

Ability to Benefit Test Information

Who is required to take the Ability to Benefit Test?

You are required to take the Ability to Benefit Test if wish to apply for financial aid but do not have a high school diploma or GED. A high school "Certificate of Completion" does NOT qualify as a diploma. Students must demonstrate an "ability to benefit" (ATB) from post-secondary education through their test scores to be eligible for financial aid.

What does the Ability to Benefit test consist of?

Students must complete Reading Comprehension, Sentence Skills, and Arithmetic tests. The Department of Education requires that all three exams be completed in one test session.

What are the Ability to Benefit minimum required scores?

The minimum Accuplacer scores required by the Department of Education are:

Reading Comprehension:	55
Sentence Skills:	60
Arithmetic:.....	34

Can I take the Ability to Benefit test more than once?

If you do not achieve the minimum score on any part of the test, you must wait 2 weeks and you must retake and pass the entire test. The fee for the complete retake is \$5.00. If you do not achieve required scores on the retake, you must wait 3 months to test again.

How can I prepare for the Ability to Benefit test?

The following link may be helpful to you in preparing for the test:

http://www.schoolcraft.edu/assessment/cpt_sample.asp