

COMPASS Test Tips

Prior to taking the COMPASS tests, you can prepare yourself by

- ✓ Reviewing sample COMPASS test questions.
- ✓ Getting enough sleep the night before the test.
- ✓ Eating a nutritious meal both the night before and the morning of the exam.
- ✓ Arriving early enough before the test begins to allow time to set up, go to the bathroom, get a drink, etc. It's important not to feel rushed so that you have time to gather your thoughts before the test begins.
- ✓ Understanding that the COMPASS test is not timed and that you can work at your own pace.

While taking the COMPASS test, you can maximize your score by

- ✓ Carefully reading the directions for the test and making sure you understand them.
- ✓ Raising your hand to get the attention of the proctor or test administrator if you do not know what to do. Although they cannot answer any test questions, they can help you with other types of problems, such as clarifying test directions.
- ✓ Reading each question carefully so that you understand exactly what it is asking.
- ✓ Completing all of the steps necessary to answer each test question.
- ✓ Answering every item. Remember, you will not be penalized for guessing. Answering all questions will provide better placement information to the college.
- ✓ Changing an answer only if you are convinced that what you originally put down was wrong.
- ✓ Focusing on the test and not letting yourself get distracted by anything else going on in the room.

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