

PERT

Postsecondary Education Readiness Test

• What does the PERT assess?

The PERT assesses readiness for college-level coursework in English and mathematics. There are three subject area tests – reading, writing, and mathematics. A student's scores determine appropriate course placement upon entering college.

• How many questions are on the PERT?

There are 30 questions per subject area (25 operational items which are the basis of the student's placement score and 5 field-test items which are designed to enhance continuously the operational test bank).

• How long will it take to administer the assessment?

The PERT assessment is an untimed computer adaptive test. The average time to complete the three subtests in one sitting is approximately 3 hours.

• Is there a test fee to take the PERT?

Yes, there is a \$10.00 retest fee for MDC students and High School effective August 1, 2016 (no test fee is charged for the first attempt) and a \$45.00 test fee for students from other institutions.

• How many times can the PERT be taken?

MDC students may take the PERT a total of two attempts on each subtest prior to enrollment in any course within that subject area. Prior to the 2nd attempt students must complete a test preparation option. After the 2nd attempt students must complete a prescribed remediation option and receive permission to retest from the English and/or Mathematics Chairperson. [Special categories of high school students](#) may test at MDC with a completed Placement Test Referral Form. These students have a total of two [PERT](#) attempts at MDC while they are in 6th through 8th grades and 9th and 10th grades and two new attempts while they are in 11th and 12th grades. Remediation is required prior to any subsequent attempt.

• What are the placement ranges on the PERT?

The table below indicates the placement ranges for each subject area.

Skill Area	PERT		Course Placement
	Score Test date prior to 10/22/2013	Score Test date on or after 10/22/2013	
Reading	50 - 83	50 - 83	REA0007
	84 - 103	84 - 105	ENC0027, REA0017
	102 - 103	104 - 105	REA0056
	104 - 150	106 - 150	ENC1101
Writing	50 - 89	50 - 89	ENC0015
	90 - 98	90 - 102	ENC0025, ENC0027
	99 - 150	103 - 150	ENC1101
Math	50 - 74	50 - 74	MAT0018**
	75 - 95	75 - 95	MAT0022C**
	96 - 112	96 - 113	MAT0028, MAT0029, or MAT0057
	113 - 122	114 - 122	MAT1033
	123 - 134	123 - 134	MAC1105, MAC1106, MGF1106, MGF1107, or STA2023
	135 - 150	135 - 150	Refer to CPT-CLM

**Course placement changes for MAT 0018 and MAT 0022C effective for test dates on or after June 19, 2013.

• Is there a study guide for PERT?

Yes. There is a study guide and other resources to prepare students for the test.

Please visit the following websites below for more information:

www.mdc.edu/main/testing/assessments/pert.aspx

Testing Departments:

Hialeah 305-237-8791

Homestead 305-237-5101

Padrón 305-237-6041

Kendall 305-237-2341

Medical 305-237-4275

North 305-237-1015

West 305-237-8979

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- **What other exams can be used to determine college readiness at MDC?**

Students may demonstrate readiness by meeting any combination of passing scores on ACCUPLACER (CPT), ACT, SAT, or FCAT. Institutional ACT and SAT scores are not acceptable at MDC.

Skill Area	FCAT 2.0 (Grade 10) on or after April, 2012	ACT Test date on or after 10/22/13	SAT Test date prior to 3/2016	SAT Test dates on or after 3/2016	CPT	PERT Test date on or after 10/22/13
Reading	≥ 262	Reading ≥ 19	≥ 440	≥ 24	≥ 83	≥ 106
Writing	Reading score is used	English ≥ 17	Reading score is used	Reading ≥ 24	≥ 83	≥ 103
Math	N/A	19-20	≥ 440	24 – 26	≥ 72 (elementary algebra is used)	≥ 114
	N/A	≥21	≥500	≥ 26.5	40-62	123-150
	N/A	≥27	≥600	≥ 31	63-120	135-150 (Refer to CPT-CLM)

- **Can ACT, SAT, or FCAT scores that are below the college readiness level be used for placement at MDC?**

No. Only PERT and CPT scores are used for placement into developmental education reading, writing, and mathematics courses at MDC.

- **Can a student bring a scientific or any calculator to the testing center?**

No. An on-screen calculator will appear for specific mathematics items.

- **Can high school IDs be used to take the PERT?**

Yes. Only high school students can present their high school ID. All other students must present current/valid government issued ID such as: U.S. Driver's License, official Florida State ID, U.S. Passport or Passport Card, Permanent Resident Card, Foreign passport with U.S. visa, Military ID, or Tribal ID.

- **Do students need PERT scores if they took the ACCUPLACER (CPT) more than two years ago?**

Yes. The PERT is required for students who have not started instruction using the ACCUPLACER (CPT) for placement purposes. Scores are valid for only two years.

- **Can students take the PERT while enrolled or previously enrolled in English-as-a-Second Language classes in high school or a postsecondary institution?**

Yes. These students must have a written permission from the English for Academic Purposes (EAP) Department at MDC.

- **Can the TOEFL scores be used at MDC?**

Yes. Passing scores of 61 or higher on the TOEFL-internet based tests are used to exempt students from English proficiency placement testing. These students are required to take the PERT Institutional TOEFL scores from other institutions are not used at MDC for exemption purposes.

- **Does MDC accept PERT scores from other institutions or high schools?**

Yes. The State's PERT Web Repository is used by MDC for entering these scores in the College's student record keeping system. Testing is required for students who were administered the PERT while they were in high school and did not achieve the college ready level.

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