All students who enroll for eight (8) or more credits at Mesabi Range College campuses must take the College Placement/Accuplacer Test (CPT) for basic skills in reading, and mathematics with the following exceptions/conditions:

- Students who have taken the CPT Mathematics assessment test at another college in the last two years do not need to assess if they are able to provide a copy of their former assessment results. If a student has taken the CPT Reading assessment test at another college in the last three years do not need to assess if they are able to provide a copy of their former assessment results. (Reading score of 78 or higher, Elementary Algebra score of 76 and College Level Math of 50 or higher)

- Transfer students with previous college coursework.

- College-ready ACT scores (English sub-score of 18, Reading sub-score of 21 and a Math sub-score of 22) *Students need to submit a copy of their ACT score to MRC.

- You took the MCA (Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment) tests in high school and meet the following score requirements: If you scored 1158+ on the 11th grade math test, you are exempt from the math placement test. (the MCA reading test is not currently being accepted.) Students are responsible for acquiring and submitting copies of their MCA scores to Mesabi Range.

- You took the SAT and meet the following requirements: If you scored 480+ in reading, you are exempt from the reading placement test. If you scored 530+ in math, you are exempt from the math placement test. Students must submit a copy of their SAT scores to the college.

- Transfer students who have received a “C” or better in a college-level reading course do not need to take an assessment for reading.

- Transfer students who have received a “C” or better in a college-level English composition course do not need to take an assessment for English.

- Transfer students who have received a “C” or better in a college-level mathematics course do not need to take an assessment for mathematics.

- Students enrolled under Concurrent Enrollment must take the CPT assessment in reading and/or mathematics if enrolling in courses in those disciplines regardless of the total number of credits taken.

- If you have successfully completed a developmental education course you may be able to petition into the next level course at Mesabi. Please meet with your advisor to discuss this process further.

- All students enrolled in the PSEO program complete the College Placement/Accuplacer Testing and achieve the appropriate scores prior to enrolling or provide alternate college-ready scores from ACT, MCA, or SAT.

- Student needing accommodations for testing due to a disability should contact the Disabilities Officer in Student Services.

- If you live a distance from Mesabi Range College, in which taking the Accuplacer at on our campus is not feasible, it may be possible to take the test at another location. A fellow MINNSTATE institution may allow you to complete the assessment at their institution even though you will attend MRC. If you need to make arrangements, please contact Cindy Altobelli at 218-749-7727 on the Virginia Campus.

Students who wish to appeal initial placement must follow CPT Retest Procedure. (See Below.)
Retesting Procedure

A student may be allowed to retest at his/her discretion in any or all of the discipline areas tested (reading and math) once every year with the following conditions:

- “CPT-designated” retest due to high/low scores in the area of math will not be counted as a retest with reference to the number of retests allowed in an academic year.

- A student seeking to retest must make arrangements with the Assessment Director.

- A student who is currently enrolled in coursework within a discipline in which s/he would like to retest must have a signed recommendation from his/her current instructor in that discipline.

- Retests must be done on scheduled test dates/times.

- A $10.00 retest fee can be paid to the Business Office prior to testing.

- Preparing for the Assessment Test is very important. Your scores will be used to help place you in the right level of classes. Take time to visit the following web site and view the sample questions. https://accuplacer.collegeboard.org/student/practice

- Any consideration for waiver of developmental course sequences requires a petition from an advisor AND the current instructor’s signature.

- Retests after failure of a course within that discipline will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Students must see an advisor to pursue this process.

- Any testing requiring an accommodation must be arranged through the Disability Services Office, or the Assessment Director.

- All test results will be placed in the student’s academic file.

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