Much more than a series of tests, COMPASS® is a comprehensive computerized adaptive testing system that helps place students into appropriate courses and maximizes the information postsecondary schools need to ensure student success.

Please view UACCH’s COMPASS Orientation before viewing the practice exams by clicking on the following link:

http://youtu.be/3qLh54O-5d0

Note: You will need to have audio and internet connection.

TO SET UP AN APPOINTMENT TO TAKE THE COMPASS GO TO:
www.registerblast.com/uacch/exam

For further testing information, contact the UACCH Hope Testing Center at (870) 722-8247 or e-mail: leigh.quillin@uacch.edu
Tips for Taking the COMPASS

1. Relax! The COMPASS/ESL tests are designed to help you succeed in school. Your scores help you and your institution determine which courses are most appropriate for your current level of knowledge and skills. Once you identify your academic strengths and weaknesses, you can get the help you need to improve underdeveloped skills before they interfere with your learning.

2. You will be able to concentrate better on the test if you get plenty of rest and eat properly before the test. You should also arrive a few minutes early so you can find the testing area, restrooms, etc., and have time to find satisfactory seating and gather your thoughts before the testing begins.

3. Be sure you understand the directions for each test before that test session begins. Ask questions if you need to.

4. Read each question carefully until you understand what the question is asking. If answering an item requires several steps, be sure you consider them all.

5. If you have a problem or question during the test, raise your hand and the test administrator or proctor will help you. Although they cannot answer test questions for you, they can help you with other types of problems.

Remember this is not a pass or fail test; it is strictly for placement purposes. However, it will determine what college courses you will be required to take so please take the exam very seriously. Students will be allowed to take the COMPASS/ESL Test a total of two (2) times. After the first exam has been administered, a re-test fee of $5.00 will be charged to UACCH students for retaking the exam. Students must show photo ID to test.

*Other fees may apply for Non-UACCH students.

Visit the COMPASS/ESL website at
http://act.org/compass/student/index.html

The University of North Georgia offers great COMPASS practice exams.

- **Writing and Reading Practice Exams:** [http://faculty.ung.edu/mrhorton/lsenglish/](http://faculty.ung.edu/mrhorton/lsenglish/)

OR

- **UACCH Test Prep** is another option. If interested, please contact Glenda Formby at Glenda.formby@uacch.edu.
- **Reading, Writing, and Math:** The City University of New York offers practice tests that look exactly like the COMPASS tests: [http://www.cuny.edu/academics/testing/cuny-assessment-tests/resources.html](http://www.cuny.edu/academics/testing/cuny-assessment-tests/resources.html)
- **Math:** [http://www.mycompetest.com/exam-strategy/](http://www.mycompetest.com/exam-strategy/)
UACCH ADMISSIONS POLICY

The College's "open door" admissions policy reflects the institution's philosophy of providing educational opportunities for all citizens within its service area. Admission to the College does not insure admission to a particular course or program of study. Students seeking admission for the first time should use the following procedure:

1. Complete an Application for Admission which may be obtained from the Registrar’s Office or online at www.uacch.edu. If the request is made by mail, the address is:

   Registrar’s Office
   University of Arkansas Community College at Hope
   P.O. Box 140
   Hope, AR  71802-0140

2. Submit a high school transcript, GED, and official college transcripts from all previously attended colleges.

3. Provide proof of two vaccines against measles and one immunization against rubella. This requirement is mandatory for those students born after January 1, 1957, who plan to enroll for full-time course work.

4. Take placement tests. Students enrolling must submit ACT scores or take the COMPASS/ESL exam prior to meeting with an advisor. Students must complete all required tests before registering for classes. No transcripts or tests are required for community service courses. The enrollment category of each student will be established initially on the best information available and will be re-evaluated based upon the student’s goals, test scores, past performance, and academic progress during each registration period. Students will be allowed to take the COMPASS exam on campus a total of two (2) times for placement into classes. There are fees for the COMPASS exam, please see the Testing Center for more information.

5 All students shall be evaluated for the purpose of determining conditional or unconditional admissions status.
Mathematics Placement

Multiple-choice items in each of the five mathematics placement areas test the following:

- **basic skills**—performing a sequence of basic operations
- **application**—applying sequences of basic operations to novel settings or in complex ways
- **analysis**—demonstrating conceptual understanding of principles and relationships in mathematical operations

View a small sample of non-secure test items for:

- Numerical Skills/Prealgebra
- Algebra
- College Algebra

**Calculator Guidelines**

Calculators may be used on the COMPASS/ESL Test and will be provided for loan to each test taker by the UACCH Testing Center. To ensure the fairness for all test takers, to avoid disturbances in the testing room, and to protect the security of the testing materials and process, the following types of calculators are **not** permitted:

- Pocket organizers
- Handheld or laptop computers
- Electronic writing pads or pen-input devices
- Models with a QWERTY (typewriter) keypad
- Models with built-in capability to simplify algebraic expressions, multiply polynomials, or factor polynomials (often called Computer Algebra Systems), for example, CFX-9970G, TI-89, and TI-92.

Note: ACT monitors new calculators as they become available. For the latest list of prohibited calculators, students are invited to check ACT’s Web site (www.act.org) or call toll free 800/498-6481 for a recorded message.
Reading Placement

The Reading Placement Test can help determine if students have the skills to succeed in standard entry-level college courses or if they need developmental reading courses or other instructional support.

Five types of reading comprehension passages are included:

- Practical Reading
- Prose Fiction
- Humanities
- Social Sciences
- Natural Sciences

Items have multiple-choice response options. The new format in COMPASS® for Windows makes it possible for students to see and read a passage on one side of the screen while the test questions and answer choices are displayed on the other half of the screen.

View a small sample of nonsecure test items for:

- Humanities
- Practical Reading

Writing Skills Placement

The Writing Skills Placement Test helps institutions determine whether students are ready for entry-level college writing courses or other courses with significant writing loads, or whether students require developmental writing instruction prior to entry into those courses.

This test asks students to find and correct errors in essays presented on the computer screen. The test items include the following content categories:

Usage/Mechanics
- Punctuation
- Basic grammar and usage
- Sentence structure

Rhetorical Skills
- Strategy
- Organization
- Style

View a small sample of non-secure test items for the Writing Skills Placement Test.