**TIPS FOR TAKING THE VPT**

1. **RELAX!** The tests are designed to help you succeed in college. Your score will help your counselor and your faculty advisor determine which courses are most appropriate for your current level of knowledge and skills.

2. Get plenty of rest the night before and eat properly the morning of your test.

3. Arrive on time for testing. If you allow yourself plenty of time, you will experience less stress and have ample time to find the Counseling Center.

4. Review the directions for each test carefully. Ask questions if necessary.

5. Read each question carefully to ensure you understand the question. Some items require several steps, so be sure to consider all information.

6. Take time to check your answers on each test before moving on to the next segment. Do not be afraid to change an answer if you believe that your first choice was wrong.

7. Take your time! There is no time limit!

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PRACTICE VIRGINIA PLACEMENT TEST

Visit the blog for helpful information for positive fractions; decimals and percentages and algebra basics:
http://vccsblogs.com/math

The practice test can be taken on any computer with an Internet connection and browser.

1. Go to https://college.measuredsuccess.com
2. At the login, click Student Self Registration and enter the following:
   ♦ **Institution:** Select VCCS Practice Test Institution from the drop down box
   ♦ **Site:** VCCS
   ♦ **Password:** Virginiapt (case sensitive)
3. Complete the Student Registration Form noting the following:
   ♦ **Student ID Field:**
     - Use a combination of letters and numbers for the Student ID Field
     - For current VCCS students, the recommended Student ID is the college abbreviation plus the Student ID#, for example SVCC#######.
     - For an individual taking the practice test who does not have a Student ID#, the college abbreviation could be followed by a combination of numbers and letters, for example SVCC123abc. The Student ID# should not be numbers-only following SVCC because they may coincidentally match another student’s ID.

   **Email Address:**
   ♦ **Current Students Only**—Since the VCCS email address will be used for the “real” test the VCCS student email address **should NOT be entered** when registering for the practice test.
   ♦ An alternate email should be used so that the student can receive an auto-generated email containing the log on or log in and password info to resume the practice test if it isn’t completed in one sitting. (For example, use your Gmail, Hotmail, AOL, or other personal email account.)

4. Click on Submit.
5. You will be taken immediately to the testing dashboard. The test can be taken on any computer with an Internet connection and browser.

6. **VPT-English Practice Exam** addresses the content of English Units 1-6 and 8.
   - **Click on VPT-English Practice Exam** to begin the exam.
   - **Click on “VPT-English Practice Exam” link after completing the test in order to view the score report. A score report will appear.
   - **Click on each item number to view the item, the correct answer, and the answer that was chosen.**
   - **Click on skill for additional information.**

You may take the practice test multiple times if you wish! Each time it may be slightly different.

**The VPT Math** practice test 1 consists of positive fractions; decimals and percentages; algebra basics; equations and inequalities; and equations, inequalities and systems. Practice test 2 consists of exponents and factoring polynomials; rationales; rationales and radicals and functions.

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Please practice prior to taking the required placement tests. The VPT determines how quickly you can enter into college level coursework. You can take both the English multiple choice practice test and the mathematics practice tests from your home computer.

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