



## ABILITY TO BENEFIT TEST INSTRUCTIONS

In order to be eligible to receive Federal financial aid, a student must be qualified to study at the college level. A student qualifies if he/she:

- has a high school diploma;
- has the recognized equivalent of a high school diploma, such as a General Education Development (GED) certificate;
- has completed homeschooling at the high school level; or
- has satisfactorily completed six degree applicable units.

### WHAT IF I DO NOT POSSESS A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA, ITS EQUIVALENT OR SIX DEGREE APPLICABLE UNITS?

If you do not have a high school diploma, its equivalent or six degree applicable units, you may still qualify by passing an approved test, called an ***Ability To Benefit (ATB) test***.

### HOW DO I TAKE THE ATB TEST?

In order to meet the Ability To Benefit test requirement, you must take the ACCUPLACER test in the Assessment Center. You must complete and pass all three parts of the Ability To Benefit test in one session.

- **Step 1** Take your test at the Assessment Center located in Bonelli Hall, Room 205. Please indicate to the Assessment Center that you need to take the Ability To Benefit test. You may contact the Assessment Center at 661-362-3457.
- **Step 2** Your test results will be recorded by the Assessment Center. Upon completion of the ATB test, YOU MUST NOTIFY the Financial Aid Office in Seco Hall Room 110.

### HOW MANY TIMES CAN I TAKE THE ATB TEST?

You are allowed ONE initial attempt to pass the Ability To Benefit test. If you do not pass on your first attempt, you are allowed ONE retest, for a total of TWO attempts per semester (Fall/Spring).

### WHAT IF I CANNOT PASS THE ATB TEST?

Failure to pass the initial test and retest means you are NOT eligible for Federal financial aid until you receive your high school diploma, complete your General Education Development Certificate (GED) or complete six degree applicable units.

### I'VE COMPLETED & PASSED THE ATB TEST. NOW WHAT?

Once you have completed and passed the ATB test, you MUST notify the Financial Aid Office in order to begin your application process. Your financial aid application will NOT be processed without notification from you.

For more information, please contact the Financial Aid Office at:  
(661)362-3242 or [finaid@canyons.edu](mailto:finaid@canyons.edu)