Overview
To prepare for your first semester as a Clarion University student, you must complete three placement tests/surveys for first-year courses.

Placement Tests/Surveys
The placement tests/surveys include an English Directed Self-Placement Survey (available March 18th), which determines your English Writing course, the Inquiry Seminar Selection Survey (available March 18th), which is a survey regarding your first-year Inquiry Seminar choices, and the ALEKS Mathematics Assessment (available now!), which determines your initial Math course. You will complete the English and Inquiry Seminar placement surveys via D2L, Clarion University’s course management system. The ALEKS Mathematics assessment can be accessed in your MyClarion. Delaying the completion of these placements may negatively affect your schedule as English, Math, and Inquiry Seminars are all General Education requirements. We ask that on all of the placements, you answer as accurately as possible so that you receive the courses that are best for you.

Getting Started
To get started, you need to get access to Clarion’s online platforms. Below are the instructions for accessing and logging in to D2L and MyClarion.

1. Important First Step: Get Your Password and Change Your Password
Before you can access D2L or MyClarion, you must initialize your Clarion computer accounts per the instructions in the blue “Clarion University Computer Account Information” letter that was mailed to you upon your enrollment at the University. If you already completed the setup steps for your Clarion computer accounts, please skip to the “D2L Login Instructions” below.

If you have not completed the setup steps for your Clarion computer accounts, you must do so before you can complete the placements referred to above. Please refer to your computer account letter for your personal username and initial password. This is a temporary password that you must first change BEFORE you can log in to D2L.

On your blue letter, there are step-by-step instructions for setting up your computer accounts. Please note that it can take a few attempts to create new password that is acceptable. You cannot use any part of your name. Follow the directions on the password change screen, and make sure that your chosen password fits all of the requirements.

For background information about the letter, please see http://www.clarion.edu/computing/newstudent. If you have any questions about your computer accounts, please contact our Help Desk at 814-393-2640 (Monday through Friday 8:30AM – 4:30PM). You may also visit us on the web at http://www.clarion.edu/computing.

2. Students should review the following login instructions (links below) for the two platforms used to complete the placements and orientation modules.

D2L Login Instructions

MyClarion Login Instructions
Placement 1: ALEKS Math Assessment

NOW, YOU ARE READY TO START YOUR FIRST PLACEMENT (MATH). IT WILL TAKE YOU ONE TO TWO HOURS TO WORK THROUGH THE INITIAL MATH ASSESSMENT. ONCE YOU START THE INITIAL ASSESSMENT, YOU MUST FINISH IT WITHIN 48 HOURS. PLEASE PLAN ACCORDINGLY.

MyClarion Portal - Once you are logged in to the MyClarion portal, you will see your homepage. Click on Student Center. You should then click on the link under Academics at the left of your screen called “ALEKS Mathematics Placement.” This link will take you to an external page. Your computer’s pop up blocker may keep the window from opening. Please check your pop up blocker area if you are having trouble accessing this link. Read and follow the directions to move forward through the set-up of your account as well as the tutorial of tools. You will then answer 30 to 45 math questions.

Students should remember the importance of academic integrity when completing the non-proctored assessment. The assessment should be completed with as little support or guidance as possible in order for you to receive an accurate placement. This platform will allow you to work on learning modules of certain math topics and provide you with an opportunity to retake the assessment one additional time once you have mastered some topics.

You will notice that, after taking the test for the first time, you may work through the study modules and re-take the test, in order to receive a higher placement and help you move through to graduation more quickly. This is a very important opportunity. Please click here for more information on the ALEKS process. Once you start the ALEKS process: (1) initial assessment (2) learning modules (3) re-take the assessment, you have 60 days to complete it.

Placements 2 and 3: English Placement and Inquiry Seminar Choices

IT WILL TAKE YOU ABOUT 45 MINUTES TO WORK THROUGH THIS PLACEMENT MODULE. ONCE YOU START, YOU CANNOT START OVER. PLEASE PLAN ACCORDINGLY.

The English Placement and Inquiry Seminar Choices D2L Course Site, will be available on Monday, March 18th.

D2L Homepage – Once you are logged in to D2L, you will see your homepage. You should click on the link called “English Placement and Inquiry Seminar Choices.” Read and follow the directions on the course homepage to move through this placement module. The English Placement is set up as a self-reflective survey that asks you non-content related questions. It is not a test. Instead, it requires you to reflect on your experiences with writing in high school and how you feel about writing to determine which first-year writing course, English 110 or English 111, will best fit your needs. At the end of the survey, you will receive a score. You will then be asked to choose between English 110 or English 111 based on this score and your prior experiences with writing.

After completing your English placement, you will then choose your "top three" first-year Inquiry Seminar courses. All first-year students are required to take an Inquiry Seminar.

THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO COMPLETE YOUR PLACEMENTS IN ADVANCE. A COURSE SCHEDULE WILL BE CREATED FOR YOU ONCE YOU HAVE COMPLETED ALL OF THE PLACEMENTS.

WELCOME TO CLARION UNIVERSITY!