

Student overview summary of ALEKS Placement, Preparation & Learning

You should print out these instructions for reference.

Overview Summary

If you need help, please contact ALEKS Customer Support at http://support.aleks.com/assess_placement

After completing the registration process and enrolling into your placement cohort, you will see the following introduction page. Click on the **Get Started Now** button.

The screenshot shows the ALEKS interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'ALEKS' on the left, and 'HELP | REPORT | OPTIONS Jane Doe' on the right. Below this is a secondary bar with 'Calculator' on the left and 'Placement Prep & Learn' on the right. The main content area is titled 'Welcome to ALEKS Placement, Preparation and Learning'. Underneath, there is a section 'What You'll Work on Next:' followed by a numbered list of five steps. To the right of the list is a circular flow diagram with three yellow boxes: 'Take the Placement Assessment' at the top, 'Retake the Placement Assessment' on the right, and 'Improve Your Knowledge in a Prep and Learning Module' on the left. A blue box below the diagram says 'More Success in Your Course'. At the bottom left of the main content area is a red-bordered button that says 'Get Started Now >>'. The list of steps is as follows:

1. Complete a survey, followed by a brief tutorial on how to use ALEKS input tools.
2. Take your placement assessment.
3. Begin a Prep and Learning Module to review and learn material (you have 6 weeks of access included in your subscription).
4. Retake the placement assessment, if needed.
5. Learn the topics in your Prep and Learning Module until your access expires.

The ALEKS tutorial will begin to show you how to enter answers into ALEKS. After the tutorial, the assessment directions will display. Read the directions carefully, and then check the box to acknowledge that you have read the placement directions and agree to the terms of the assessment. Click on the **Start Placement Assessment** button.

Viewing and Interpreting Your Placement Results: The Placement Tab

After completing the placement assessment, you will arrive on the Placement tab which displays your placement result. The Placement Pie and its slices represent core topic areas that you need to know for success in your courses. The dark part of each pie slice shows what you know; the topics you know make up your placement result. The light part of each pie slice shows what you don't know.

From the Placement tab, you can take several actions:

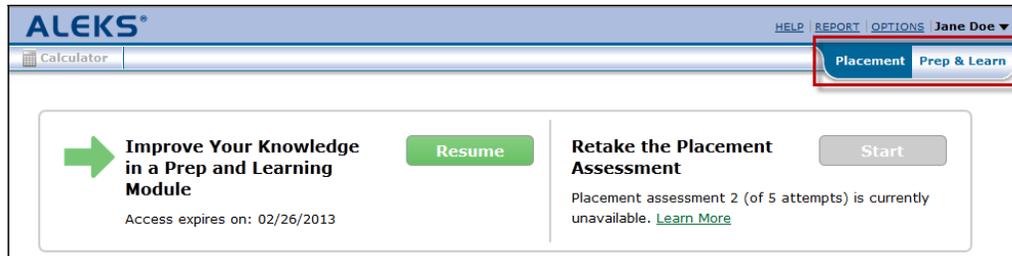
The screenshot shows the ALEKS Placement tab interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'ALEKS' logo, 'Calculator', and user information 'Jane Doe'. The main content area has two primary options: 'Improve Your Knowledge in a Prep and Learning Module' with a green 'Start' button, and 'Retake the Placement Assessment' with a grey 'Start' button. A callout box points to the 'Start' button for retaking the assessment, stating: 'Once you meet the Prep and Learning requirements, you can retake the placement assessment. The "Start" button will become active.' Another callout box points to the 'Learn More' link under the retake assessment, stating: 'Click on the "Learn More" link to see the requirements you need to complete before you can retake the placement assessment.' Below these options is a 'Placement Assessment 1' section showing a 'Placement Result: 48%' and a 'Placement Pie (150 of 314 Topics)'. The pie chart is divided into 11 slices representing different math topics. A callout box points to a 'Learn More' link in the 'Find out what courses you can place into.' section, stating: 'Visit your institution's webpage to find out what courses you can place into.'

Placement Result: 48%
Placement Pie (150 of 314 Topics)

Topic	Known (Dark)	Unknown (Light)
Trigonometry	0	29
Whole Numbers, Fractions, and Decimals	37	0
Percents, Proportions, and Geometry	30	2
Signed Numbers, Linear Equations and Inequalities	42	1
Lines and Systems of Linear Equations	10	17
Relations and Functions	1	22
Integer Exponents and Factoring	19	11
Quadratic and Polynomial Functions	0	21
Rational Expressions and Functions	6	17
Radicals and Rational Exponents	5	15
Exponentials and Logarithms	0	20

Improving Your Skills and Placement: The Prep & Learn Tab

After you start working in a Prep and Learning Module, you can then navigate between the Placement tab and the Prep & Learn tab.



The Prep & Learn tab displays your Prep and Learning Pie, which is **different** from your Placement Pie. You have 6 weeks of access to the Prep and Learning Module, and can use it to practice and improve your skills before retaking the placement assessment. This will help you to increase your chances of placing into a higher level math course.

NOTE: You will be given periodic progress assessments within your Prep and Learning Module to ensure that you are retaining the new material.

You can take several actions while in the Prep and Learning Module:

View your Placement and Prep and Learning Module reports.

The expiration date of your access to the Prep and Learning Module is always displayed.

Click on a slice of the pie to work on a topic.

Student Account Home

Your Account Home lists your latest placement assessment and your progress in the Prep and Learning Module. To return to your Account Home at any time, click on your name in the top, right corner and select Account home from the menu.

