General Testing

The testing program, which includes Ability to Benefit, ACCUPLACER® inventory, Biology Placement Exam, CIS Challenge Exam, CLEP® (College Level Examination Program), A-2 Test, and Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS), is designed to meet the needs of students with varied educational backgrounds and goals.

- For more information on ACCUPLACER®, see the Placement Inventory section of the College Catalog.
- The Biology 103 Challenge Exam is for students interested in exempting BIO 103—Principles of Biology I, which is the prerequisite for BIO 201—Anatomy and Physiology I and BIO 220—Microbiology. This course exemption is only valid for Alabama two-year college health programs and will not earn credit for BIO 103 for the associate in arts, associate in science, and associate in applied science degrees, or transfer to another college or university.
- The CLEP® test is given to students who desire to receive college credit for knowledge they have acquired outside a formal college classroom setting.
- The A-2 Test is given as part of the requirements for entry into the Radiologic Technology program.
- The Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) is given as part of the requirements for entry into the Associate Degree Nursing, Practical Nursing, Respiratory Therapist, Physical Therapist Assistant, and Surgical Technology programs. The TEAS measures basic essential skills in the academic content areas of English and language, mathematics, reading, and science.
- To meet College and Career Readiness requirements, Ability-to-Benefit is given to students without a high school diploma or GED® who want to enroll in the Welding Technology program.
- The CIS 146 Challenge Exam is offered to students who are pursuing degrees in Health Sciences that require “documented computer competency.” Those areas are: Associate Degree Nursing, Emergency Medical Services, Physical Therapist Assistant, Radiologic Technology, Respiratory Therapist, and Surgical Technology. The CIS 146 Challenge Exam is also available for a student pursuing an Associate in Science or Associate in Arts degree. Program degrees that require CIS 146 are not eligible and students are **required** to take the CIS 146 Computer Applications course.