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Need help for college placement testing

Hello! I have applied to my local university and my degree program lists Calculus as my math requirement. The last math class I took was Contemporary Mathematics back in 2012. Essentially a "hey dummy, these are numbers" level of class if I remember correctly. Looking at course equivalencies between that technical college and the university... There is none lol.

My course map basically spells out that if I don't place into big kid calculus I have to take precalculus first (which makes sense), but I am genuinely unsure if I can even place into precalculus when the last math class I took wasn't even college level algebra equivalent.

I know cramming is a bad habit and I genuinely shouldn't go that route, but I'm looking for any kind of advice or resource that could help me on a placement test that can AT LEAST get me to precalculus levels.

For reference if it matters, I'm 34 working full time with kids. Orientation is June 23rd and I need the placement test



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Khan Academy is good. It has structured courses. Prof Leonard on youtube has courses from algebra through college calculus.

Organic Chem Tutor and patrickJMT on youtube are also good, esp for one-off tutorials.

OpenStax has courses from algebra through calculus. Lots of problems with solutions.

I guess I'd start at algebra and work forward. Backfill any pre-algebra deficiencies as needed.

These reddit subs are a great place to get help. Post a problem and what you've done to try and work through it. Lots of knowledgeable ppl who can help. Subs like [r/HomeworkHelp](#) , [r/MathHelp](#) , [r/learnmath](#) , [r/askmath](#) , [r/calculus](#) and [r/algebra](#).



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If not, try to find similar info for whatever test they use. If it's proprietary to that college and you can't find info or videos hopefully the Accuplacer resources below will still serve as a good overview.

Here's free Accuplacer study materials and practice exams from the College Board. This is your most important resource.

<https://accuplacer.collegeboard.org/students/prepare-for-accuplacer/practice>

Also, search "Accuplacer math test prep" on You Tube.

I found numerous Accuplacer math videos and even playlists, and I've posted a few samples below.

ACCUPLACER Next Gen (2023): Information & Sample Questions (This is an overall guide to the test, with a section on the math portion.)

<https://youtu.be/SkeACnmnG5I>

Accuplacer Math Test Prep

<https://youtu.be/zejcde6jpc8>

Accuplacer Math Playlist

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLScKhefeeFHsTddRzpoQ85GpNrk7Wjwpr>

Free Next-Generation ACCUPLACER Math Study Guide

<https://youtu.be/Uh86nJdUvLg>

I would concentrate on the Accuplacer math videos and playlists, but I'm also including some general math prep videos below.

Don't just watch - pause the videos and try to do the problems on your own so you really learn the material.

Try these videos from a Youtuber named The Organic Chemistry Tutor, who is very well-liked on this sub. One reason that I'm including him is that he has a ton of math videos from high school math to calculus and they are a great backup resource for whatever math class you place into. The following videos may help you prep for the placement test;

College Algebra Introduction Review - Basic Overview, Study Guide, Examples & Practice Problems

<https://youtu.be/ouUaxWVJNSI>

Geometry Introduction - Basic Overview - Review For SAT, ACT, EOC, Midterm Final Exam

<https://youtu.be/KtZai86htng>

Introduction to Statistics

<https://youtu.be/XZo4xyJXCak>

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https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL0o_zxa4K1BU5sTWZ2YxFhpXwsnMfMke7

I also like this guy - while his Youtube videos are marketed as geared towards the ASVAB, but they're just reviews of high school math.

Ten Geometry Formulas You Must Know to Pass the ASVAB & PiCAT | Grammar Hero's Free ASVAB Tutoring

<https://youtu.be/jS4Lq5V3Y98>

Probability for SAT Math

<https://youtu.be/7UlnSeTW0N4>

<https://youtu.be/mr3Xj4mSpO0>

<https://youtu.be/u6LD0xdUtlg>

<https://youtu.be/9Mu9Miy-Kc8>

Khan Academy is great as it's free and it will force you to do computer-graded problems and quizzes, but it's designed to be a series of regular full courses just like you'd get in high school, like Algebra 1 or Geometry. On the positive side, the videos are like 5-10 minutes long and it's designed so you can easily do everything in short, self-guided chunks that only take 15-20 minutes. But it's still designed to give you full courses, not a test prep review. You can speed thru stuff you test out of and skip sections, but I think it would be impossible to cover even one full course by late June given your other responsibilities. However, you can use it strategically for targeted test-prep learning videos and practice. You don't have to do a full course - it doesn't force you to do that. You can just do specific sections if you want to. I think this would work for you.

However, since the site is set up to lead you through a full course it helps to have some tips in order to work around that.

Here's a video guide to using Khan Academy like this to test-prep. The video title says GED prep, but it shows you how the site works and you can use the links below to adapt the strategies it suggests to your needs.

4 Ways to Use Khan Academy for the Math GED

<https://youtu.be/iGXH9LilrZg>

Using Khan Academy to prep for the Accuplacer Exam - these links include documents that link to the exact Khan Academy videos you need for topics on the exam, but you'll also need to set up a free account to do the exercises and quizzes - see the GED video above.

<https://www.northwoodtech.edu/sites/default/files/inline-files/ACCUPLACER-Math-Practice-Test-with-Links-to-Instruction.pdf>

<https://ccv.edu/documents/2013/10/khan-academy-accuplacer-topic-map.pdf/>

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<https://www.khanacademy.org/signup>

I would use the College Board practice tests and the videos to figure out which areas you are weak in, then use the links above to find the Khan videos that you can use to review those exact areas. The videos should then lead you into the practice problems and quizzes that will test what you just learned.

Good luck!

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Sorry for necro, but I wanted you to know that you've helped me so dang much and that these resources are proving invaluable even beyond the [Accuplacer](#) Q.

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I found some Accuplacer apps, too

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