196.

STUDY GUIDES
FKCC Study Guide:
http://www.fkcc.edu/current-students/advising-place-testing.da

Additional Study Guide:
Frequently Asked Questions

Is this a pass/fail test?
PERT is a placement test. You can’t fail.

If I don’t do well on PERT, will I get into FKCC?
As long as you have graduated from high school or have a GED, you’re in. FKCC has an open door admission policy. The assessment test is used to place you in classes at levels most appropriate for you.

When will I receive my test scores?
You will receive your scores immediately once the test has been completed. An advisor will review your scores with you.

Do I need to make an appointment to take PERT?
Yes, an appointment is required. Please contact the appropriate test center. Key West 305-809-3196, Marathon 305-743-2133, or Coral Shores 305-852-2737.

What will I need prior to taking the test?
Please have an FKCC Application for Admission turned in prior to taking PERT. Also, please bring your FKCC student ID#.

Is there a study guide?
Yes, the study guide is located on Florida Keys Community College website. Go to www.fkcc.edu click on Testing at the bottom, click college placement test, scroll to the bottom, and download study guide.

Can I use a calculator on PERT?
Textbooks, notebooks, dictionaries, and calculators are not allowed in the testing room.

What is the testing time?
The test is not timed, but plan for two hours to do your best work.

Can I retest if I don’t like my scores?
Students must wait for at least 45 days to elapse before retesting on the PERT and will only have one last chance to retest. Students who have already begun any level of college preparatory instruction in a subject area may only be referred for retesting on an individual basis by the teaching faculty member. An Advisor may grant permission for a retest due to extenuating circumstances. However, effective Feb. 1, 2009, a $10.00 charge will be assessed to retake one or more parts of the PERT.

Is there special arrangements for people with disabilities?
Please inform the test administrator before taking the test. These requests should be made in writing directly to the Office for Student Disabilities which is located in the Advising Services Department (KW).

Are there any exemptions to PERT?
Students who can provide official ACT or SAT scores taken two years current can be reviewed. A breakdown of scores is listed in the chart to the right of the brochure.

Island TIME: Transition Into Math Excellence
If you have tested into Developmental Math I or II, you will be a part of a new and improved way of learning math at FKCC. Instead of “chalk and talk,” Island TIME provides a student-centered, self-paced, and technologically-assisted approach to learning. Island TIME classes will take place in the new Student Success Center, room 2402-2403 TWFAC (above the ceramics studio).

Assessment | Score | Placement |
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ACT-English | 17 & above 16 & below | No Preparatory ENC 0015 ENC 0025 |
ACT–Reading | 18 & above 17 & below | No Preparatory ENC 0007 ENC 0017 |
ACT-Math | 21 & above 19-20 17-18 16 & below | No Preparatory MAT 1033 STA 2023 MAT 0028 MAT 0018 |
PERT–Sentence Skills | 99& above 90-98 50-89 | No Preparatory ENC 0025 ENC 0015 |
PERT–Reading | 104 & above 84-103 50-83 Below 50 | No Preparatory ENC 0007 ENC 0025 |
PERT–Math | 123-150 113-122 96-112 50-95 | MAT 1105 MAT 1033 MAT 0028 MAT 0018 |
SAT–Verbal/ Critical Reading | 440 & above 439 & below | No Preparatory ENC 0025 ENC 0015 |
SAT–Math | 480 & above 479-440 439-400 399 & below | No Preparatory ENC 0025 ENC 0015 |
Grade 10 FCAT-Reading | Level 4 & 5 (355-500 scale scores) | ENC 1101 |
Grade 10 FCAT-Math | Level 5 (375-500 scale score) | MAC 1105 |
Grade 10 FCAT 2.0 Reading | Scale Score of 262 or higher | ENC 1101 |