



ACCUPLACER - ESL[®]

An iTEP Academic Comparison Chart

The ACCUPLACER is a series of different subject tests, but can be viewed as a whole as a multi-subject test, designed for academic placement or admission into a university setting. ACCUPLACER does have ESL modules, called “units”, that are applicable for English proficiency assessment of non-native English speakers. Two key differences to note between iTEP Academic and ACCUPLACER ESL is the evaluation of speaking ability, and the timed nature of the test. iTEP Academic is a timed test, designed to ensure test-takers accurately display a level of proficiency without improving their score by taking more time. iTEP Academic also evaluates speaking ability, whereas ACCUPLACER ESL does not.

	iTEP Academic-Plus	ACCUPLACER - ESL [®]
Total Exam Time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 90 minutes (all five sections) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Untimed Test
Skills Assessed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grammar, listening, reading, writing, and speaking 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Four different tests each comprised of 20 questions (ESL-Language Use, ESL- Listening, Reading Skill, ESL-Sentence Meaning)
Target Age	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> University level students 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> University Level students
Difficulty Level Tested	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beginner to advanced 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beginner to advanced
Purpose	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evaluate students’ English ability for college and university admission purposes Place students in English language programs Perform pre- and post-course assessment Qualify candidates for scholarships and exchange program acceptance Evaluate language proficiency for placement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Place students in English language programs Evaluate language proficiency for placement and remediation
Price	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$99 (global retail price for applicants); significant institutional discounts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$39.95
Delivery Format	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Internet 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Internet or Over the Phone (Speaking Only)
Security	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tests can only be administered at secured iTEP Certified Test Centers Certified administrators on-site; ensure that photo IDs match each test-takers Item bank feature ensures that no test is replicated, and that test items are secure by streaming the content live during the exam 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No security requirements Test Can be administered over the phone Two forms of test: Writing and Placement
Grading	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Multiple-choice sections (Grammar, listening, reading) are evaluated by iTEP Grader Software Writing and speaking sections evaluated by iTEP graders- native English speaking ESL trained professionals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All computerized grading
Scoring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overall score ranges from 0 to 6, with .1 level increments, as well as individual section scores, based on standardized rubric 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overall score ranges from 20 to 80
Scheduling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On-demand scheduling within 3 days of contacting a Certified iTEP Test Center 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Test are administered when student is ready (online)
Results Delivery Time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Results returned within 5 business days (Typically 48 Hrs) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Results online immediately (Using Computerized Software)
Additional iTEP Benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> iTEP partners can get immediate online access to results of the grammar, listening, and reading sections, as well as access to the writing and speaking submissions iTEP available in customized and modularized versions iTEP partners can utilize their premises to become iTEP test centers and administer the exam on-site 	