



TO: NURSING STUDENT CANDIDATES

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RE: FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS REGARDING PREREQUISITES FOR BIOL 2210 AND OPTION TO TEST OUT

Why are students offered placement testing?

Nursing program students are required to take BIOL 2210 as part of the curriculum.

But in order to take BIOL 2210, the student must have completed one of the following prerequisites:

- high school chemistry (CHEM 1100)
- high school biology in the last five years (BIOL 1200)
- an equivalent college-level course

If a student has not taken any of the prerequisites listed above, he/she will be required to take BIOL 1200, Fundamentals of Biology for the Health Technologies, before they can take BIOL 2210.

However, some students may already have the scientific knowledge needed to take BIOL 2210, despite not having taken BIOL 1200. In this case, the student may opt to take a placement test to demonstrate his/her knowledge in order to have the BIOL 1200 prerequisite requirement waived and be cleared to register for BIOL 2210.

What are the options for the placement test?

There are two options for the BIOL 2210 placement test:

Option 1. Lakeland Biology Placement Test

100 questions paper-pencil test based on the content in the BIOL 1200 course.

Option 2. CLEP (College Level Examination Program) Test

A national computerized test offered by the College Board to determine if students have the fundamental knowledge to help them earn credit for college-level courses. See <https://clep.collegeboard.org/science-and-mathematics/biology> for further information.

What are the differences of each test?

Option 1. The Lakeland Biology Placement Test

- Is less expensive than CLEP test and costs \$25* per attempt.
- Minimum score is 70%. Two attempts to pass are allowed, otherwise, student will be required to take BIOL 1200.
- Does not offer course credit for BIOL 1200.

Option 2. The CLEP Test

- Costs \$85* plus a \$25 Lakeland administration fee. The preparation guide is \$10.
- minimum score for the biology test is 50.
- Three course credits can be granted for BIOL GENS.

*Students who receive financial aid should call the financial aid office at 440.525.7070 to find out if financial aid can be applied to the cost of the test. Students who receive benefits from the Board of Vocational Rehabilitation (BVR) or Workforce Investment Act (WIA) should contact the counselor from that agency to determine if the cost of the test will be included in their funding package.

Am I required to take a placement test?

No, this is an individual student decision. Students may choose to take BIOL 1200 in order to fulfill the prerequisite for BIOL 2210.

How can I prepare for testing?**Option 1. Lakeland Biology Placement Test**

The BIOL 1200 course text book (Fundamentals of Biology and Fundamentals of Biology for the Health Technologies) and syllabus are available on reserve in the Lakeland library.

Option 2. CLEP Test

A \$10 study guide can be purchased through the College Board when registering for the exam at <https://clep.collegeboard.org/science-and-mathematics/biology>.

How do I register for the test?**Option 1. Lakeland Biology Placement Test**

- Students may register in person in room A-1044e but must pre-pay at the cashier's office in A-1032.
- Students may register and pay through their myLakeland account, "Schedule-It" feature. Use the "Schedule Biology Placement Test" tab. After payment via ScheduleIT, a printable confirmation screen will be available with the testing appointment date and time. The system will allow students to cancel and reschedule the testing appointment 24 hours before scheduled date and time.

PLEASE NOTE: STUDENTS WHO DO NOT CANCEL OR RESCHEDULE WITHIN 24 HOURS PRIOR TO THE TEST DATE FORFEIT THE \$25 EXAM FEE. The fee for the exam is non-refundable.

Option 2. The CLEP Test

Register at <https://clep.collegeboard.org/science-and-mathematics/biology>. Students must also pay a \$25 Lakeland administration [fee](#).

When should students take the test?

Students may take the test whenever they choose.

When and where will the placement tests be offered?

Option 1. The Lakeland Placement Test is given in the Test Center in A-1044e. The test is offered Monday-Saturday; contact the Test Center for times available. The test is approximately 1.5 hours in length. Testing is not available during mid-term and finals week. Testing is available between semesters

Option 2. The CLEP Test is given in the Lakeland Test Center in A-1044e. Date and time can be scheduled when registering online at <https://clep.collegeboard.org/science-and-mathematics/biology>. Students need to select Lakeland as the test site and institution to receive scores.

What do students need to bring to the test?

Students should bring their receipt showing proof of payment and a picture ID to the test. The Test Center will supply scratch paper and collect it at the end of the test.

How will students receive the results of their test?

Students will receive their scores via their Lakeland email address.

Who can students contact if they have questions?

Students may call Lakeland's Counseling and Advising Center at 440.525.7200 if they have questions.