

# Test Preparation

*Preparation is the key to success.*

*On November 7, 2016, Waubonsee Community College began using the ACCUPLACER Sentence Skills, Reading Comprehension, and Math placement tests to determine course placement.*

## **Preparing for Placement Testing**

It can help if you know a little bit about the format of the test you'll be taking. Waubonsee uses the computer-based ACCUPLACER test to place you into the appropriate English, reading, and math courses. Check out some free ACCUPLACER sample questions or download the free ACCUPLACER Web-Based Study App to help you study and prepare for placement testing at Waubonsee.

## **Math, English and Reading Skills**

It's important to know the subject areas you'll be tested on, which in this case include English, reading, and math. If you need to brush up on your skills in these areas, Waubonsee offers Plato, an online program that can help.

### ***The Plato Program***

Plato is a free online program that helps you discover the English, reading, and math skills you need to improve. The system then delivers lessons and content designed to help you strengthen those skills. Before setting up a user account, you must register to gain login credentials. For more information or to register for Plato, please contact Charlotte Landmeier at (630) 466-7900, ext. 2426 or email [clandmeier@waubonsee.edu](mailto:clandmeier@waubonsee.edu). Please view Placement Test Preparation Resources for additional information about the Plato program.

## **General Test-Taking Tips**

- Relax! Arrive a few minutes early to locate the Learning Assessment and Testing Services center and restrooms and to “gather your thoughts” before testing.
- Ask questions if you do not understand the testing process. Assessment staff are always available to assist students.
- If you need special accommodations, talk to a test proctor who can put you in touch with the college's Access Center for Disability Resources.
- Read each question carefully until you understand what the question is asking.
- Try to respond to all of the items presented, even if you are not certain of the answers.