F.A.Q.

**Accelerated Math: What are AM courses all about? Would I benefit from this format?**

Accelerated Math is a condensed course format designed to help you improve your fundamental skills in pre-algebra, and algebra. Instructors will guide you through lectures, in-class activities, and review sessions to improve your COMPASS placement and help you navigate or bypass Learning Support with better skills and more confidence.

**Requirements: Am I eligible to take AM courses?**

1.) You must be an accepted GTC student with a GTC student number (900******) to participate in AM.
2.) You must have one set of valid COMPASS scores on file with GTC to participate. This includes a score for each COMPASS portion required by GTC: writing, reading, pre-algebra, & algebra.

**Registration: How do I register for AM courses?**

Visit GwinnettTech.edu/learning to view a schedule of course offerings and register. After your online pre-registration has been processed and you have received confirmation via email, pay the course fee as directed and you’re registered for the course(s).

**Can I register for more than one AM course in the same session?**

You may register for only 1 Accelerated Math course within the same session.

**When is the deadline for registration?**

The deadline is one week prior to the start of the chosen AM course; however, plan to pre-register online well before the deadline as space in these courses is limited.

**Should I still register for my currently required Learning Support class?**

Yes, you should still register for Learning Support classes. If you improve your COMPASS placement score but do not pass the COMPASS completely, you’ll still need to take your Learning Support classes.

**Which class should I register for with my current COMPASS scores?**

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**Cost: How much does one AM course cost? Is the course fee non-refundable?**

The cost of one AM course is $25. The course fee is non-refundable. Payment covers all class meetings and a COMPASS retest for the chosen subject area. Payment will only be accepted after your online pre-registration form has been submitted and processed. Submit payment at the reception desk in the GTC Assessment Center in Building 100-Room 528, Mon.-Thurs. 8:30AM-4:45PM, Fri. 8:30AM-3:45PM. *Follow payment instructions received after online pre-registration and observe any specified waiting period.*

After visiting GwinnettTech.edu/learning, please contact Alex Tank at atank@gwinnettttech.edu with any questions.
**COMPASS:** Will I take the COMPASS after participating in an Accelerated Math course?

After the completion of your course -- and depending upon adequate attendance -- you’ll take a portion of the COMPASS Exam again. For example, if you’ve completed the Accelerated Pre-algebra course, you’ll retake the pre-algebra portion of the COMPASS.

*The COMPASS exam for Accelerated Math will not impact course grades for Learning Support classes.*

*Always consult an academic advisor before making significant schedule changes.*

**Learning Support:** If I am currently taking a Learning Support math course (0097, 0098, 0099), do I need to continue attending my Learning Support course if I pass the COMPASS via an AM course?

Yes, continue with any Learning Support course you’ve started. Your performance on the COMPASS as part of an AM course will have no effect on your current Learning Support course. Never drop or withdraw from a course without first consulting with an enrollment advisor.

**Attendance:** What is the AM attendance policy? Do I have to come to every class meeting?

Plan to attend every class meeting. If you have to miss class, inform your instructor beforehand. If you attend fewer than 66% of the total class meetings, you will not be eligible to retake the COMPASS as part of AM.

**Tutoring:** Can I meet with a tutor for extra help?

While participating in an Accelerated Math course, tutors are available to students in the Learning Success Center (Building 100 – Room 910). Plan to take advantage of this valuable one-on-one or small group support. Check online for Learning Success Center hours of operation.

**Class cancellations:** How do I know if my class will meet? What about severe weather?

Check your GTC student email and/or the email address submitted on your registration form. Your instructor and/or the AM Administrator will email you if classes are cancelled. The main page at www.gwinnettech.edu will show a message regarding campus-wide cancellations. If the GTC campus is closed, AM classes will not meet.

**Email:** Where can I check my student email account?

Go to www.gwinnettech.edu. Look for an envelope-shaped mail icon on the right side of the webpage. Follow the directions on the next screen to access your GTC student email. If you don’t know your student email address, go to BANNER via www.gtc-web.org, login and check your personal information.

**Materials:** What do I have to bring to class, and do I have to buy a textbook for Accelerated Math?

You won’t have to purchase a textbook. Bring a pen or pencil, a notebook or binder, a calculator for math, and a strong desire to improve your skills. That’s all you’ll need.

**Work Ethics:** How much work will this class be?

Your success in Accelerated Math is up to you. Instructors and tutors will do all they can to help you reach your educational goals, but the hard work and concentration are your responsibility. Your full participation is required -- every class, every assignment, every time. Because the duration of AM courses is so short, be prepared to focus throughout the course, inside and outside the classroom.

Please check GwinnetTech.edu/learning for more info.

Thank you for your interest in the Accelerated Math Program at Gwinnett Technical College.

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