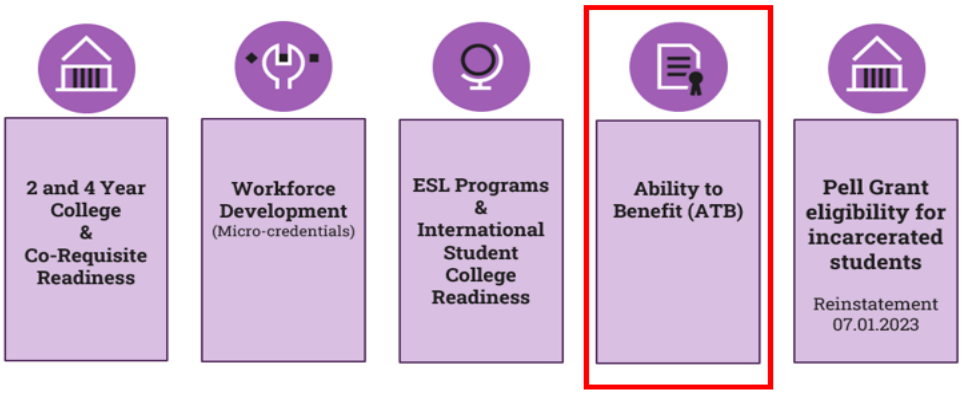
ACCUPLACER Ability to Benefit (ATB) Overview

What is ACCUPLACER®?

ACCUPLACER is a multi-purpose, use case assessment that helps institutions and workforce training providers gauge student readiness for required coursework and identify areas where students may need additional support to succeed.



ATB allows postsecondary test takers without a high school diploma or equivalent to receive Title IV financial aid when they're dually enrolled in a career pathway program and in adult education. Test takers must prove their "Ability to Benefit" one of three ways:

1. Complete 6 credits (or its equivalent) toward a degree or certificate.
2. Pass an exam approved by the U.S. Department of Education.
3. Complete a state process approved by the U.S. Secretary of Education.

Overview

All students taking ACCUPLACER for ATB purposes are required to take Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic on their first attempt. The tests are:

- Untimed
- 20/25 questions per section
- 90-120 minutes average for all three sections

All three tests are computer adaptive:

> During testing, the first question presented is of medium difficulty and is chosen randomly from several starter questions of the same level of difficulty. If a test taker answers the question incorrectly, the next question to be administered is chosen from a group of easier questions. If the test taker answers the question correctly, the next question presented will be somewhat more difficult. The test delivery system continues this process throughout the test, with the question pool selection yielding the most insightful information about the test taker's performance level.

The ACCUPLACER tests are on a scaled score range of 200-300. The passing scores* are:

- Reading 233
- Writing 235
- Arithmetic 230

* ATB benchmarks are set by the U.S. Department of Education.

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