

2008-2009 EAP COURSE PLACEMENT & TEST CARD

Course Placement Guide – COMPASS/ESL (ACT – ESL)							
Composite		Grammar Subtest		Reading Subtest		Listening Subtest	
25–45	Level 1						
46–58	Level 2						
59–69	Level 3						
70–78	Level 4	70-80	Level 4	79-86	Level 4	72-82	Level 4
79–92 use subtest scores		81-88	Level 5	87-92	Level 5	83-91	Level 5
93–99 Exempt if writing sample score is Exempt from EAP		89-97	Level 6	93-97	Level 6	92-97	Level 6
		98-99	See Chair	98-99	See Chair	98-99	See Chair
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Course Placement Guide – EPT	
EPT Raw Score	EAP Course Placement
0 – 30	Level 1
31 – 44	Level 2
45 – 58	Level 3
59 – 72	Level 4
73 – 86	Level 5
87 – 95	Level 6
96 – 100	Exempt from EAP
Campus department may recommend an adjustment to initial placement based on a writing sample and/or oral interview. Further testing may be done in classrooms.	

Course Placement Guide – EAP Writing	
EAP Writing Sample Score	EAP Course Placement
0.1	Pre-Level 1
1	Level 1 – EAP 0140
2	Level 2 – EAP 0240
3	Level 3 – EAP 0340
4	Level 4 – EAP 0440
5	Level 5 – EAP 1540
6	Level 6 – EAP 1640
7	Exempt from EAP

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CRITERIA FOR DEGREE AND COLLEGE CREDIT CERTIFICATE-SEEKING STUDENTS WITH LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY

Students without sufficient English proficiency to take the CPT are required to take an MDC approved English proficiency placement test (EPT or COMPASS/ESL [ACT-ESL]) and be placed in the designated English as a Second Language (English for Academic Purposes [EAP]) course. This includes students with foreign degrees that were earned from an accredited institution where the official language of instruction is not English. CPT testing is required following EPT or COMPASS/ESL (ACT-ESL) testing and/or completion of EAP courses.

TOEFL Exam	Total Score
Paper-and-pencil	550 or higher
Computer-based	213 or higher
Internet-based*	79 or higher
*Effective 9/24/2005 Note: Institutional TOEFL scores from other institutions are not used for exemption purposes at MDC.	

REQUIRED TO TAKE AN ENGLISH PROFICIENCY PLACEMENT TEST:

1. All students who graduated from a non-English speaking high school.
2. All students who took ESOL during their eleventh or twelfth grade at any English speaking high school.
3. All students who earned a GED in Spanish.
4. All students who took an MDC approved English proficiency placement test more than one year ago and whose scores were not used for placement decisions.
5. Students transitioning from EDU 070, EDU 058, or EDU 064 to degree or Allied Health college credit certificate programs are required to take an MDC approved English proficiency placement test in order to determine eligibility.