

Academic Upgrading

We Can Help You Succeed!

You Should Enroll if

- Not having your Grade 12 Diploma is holding you back from employment and educational opportunities
- You have a high school diploma, but not the subjects you need to enter further education and/or training
- You want to upgrade your skills for work, further education, or apprenticeship opportunities.

Program Highlights

- Obtain Your Grade 12 Equivalency
- Prepare for work, college or an apprenticeship
- Flexible scheduling
- Classes delivered year-round
- DURING COVID--Classes entirely online

Courses Available in:

- Communications
- Mathematics
- Sciences
- Computers
- Self-Management/Self-Direction

Placement Assessment Guide to Success

You will be assessed in math and communications to see what your current skill levels are. This will help us place you in the correct level.

The assessment we use is called “Essential Skills for Employment and Education” or ESEE. When you are ready, we will send you an email with your username and password so you can log in.

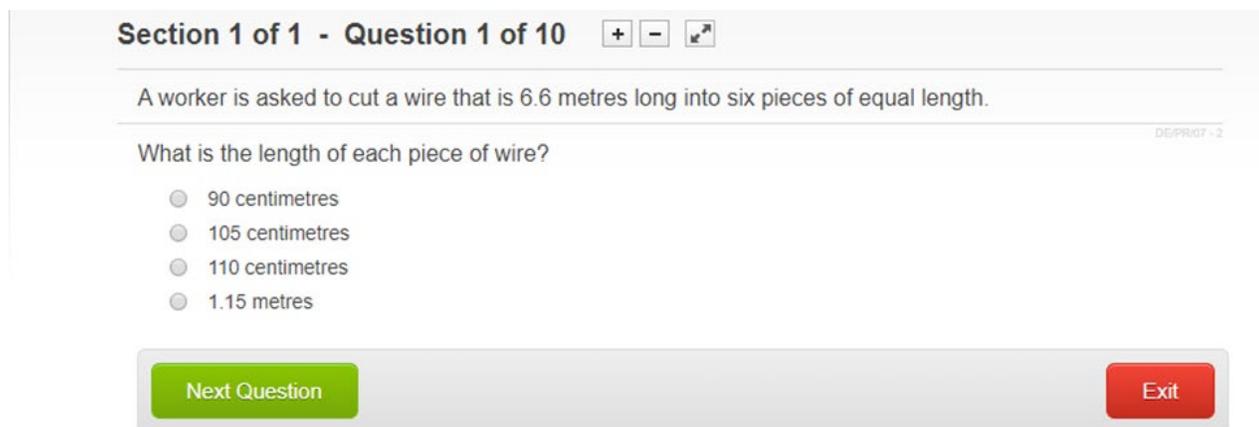
NUMERACY (MATH) ASSESSMENT

The math placement has 2 Parts. Part 1 has 6 questions. Part 2 may have anywhere from 22-40 questions depending on how well you did in Part 1. You are able to use a calculator for all parts of this assessment.

The questions will cover

Whole numbers	Geometry
Fractions	Business math
Decimals	Basic algebra
Percentage	Number sense

The questions are formatted like this:



The screenshot shows a digital assessment interface. At the top, it reads "Section 1 of 1 - Question 1 of 10" with navigation icons for back, forward, and search. The question text is: "A worker is asked to cut a wire that is 6.6 metres long into six pieces of equal length. What is the length of each piece of wire?" Below the question are four radio button options: "90 centimetres", "105 centimetres", "110 centimetres", and "1.15 metres". At the bottom, there are two buttons: a green "Next Question" button and a red "Exit" button.

The following is a list of math web sites to prepare you for the whole number portion of the Placement Assessment. Each site has lessons, practice and links to tips.

Whole Numbers

1. Whole Number Addition (Single Digits):

- a. Lesson - <http://www.mathsisfun.com/numbers/addition.html>
- b. Online practice (click "GO" in left bar) - <http://www.mathsisfun.com/numbers/math-trainer-addition.html>
- c. Printable practice sheets- <http://www.mathsisfun.com/worksheets/addition.php>

2. Whole Number Subtraction (Single Digits):

- a. Lesson - <http://www.mathsisfun.com/numbers/subtraction.html>
- b. Online practice (click "GO" in left bar) - <http://www.mathsisfun.com/numbers/math-trainer-subtract.html>
- c. Printable practice sheets- <http://www.mathsisfun.com/worksheets/subtraction.php>

3. Whole Number Addition (Column Addition):

- a. Lesson - <http://www.mathsisfun.com/numbers/addition-column.html>
- b. Online practice – http://www.mathopolis.com/questions/q.php?id=1583&site=1&ref=/numbers/addition-column.html&q=1583_1584_1585_1586_1587
<http://www.mathsisfun.com/worksheets/print.php?w=34170&ID=5450&Ans=n>
<http://www.mathsisfun.com/numbers/math-trainer-addition.html>

4. Whole Number Subtraction (Borrowing)

- a. Lesson and Practice - <http://www.mathsisfun.com/numbers/subtraction-regrouping.html>

5. Whole Number Multiplication (Single Digits and Multiplication Table)

- a. Lesson and Practice (Explore this page. All the links are valuable!) - <http://www.mathsisfun.com/tables.html>
- b. On-line Flashcards - http://www.helpingwithmath.com/resources/online_flashcards/flashcard_multiplication03.htm

6. Whole Number Multiplication (Long)

- a. Lesson and Practice - <http://www.mathsisfun.com/numbers/multiplication-long.html>

7. Whole Number Division

- a. Lesson and Practice - <http://www.mathsisfun.com/numbers/division.html>
- b. Remainder Lesson with practice (at bottom) - <http://www.mathsisfun.com/numbers/division-remainder.html>

8. Whole Number Long Division

- a. Lesson and Practice - http://www.mathsisfun.com/long_division.html
- b. Remainders - http://www.mathsisfun.com/long_division2.html

Decimals & Fractions

1. This section can be reviewed at:

- a. www.math.com
- b. www.khanacademy.org

COMMUNICATIONS ASSESSMENT

There are 2 parts to the Communications Assessment:

Reading

The reading placement assesses your ability to read a variety of documents. These include entries on a form, information from things like bulletins or pamphlets, and following instructions.

The questions are formatted like this:

The screenshot shows a digital assessment interface. At the top, it says "Section 1 of 1 - Question 10 of 10" with navigation icons for back, forward, and search. Below this is the instruction "Read the recipe." followed by a text box containing the recipe: "Tomato and basil salad. Toss together tomatoes, oil, basil and red pepper flakes until well mixed. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Let rest at room temperature for 5 minutes to allow flavours to meld." Below the recipe is the question "How long should you wait before you serve the salad?" with four radio button options: "1 minute", "5 minutes", "15 minutes", and "51 minutes". At the bottom, there are three buttons: "Previous Question" (disabled), "Assessment Finished, Click Here" (highlighted in green), and "Exit" (red).

Once you have completed the math and reading assessments, you'll be invited to log into the college website (we'll give you the instructions) so you can complete the writing section of the placement.

Writing

Here you will be asked to complete a 1-2 paragraph composition on assigned topics. Here we want you to organize your ideas, and write the best paragraph you can, paying attention to grammar, spelling, punctuation and sentence structure.

For extra help in these areas, you can also go to:

www.bbc.co.uk/skillswise

When you feel ready to write the assessment, let us know and we'll get you registered.

Greenstone: Nicole Thomson, nthomson@confederationcollege.ca
Everywhere else: Novi Susanti-Klos, nsusanti@confederationcollege.ca

Tips for taking the Assessment

Remember that this is NOT a test—it's a PLACEMENT ASSESSMENT to see where you should start in our program. We want you to do your best so we know the right level for you, and we don't want you to stress out about this.

1. You will be sent an email with your Username and Password. Enter these exactly as they are written.
2. Try the Practice Questions first so you know what to expect.
3. Try to do the assessment when you are alert and able to focus. As much as possible, remove distractions (cell phone, TV, pets etc) from your workspace.
4. Take your time! There is no time limit on these assessments. We want you to do you best.
5. Read the question first, then look back to find the answer.
6. Trust your first answer. If you are focussing and trying your best, then likely your first answer is your best answer. If you start to second-guess yourself, you will start to lose confidence and make mistakes.
7. If you get tired or need to log off, then make sure you are finished the section you are working on. If you log out in the middle of a section, your answers will not be saved.
8. Don't skip questions, because unanswered questions will be marked wrong. If you *really* don't know the answer, then just make your very best guess.
9. You have **3 days** to finish this once you are sent the link and log-in information. If you can't finish it in 3 days, then let us know.
10. Remember that it's your assessment. Please do not ask your friends or family for help. If you have questions or concerns, please ask us.

You've got this! 😊