

Do I Need to Take a Test?

The Virginia Placement Tests (VPT) are used to determine if students are ready for college-level coursework. They are required for application to **dual enrolled programs at Monroe Technology Center** when no other proof of college readiness is available. The following courses require proof of college readiness when applying:

Administration of Justice

Computer and Digital Animation

Computer Systems Technology

Firefighter

Introduction to Health and Medical Science

Auto Servicing Technology

Computer Integrated Engineering and Design

Emergency Medical Technician

Environmental Plant Science

The following items may be used to demonstrate college readiness in Math and English:

Attach to your application proof of college readiness in math (any **ONE** of the following will suffice)

- A score report indicating the student **passed the Algebra 1 SOL or higher math SOL**, must be within the last year (**attach report**)
- A score report indicating a score of **52 or higher on the math PSAT (attach report)**
- A score report indicating a score of **520 or better on the math SAT (attach report)**
- A score report indicating completion of the **Math VPT (attach report)**

Attach to your application proof of college readiness in English (any **ONE** of the following will suffice)

- A score report indicating a score of **50 or higher on the Reading and Writing PSAT (attach report)**
- A score report indicating a score of **500 or better on the Reading and Writing SAT (attach report)**
- A score report indicating completion of the **English VPT (attach report)**

If I need to take the VPT, what steps do I need to follow?

- **Complete the online NOVA** application at <http://www.nvcc.edu>
- **Print the SIS ID** number that is automatically generated after you complete your application.
- **Bring your SIS ID** number and a photo ID to your designated testing site.
- Your results will be given to you when you complete the exam.

Virginia Placement for English and Math

What can I expect on the English VPT?

Writing Section: Students will first be required to write an essay on their choice of two topics. The essay will be scored based on how well you develop a well-organized multi-paragraph response to the topic. Essays should be between 300 and 600 words in length.

Reading Section: Students will read short passages and answer between thirty-five and forty multiple choice questions about what they have read. Students are required to answer each question as it is given, and are not allowed to go back and revise their answers.

What should I expect on the Math VPT?

Math: The Virginia Placement Test for Mathematics is an adaptive, computerized, untimed test. Personal calculators cannot be used. The test includes a non-graphing calculator for all topics except the test on basic skills with whole numbers.

How do I study for this test?

A practice test is available for students by visiting: <https://www.nvcc.edu/testing/files/VPT-Practice-Test-Instructions-English.pdf>. Scroll to the bottom of the page and click "Virginia Placement Test for English" or "Virginia Placement Test for Mathematics", follow the instructions carefully.