

7. Is the program required to meet special regulations/standards? Describe.

- The California Community Colleges Chancellors Office just announced (2/12/15) its intent to award contracts to two vendors for development and support of CCCAssess, the new statewide assessment platform. While cut scores will still be determined locally by faculty, the new Common Assessment is expected to standardize placement testing for all community colleges in the state, so a student could take the test at any California community college and use it to transfer to any other community college in the state. Effective 2015, all placement tests must go through a validation process which must then receive official approval from the Chancellors Office before being allowed to continue.
- To ensure that ATC policies and practices are in keeping with national standards, the ATC complies with standards for testing centers established by the [National College Testing Association \(NCTA\)](#), Appendix D.
- The ATC must work closely with faculty for continued test validity. There is no timeline in Title 5 regulations requiring regular review of cut scores, only that cut scores be locally validated.
 - (1) In spring 2014, introduced the new **Accuplacer Credit-ESL** test which went live in April. In the months leading up to the Accuplacer Credit-ESL roll out, the ATC worked closely with ESL faculty to establish accurate cut scores. The ATC conducted a series of classroom testings at each ESL level. Several cut score adjustments were made by the ESL faculty until arriving at the appropriate final cut scores.
 - (2) In fall 2014, the ATC gathered student and faculty data for validation of the **Non-Credit ESL** test, the California English Language Skills Assessment (CELSA).
 - (3) During spring 2013, the ATC conducted validation testing for **Accuplacer English and math** tests. The 2014 Chancellors Office List of Approved Testing Instruments lists College Board/Accuplacer as “Probationary” (two years) for English and math and “Provisional” (must provide more information) for WritePlacer, the essay portion of the English test. The 2015 Chancellors Office List of Approved Test Instruments lists College Board/Accuplacer at full approval for six years. The list can be viewed here: [The California Community Colleges Chancellors Office List of Approved Test Instruments, March 2014](#) , Appendix E.
 - (4) At this time, ATC staff recommends the English and math faculty postpone any review of cut scores/multiple measures practices until the roll out of **CCCAssess**, the new common assessment. Pilot testing of the new CCCAssess is targeted for fall 2015. Please see [announcement of vendor award](#), Appendix F.

8. List all staff members in the program. Include their names, titles, classification, FTE equivalents, qualifications, and funding source.

- Dee Fraites, Coordinator, Classified, 1 FTE, 13 years’ testing experience, SSSP Categorically funded
- Patrick Garretson, Testing Technician, Classified, 1 FTE (effective 2/1/15), 5 years’ testing experience, SSSP Categorically funded
- Pending 0.5 FTE testing technician, SSSP Categorically funded, hire date TBA