

MATH PLACEMENT

The Mathematics, Engineering, and Physics department evaluates each student's math skills before determining where that student should begin in the Math course sequence. Completing the Math Placement process will help ensure that you start with the Math course that's right for you.

The Math placement may be waived dependent on standardized test scores, high school GPA or previous college credit. Incoming students are encouraged to talk to Student Services to determine if the Math placement is required.

On-Campus Math Placement

Cecil uses ALEKS PPL for Math Placement. The ALEKS assessment is an adaptive assessment meaning that the questions get easier or harder depending on how you answer the previous question. The question topics range from Pre-Algebra to Pre-Calculus. There are 30 questions total. You can use a calculator and scrap paper, but no outside resources. The first attempt is a practice attempt. Based on your practice, ALEKS will generate topics for you to practice in order to improve your placement when you take the proctored assessment. People who take the time to practice typically improve their score by 20 - 30 points.

Follow the information on the reverse to start the assessment process. You can use up to two practices and two Proctored Assessments.

If you have any questions about this process, please contact the Academic Success Center at ASC@cecil.edu or 443-715-3292.

On-Campus Math Placement ALEKS INSTRUCTIONS

Follow the directions below to create your account:

- 1. Open any web browser and go to www.aleks.com
- **2.** Create a new account by clicking "Sign Up New Student?" at the top right of the screen.



3. Enter the class code: JTNQP-ANF4W. It should display the following:

Class Code: JTNQP-ANF4W

Class: Incoming Students - In Person Testing,

Fall - Summer 2024

Subject: Higher Education Math Placement

Class Dates: 07/08/2023 - 07/08/2024

Institution: Cecil College

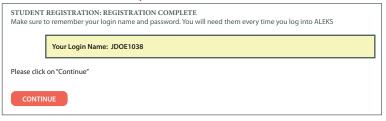
If it does, click confirm and continue to step 4. If it does not, go back one screen and check the code you entered.

4. Click continue. Enter your personal information. *You **MUST** use your @chawk.cecil.edu email. You can find your email on your acceptance letter.

For new students it will be the first five letters of your last name followed by the last five of your ID# i.e. John Walker # 123456 will be walke23456@chawk.cecil.edu

5. Once you have completed this section, you will receive a user name to use for ALEKS PPL. Be sure to write down the username, as you will need it each time you log in.

DO NOT create multiple accounts.



6. After you are logged into ALEKS, you will be taken to the ALEKS Placement, Preparation and Learning First Time User Experience.

This includes:

- a. An introduction to ALEKS PPL and how it works
- **b.** A student survey
- **c.** A tools tutorial that shows you how to input your answer
- 7. Once you have completed the First Time User Experience, you are ready to take the **practice assessment**. The practice assessment can be taken anywhere you have internet access. Take your time, and complete the assessment without any outside help. Once you have completed your assessment, the program will let you know where you would have placed. From this point, you have two options:
 - **a.** If you are satisfied with where you have placed, you can take your proctored assessment. The proctored assessment must be taken in the Academic Success Center (ASC) on the North East campus in the Engineering and Math Building, G310.
 - **b.** You can work in the Prep and Learning module assigned to you to help improve your placement results before taking the Proctored Assessment.
- **8.** Please note that the Assessment allows for the following:

a. Test 1: Practice

b. Test 2: Proctored

c. Test 3: Practice

d. Test 4: Proctored

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