

## Strategies to Succeed in the Mathematics Skills Test

You can attempt the Practice Test as many times as you like. You can review each attempt and see where you have made a mistake. Learn how to enter your solutions into Maple TA.

To take the Practice Test

- 1) Log into Sakai, go to your course tab (e.g. Math 1P01) and click on "MapleTA" This will log you in to the Maple TA system.
- 2) If you haven't done so already, please first complete the Readiness Test. It should take you approximately 20 minutes and familiarize yourself with the Maple TA system. Please note you need to score 16 or more out of 20 on this test before you can access the Practice Test.
- 3) Click on the Practice Test link in Maple T.A. You will have up to two hours to complete the test. You are **strongly urged** to take the practice test exactly as you would the in-person test, that is, in one sitting without aids (including no calculators). You are **strongly recommended** to read each question carefully before answering.
- 4) [Review your Test](#), noting which questions you have done incorrectly. For the practice test you will be able to see the correct answer to each question.
- 5) If there are questions or topics that you struggled with, we strongly urge you to consult the [Review Resources](#) and go carefully over related material.
- 6) If you have made a common arithmetic or algebraic mistake, (e.g. dropping a negative sign), it may be worth noting. During the actual Skills Test (or say in your calculus midterm) you may wish to take the time to carefully check your work for mistakes you tend to make, so to not lose marks due to a small error.

You are **strongly encouraged** to take the Practice Test and then review as needed before writing the in-person test. **Do not** simply take the Practice Test repeatedly until you get a passing grade. The Skills Test will cover similar topic areas to the Practice Test, but **there will be different questions**. Carefully going through the review materials may help to guide you. Mathematics involves constant practice. Don't just read examples, go through them carefully, come back to them, cover them up and see if you can reproduce them!

If you do fail the first in-person test, there will be workshops available the week of August 19-23 to help you improve before your second attempt on either Wednesday August 28<sup>th</sup> or Thursday August 29<sup>th</sup>. The workshop times are:

- Monday August 19<sup>th</sup> 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM
- Tuesday August 20<sup>th</sup> 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM
- Wednesday August 21<sup>st</sup> 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM
- Thursday August 22<sup>nd</sup> 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM
- Friday August 23<sup>rd</sup> 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM

Registration for workshops is done in person after writing the Mathematics Skills Test.