VT-ACCUPLACER

Course Overview and Syllabus

Prerequisite Courses: None

Grade level: 9–12

Credits: 1.0

Course Description

This course reviews the concepts and skills essential for college readiness as measured by the ACCUPLACER post-secondary placement exam. In this course, students will complete a diagnostic pre-test for each set of skills that assesses specific areas of strength and weakness. Based on the assessment results, the student receives a personalized learning plan, providing the most efficient and effective preparation possible. Each skill ends with a diagnostic posttest to ensure mastery.

Course Objectives

Throughout the course, you will meet the following goals:

- Demonstrate reading comprehension through analysis of a variety of literature, literary nonfiction, and informational texts.
- Produce concise sentences with proper use of spelling and grammar.
- Apply the Six Traits of Effective Writing to understand paragraph and essay construction
- Apply number sense and problems solving skills to word problems and applications
- Demonstrate basic algebra skills through factoring, simplifying expressions, and solving equations

Student Expectations

This course requires the same level of commitment from you as a traditional classroom course. Throughout the course, you are expected to spend approximately 5–7 hours per week online on:

- Interactive lessons that include a mixture of instructional videos and tasks
- Assignments in which you apply and extend learning in each lesson
- Assessments, including quizzes, tests, and cumulative exams

Communication

Your teacher will communicate with you regularly through discussions, email, chat, and system announcements. You will also communicate with classmates, either via online tools or face to face, as you collaborate on projects, ask and answer questions in your peer group, and develop your speaking and listening skills.

Grading Policy

You will be graded on the work you do online and the work you submit electronically to your teacher. The weighting for each category of graded activity is listed below.

Grading Category	Weight
Assignments	20%
Lesson Quizzes	40%
Cumulative Exams	40%

Scope and Sequence

When you log into Edgenuity, you can view the entire course map—an interactive scope and sequence of all topics you will study. The units of study are summarized below:

Unit 1: Reading Comprehension
Unit 2: Sentence Skills
Unit 3: Written Essay
Unit 4: Arithmetic
Unit 5: Elementary Algebra