LaGuardia Community College Entrance Exam Frequently Asked Questions

Q: When is the test?

A: Your entrance test date is provided after you apply to college. Information about the testing office is at http://www.laguardia.edu/advisingcentral/grad-gpa.aspx?id=10737419847. Call 718-482-5935 if you need to reschedule your test date.

Q: Why do I have to take this test?

A: Every student who applies to a CUNY school must complete an entrance exam that measures their reading, writing and math skills for college level work. You cannot be admitted without completing it. For general information about testing go to: http://www.cuny.edu/academics/testing/cuny-assessment-tests.html

Q: How important is the test?

A: The CUNY entrance exams will determine which classes you are eligible to enroll in at LAGCC, so you should stay focused and determined to do your best on each part of the exams.

Q: How do I find out my results on the college entrance exams?

A: About ten days after you take the exams, you can find your scores on your LaGuardia VIP page. Visit https://cunylagcc.askadmissions.net/vip/ to log on. Call 718-482-5935 if you need help signing in. Right after you test, your testing status may read “partially tested.” Once the writing section of your test has been graded, your testing status will read “fully tested.” Once you are fully tested, you can print a copy of your student information document from the library section of your VIP page. The student information document provides you with college registration recommendations based on the results of the CUNY entrance exams.
**READING EXAM**

Q. What does the reading test measure?

A. The reading test measures your ability to comprehend and interpret both fiction and non-fiction reading passages. There are five types of questions on the reading test: main idea, main purpose of the reading, vocabulary, fact and inference questions. The style and content of the reading test is similar to the GED exam, except that you will also be asked to identify the meaning of specific vocabulary words in passages you read.

Q. How long is the reading test?

A. The reading test is UNTIMED. Don’t rush: you can have as long as you want to complete it.

Q. How can I prepare for the reading test?

A. To find out more about the test and the types of questions you will be asked to answer, visit: [http://www1.cuny.edu/readingtutorial/guide.html](http://www1.cuny.edu/readingtutorial/guide.html).

**WRITING EXAM**

Q. What does the writing test measure?

A. The writing test measures your ability to read and respond to a short reading passage. You are required to summarize the passage and identify one important idea to respond to in your essay. The writing test is similar to the GED essay because it requires that you use formal writing strategies to craft an essay that includes examples from your own life that illustrate ideas or opinions you introduce in your essay. However, the writing test differs from the GED because it asks you to respond to a short non-fiction reading and carefully analyze it.

Q. How long is the writing test?

A. The writing test is 90 minutes long.

Q. How can I prepare for the writing test?

A. To find out more about the test, visit: [http://www.qcc.cuny.edu/BasicSkills/catw-faqs.html](http://www.qcc.cuny.edu/BasicSkills/catw-faqs.html)

**MATH EXAM**

Q. **What does the math test measure?**

A. The math test measures your ability to solve word problems and perform calculations using your knowledge of pre-algebra, algebra, trigonometry and geometry. About 50% of the math on the test is similar to the math on the GED exam.

Q. **How long is the math test?**

A. The math test is UNTIMED. You can have as long as you want to complete it.

Q. **How can I prepare for the math test?**

A. To find out more about the test, visit: [http://cunymath.cuny.edu/COMPASS.php](http://cunymath.cuny.edu/COMPASS.php)

   To practice your skills for the math test, visit: [http://www.hostos.cuny.edu/oaa/compass/](http://www.hostos.cuny.edu/oaa/compass/)