iTEP Academic-Plus—ACT Compass ESL

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Total Exam Time	90 minutes (all five sections)	Not timed; roughly 2 hours depending on test-taker ability
Skills Assessed	Grammar, listening, reading, writing, and speaking	Reading, listening, grammar, and writing
Target Age	University level students	General English-language learners
Difficulty Level Tested	Beginner to mastery	Computer adaptive testing from beginner to advanced
Purpose	▪ 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	Evaluate non-native speakers' abilities for placement in appropriate ESL courses
Delivery Format	Internet	Evaluated by Compass software
Security	▪ Tests can only be administered at secured Certified iTEP Test Centers ▪ Certified proctors on-site; ensure that photo IDs match each test-taker ▪ Item Bank feature ensures that no test is replicated and that test items are secure by streaming the content live during the exam ▪ FotoSure™ software photographs the test-taker throughout the exam	Security standards set by each institution
Grading	▪ Multiple-choice sections (Grammar, listening, reading) are evaluated by iTEP Grader Software ▪ Writing and speaking sections evaluated by native English speaking ESL trained professionals	Evaluated by Compass software
Scoring	▪ Overall score ranges from 0 to 6, with .1 level increments, as well as individual section scores, based on standardized rubric ▪ Scored linguistic sub-skill sections give a more detailed picture of skill level	Customized by each institution
Scheduling	On-demand scheduling	Scheduled within a few days by testing centers
Results Delivery Time	Results returned within 24 hours	Results returned immediately
Additional iTEP Benefits	▪ iTEP partners can get immediate online access to all test results, as well as access to the submitted writing and speaking portions ▪ iTEP available in customized and modularized versions ▪ iTEP partners can utilize their premises to become iTEP test centers and administer the exam on-site	