

Do I need ACT/SAT for a community college?

Entrance requirements can vary

Generally, community colleges are open enrollment, which means that any high school graduate is eligible to attend. But some programs are selective with limited enrollment. They usually have a separate application and specific admission requirements such as SAT® or ACT scores. Selective programs are primarily found in these fields:

- Nursing
- Allied health
- Law enforcement
- Engineering technology
- Computer technology

Students might have to take a placement test

Even programs that are open enrollment do not automatically register students for college-level classes. In order to determine if remedial or developmental course work is necessary, **most community colleges require placement tests**, such as:

- TSI (Texas Success Initiative)
- ACT's COMPASS
- State-specific tests
- The college's own tests

The SAT or ACT may also be used for placement purposes. At some community colleges, students who achieve certain SAT or ACT scores may be exempt from taking placement tests in reading, writing or math.

SAT or ACT scores may also be used to qualify for certain scholarships.