**COMPANION Placement Testing**

**What is it:** COMPANION is the paper/pencil version of ACCUPLACER. It has 1.5 – 2 times as many items as the corresponding ACCUPLACER tests. COMPANION is proportionally equivalent to ACCUPLACER in content coverage so students can be placed in classes using the same interpretive guide scores. The test is available in large-print, Braille, and audio-cd formats.

**COMPANION Parameters**

1. A Student must have an advisor’s or counselor’s recommendation to take COMPANION noted in Colleague. Notes can be in STRK, HIS, or CRI screens.
2. Like ACCUPLACER, COMPANION has no time limit.
3. Students may take English and Math sections together or separately.
4. Students **cannot** use calculators for Arithmetic or Elementary Algebra sections unless noted as an accommodation in Colleague. They can use
5. Students use test booklet, answer sheet, scratch paper, and pencil during test.
6. There is no fee for COMPANION testing; it is free for MCC students.

As indicated in Colleague, students will take the corresponding branching profiles.

\*\*For math, students will start in Arithmetic, unless indicated otherwise in their Colleague profile. The Testing Technician will have to grade that before the student leaves the Testing area. If the student scores in such a way that he/she would be routed to MCC Math or QAS, inform the student and administer the appropriate branching profile. If the student scores into QAS, the Testing Technician will have to grade that before the student leaves the Testing area. If the student scores in such a way that he/she would be routed into AAF, inform the student and administer the AAF test. If the student scores into AAF, the Testing Technician will have to grade that before the student leaves the Testing area.

Before the student leaves the Testing Center, he/she will be informed of his/her scores and entered into Colleague. Student will also be instructed to meet with their advisor or counselor to discuss the classes that they have tested into and register for them as well.