

To enroll in classes at Bunker Hill Community College all incoming students are required to take the CPT. Preparing for the CPT is one of the most important steps you can take.

**What is the CPT?**

BHCC utilizes a test called Accuplacer, which we refer to as the College Placement Test or CPT. The CPT has three sections: math, reading comprehension and sentence skills (grammar). These tests are administered on a computer. Students answer a series of multiple choice questions. The use of calculators, dictionaries, notes, textbooks or other resources is strictly prohibited during the testing. There is no time limit; students may take as much time as they need on the CPT. Students generally take between 2 to 3 hours to complete the test so please plan accordingly. The test is offered at no cost to you.

**Do I need to take the CPT?**

All students are required to take the CPT upon entering the college unless they have completed college level math and/or English courses at another accredited college or university. Students who have taken college-level courses at another college or university must bring transcripts with them to the Admissions Office in B202 to be exempted from the CPT by an Admissions Transfer Counselor. Students applying to selective programs may be required to take the placement tests regardless of prior educational experience.

**Why do I need to take the CPT?**

The test is very important, as it determines your English, math and reading course placements and may exempt you from certain classes. By assessing a student's level of proficiency in English, reading and mathematics, the CPT helps students plan an appropriate schedule of course work. In addition to our college-level courses, the college has a series of developmental courses for students who need some additional foundational work in English, math or reading. The CPT will place students either into college-level courses or developmental courses or a combination of the two.

**What if I have a documented disability?**

Any student with a documented disability who would like accommodations made for testing should speak with the Coordinator of Disability Support Services located in D106A on the Charlestown Campus or by calling 617-228-3415.

**How can I prepare for the CPT?**

You can prepare for the test by reviewing these subjects and completing practice questions. This test is unlike the MCAS; therefore, reviewing sample test questions to become familiar with the test will help you perform better. The following are several internet resources which may be helpful.

***Practice Test Questions Websites:***

- 1) Visit the Bunker Hill website for C.P.T. information and sample questions:  
[www.bhcc.mass.edu/inside/108](http://www.bhcc.mass.edu/inside/108)
- 2) The Accuplacer Student Website explains the test and has sample questions. Please note:  
BHCC does not use the Writeplacer test.  
[www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/accuplacer/index.html](http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/accuplacer/index.html)
- 3) Practice Tests at these sites:  
<http://www.mccfl.edu/TitleIII/tests/arithmetic1.cfm>  
<http://www.mccfl.edu/TitleIII/tests/algebra1.cfm>  
<http://www.mccfl.edu/TitleIII/tests/reading1.cfm>  
[http://www.mccfl.edu/TitleIII/tests/sentenceSkills1\\_1.cfm](http://www.mccfl.edu/TitleIII/tests/sentenceSkills1_1.cfm)
- 4) Search Google for information about the test (the name of the test is ACCUPLACER).

***Tutorial Websites:***

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| Math:            | <a href="http://www.math.com">www.math.com</a><br><a href="http://www.algebrahelp.com">www.algebrahelp.com</a><br><a href="http://www.mathwizz.com">www.mathwizz.com</a> |
| Sentence Skills: | <a href="http://www.englishpage.com">www.englishpage.com</a><br><a href="http://www.dailygrammar.com">www.dailygrammar.com</a> (click on Lesson Archive)                 |
| Reading:         | <a href="http://www.pbs.org/literacy">www.pbs.org/literacy</a>   |

**What if English is not my first language and I may need to work on my English language skills?**

English as Second Language (ESL) students who require ESL classes will complete a writing sample, an interview and the **LOEP** (Levels of English Proficiency) test to determine their placement in ESL classes.

**Where and when do I take the CPT?**

The CPT is available on a walk-in basis, no appointment necessary, on the Charlestown Campus in room B118. Just arrive with a government issued ID (Passport, driver's license, state ID card, Resident Alien card) or a BHCC ID.

Monday – Wednesdays	8:30am - 7:00pm
Thursdays	11:00am - 7:00pm
Fridays	8:30am - 4:00pm
Saturdays	9am – 1 pm (not in June or July)

For testing times and availability at our **Chelsea Campus** please call 617-228-2101.

### Important Information about the College Placement Test

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The Accuplacer CPT has three sections: math, reading, and sentence skills (grammar). You can prepare for the test by reviewing these subjects and doing practice questions. Review books and websites are available.

There are many good *review books*. The best way to find a good review book is to simply visit the "Study Aids" section of a major bookstore or the bookstore at Bunker Hill Community College. Look through the review books and find the one that appeals to you the most.

***Tutorial Websites: Math***

[www.math.com](http://www.math.com)

[www.algebrahelp.com](http://www.algebrahelp.com)

[www.mathwizz.com](http://www.mathwizz.com)

***Tutorial Websites: Reading***

<http://literacyworks.org/learningresources/>

<http://education.jlab.org/reading/>

***Tutorial Websites: Sentence Skills***

[www.englishpage.com](http://www.englishpage.com)

[www.dailygrammar.com](http://www.dailygrammar.com) (click on Lesson Archive)

***Practice Test Questions Websites:***

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[www.bhcc.mass.edu/inside/103](http://www.bhcc.mass.edu/inside/103)

2) The Accuplacer Student Website explains the test and has sample questions. Please note:

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[www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/accuplacer/index.html](http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/accuplacer/index.html)

3) Practice Tests at these sites:

<http://www.mccfl.edu/TitleIII/tests/arithmetic1.cfm>

<http://www.mccfl.edu/TitleIII/tests/algebra1.cfm>

<http://www.mccfl.edu/TitleIII/tests/reading1.cfm>

[http://www.mccfl.edu/TitleIII/tests/sentenceSkills1\\_1.cfm](http://www.mccfl.edu/TitleIII/tests/sentenceSkills1_1.cfm)

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## Questions about Bunker Hill Community College?

<b>General Information:</b>	<b>(617) 228 - BHCC</b> <a href="http://www.bhcc.mass.edu">www.bhcc.mass.edu</a>
<b>Admissions and Transfer Office:</b>	<b>(617) 228 – 3398</b>
<b>Advising and Counseling Center:</b>	<b>(617) 228 – 2230</b>
<b>Assessment Center (CPT Questions):</b>	<b>(617) 228 – 2377</b>
<b>Disabilities Services:</b>	<b>(617) 228 – 3415</b>
<b>Registrar’s office:</b>	<b>(617) 228 – 2403</b>
<b>Financial Aid:</b>	<b>(617) 228 – 2275</b>
<b>Student Activities:</b>	<b>(617) 228 – 2260</b>
<b>Tutoring and Academic Support Center:</b>	<b>(617) 228 – 2161</b>

# **NSTAR EPUT Information Sessions**

Individuals interested in learning more about the AS: EPUT (Electric Power Utility Technology Program), a partnership between NSTAR, Bunker Hill Community College and Local 369 UWUA, should plan to attend one of the following information sessions at BHCC:

**Monday, December 13, 2010, 6:00 – 8:00 PM  
Room E175 at the Charlestown Campus**

**Monday, January 10, 2011, 6:00 – 8:00 PM  
Room E175 at the Charlestown Campus**

**Thursday, January 20, 2011, 6:00 – 8:00 PM  
Room E175 at the Charlestown Campus**

**Tuesday, February 8, 2011, 6:00 – 8:00 PM  
Room E175 at the Charlestown Campus**

For directions, please visit our website [www.bhcc.mass.edu](http://www.bhcc.mass.edu)

*If you have any questions, please contact NSTAR at (781) 441-8300 or via email at  
EPUT@nstar.com*

