

**To:** The Montgomery College Community

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**Subject:** NEXT GENERATION ACCUPLACER Implementation Update

**Date:** April 18, 2019

We want to inform you that the launch of NEXT GENERATION ACCUPLACER was successfully completed! This required transition began on March 18, 2019 and was completed on April 1, 2019. Through the work of the ACCUPLACER Work Group, a sub-group of the Collegewide Assessment Placement and Developmental Issues (CAPDI) Committee, the coding in Banner, testing, and changes to the admissions, assessment center, and counseling and advising materials were completed to ensure incoming students would have correct placement information. We specifically recognize the work of the Office of Information Technology (OIT), whose staff completed the coding and testing that was essential to ensure a smooth transition. Further, we recognize the work of the Assessment Center, and the Counseling and Advising faculty and staff who made the necessary changes to provide prospective students with accurate information regarding the new ACCUPLACER testing procedures and scoring.

As always, placing students into courses where they can be successful is our primary goal. We will continue to seek proper tools for placement. Students who are properly placed will be retained, progress and graduate at higher rates.

Placement testing at the College resumed successfully on April 1, and placement testing at sites at the Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS), a service Montgomery College provides to MCPS as a courtesy to make testing easier for MCPS students, was also initiated as promised.

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Please join us in thanking the ACCUPLACER work group members for their efforts.