

**IMPORTANT TESTING INFORMATION
FOR INDIVIDUAL APPROVAL APPLICANTS 18 YEARS OR OLDER
(Do Not Have a Recognized High School Diploma or Equivalent)**

Individuals 18 years or older who have not earned a recognized high school diploma or equivalent may be admitted on an “Individual Approval” basis if the individual can demonstrate the ability to benefit.

Except for individuals who intend to enroll in designated Level I Certificate programs or individuals who intend to enroll in ESL courses only, all applicants seeking individual approval admission must take the Ability to Benefit test. **Special Note:** All students to include students enrolled in a designated Level I Certificate program or ESL courses must take the ATB tests and earn the Department of Education minimum scores if their intent is to apply for federal financial aid.

Ability to Benefit (ATB) Tests

CTC offers the ASSET and is transitioning to the ACCUPLACER. The ASSET is a paper/pencil timed test. The ACCUPLACER is a computer-based test. If approved for individual admissions, the CTC academic advisor will determine course placement based on your ASSET or ACCUPLACER scores.

Ability to Benefit Tests: Minimum test scores are required to be eligible to apply for financial aid. Refer to Special Conditions at the end of this document.

ASSET (Paper-based)	Score	ACCUPLACER (Computer-based)*	Score
Reading Skills	35	Reading Comprehension	55
Numerical Skills	33	Arithmetic	34
Writing Skills	35	Sentence Skills	60

Texas Success Initiative Tests: Required to meet Texas Success Initiative (TSI) Requirements:

ASSET (Paper-based)	Score	ACCUPLACER (Computer-based)	Score
Reading Skills	41	Reading Comprehension	78
Elementary Algebra	38	Elementary Algebra	63
Writing Skills (Objective)	40	Sentence Skills	80
Written Essay	6	Written Essay	6

*An essay with a score of 5 will meet standard if objective writing test score met.

ATB Special Conditions to be eligible to apply for federal financial aid:

- Only ATB test scores administered by CTC are accepted. Test scores valid for one year.
- All components of the ATB test must be taken in one test session.
- Applicants must wait 30 days to retake the ATB. Retests require all components to be retaken and fees repaid.
- Applicants must wait 90 days to retake the ATB a third time and must provide written evidence that tutoring or some other form of instructional intervention has occurred that would suggest score improvement
- Applicants may take a maximum of 3 attempts in one 12-month period.