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Introduction

Overview

This report contains results for your students who tested with both the ACT and CAAP (your matched students). Your matched students' progress is compared to all recently-tested students whose scores on the ACT and CAAP tests have been matched (reference group). Due to normal group variability, performance of your matched students should be tracked over multiple years.

Information is provided about the growth of your students' general education cognitive skills between the times they tested with the ACT and CAAP. Because the content specifications of four pairs of tests from the ACT and CAAP are similar, it is possible to track student performance for your matched students. Similar test pairs include:

► The ACT English test - CAAP Writing Skills test
► The ACT Reading test - CAAP Reading test
► The ACT Mathematics test - CAAP Mathematics test
► The ACT Science test - CAAP Science test

Note: The CAAP Writing Essay and Critical Thinking modules are not linked to any ACT tests.

Interpreting your linkage report

For each set of ACT/CAAP tests linked in this report, you will find the following figures and tables.

Figure 1 indicates the percent of your matched students' ACT scores falling into each reference group ACT quartile range.

Figure 2 indicates the percent of your matched students' CAAP scores falling into each reference group CAAP quartile range.

Table 1 contains the number and percent of your matched students falling into the joint ACT and CAAP quartile ranges that were established using reference group results.

Table 2 presents frequencies, means, and standard deviations that describe the performance of your students and the reference group on the ACT and CAAP.

How are the reference groups and quartile ranges identified?

The reference group information uses all matched student records within 2- or 4-year institutions aggregated across the most recent three years to promote stability in normative results. This aggregated information is then analyzed such that student scores fall into the bottom, second, third, or top quarter on the ACT and CAAP. These groups are referred to as "quartile ranges".

Important facts to note

► CAAP modules require greater knowledge and more complex cognitive skills than the ACT tests. Therefore, students that have maintained their quartile range or progressed into a higher range from the ACT to CAAP have increased their knowledge and cognitive skills.

► It is very difficult for students in the top ACT quartile range to progress because they literally have nowhere to go except to remain at an equivalent level or go down on CAAP. Similarly, it is impossible for students in the bottom ACT quartile range to demonstrate a decrease in performance because they have nowhere to go except remain at an equivalent level or go up on CAAP. Students near the middle of the score scale can either increase or decrease quartile ranges.

► Suggestions are made in the sections labeled 'What to Look For' and 'What to Do'. These are intended to begin the process of interpreting your results and identifying potential solutions and are not the only options to consider.

► The data contained in this report are based on those students from your institution who were identified as taking both the ACT and CAAP. These students may not be typical of all students from your institution. Please use caution if you wish to generalize these results to your entire student body.
ENGLISH/Writing Skills

• 60% of students from your institution were in the same quartile range on CAAP as they were on the ACT.

• 28% of students from your institution were in a lower quartile range on CAAP than they were on the ACT.

• 13% of students from your institution were in a higher quartile range on CAAP than they were on the ACT.

N = 332

MATHEMATICS

• 76% of students from your institution were in the same quartile range on CAAP as they were on the ACT.

• 6% of students from your institution were in a lower quartile range on CAAP than they were on the ACT.

• 18% of students from your institution were in a higher quartile range on CAAP than they were on the ACT.

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READING

• 56% of students from your institution were in the same quartile range on CAAP as they were on the ACT.

• 25% of students from your institution were in a lower quartile range on CAAP than they were on the ACT.

• 18% of students from your institution were in a higher quartile range on CAAP than they were on the ACT.

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SCIENCE

• 71% of students from your institution were in the same quartile range on CAAP as they were on the ACT.

• 12% of students from your institution were in a lower quartile range on CAAP than they were on the ACT.

• 17% of students from your institution were in a higher quartile range on CAAP than they were on the ACT.

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1 %'s may not add up to 100% because of rounding.
2 Due to small sample sizes, results for tests where N<25 should be interpreted with caution.

Note: . indicates no test data available.
The ACT English and CAAP Writing Skills tests measure students’ understanding of the conventions of standard written English in punctuation, grammar, sentence structure, strategy, organization, and style.

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### Performance of Your ACT/CAAP Matched Students in ACT English and CAAP Writing Skills Quartiles

**Figure 1. Percent of Your Matched Students' ACT Scores in the Reference Group ACT Quartiles - English**

- 1-24: 5%
- 25-49: 11%
- 50-74: 35%
- 75 and above: 49%

**Figure 2. Percent of Your Matched Students' Scores in the Reference Group CAAP Quartiles - Writing Skills**

- 1-24: 6%
- 25-49: 18%
- 50-74: 34%
- 75 and above: 42%

### What to Look For:

*Within a given ACT or CAAP quartile range, how does the percentage of your matched students compare to the 25% in each of the reference group quartiles?*

*On the ACT and CAAP, does your institution have a higher percentage of your matched students in the upper or lower quartiles?*

*What changes occurred between the ACT and CAAP testings?*

### What to Do:

*Verify that your institution offers all the necessary English/writing skills courses for students to advance.*

*Review your curricula to determine if your courses are rigorous.*

*Determine if your English/writing skills curricula include, but are not necessarily limited to, instruction on punctuation, grammar and usage, sentence structure, strategy, organization, and style.*
### Table 1. Percent of Your Matched Students in ACT Quartiles Across CAAP Quartiles

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<th>50-74</th>
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<td>1-24</td>
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<td>5%</td>
<td>9</td>
<td>3%</td>
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<td>25-49</td>
<td>36</td>
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<td>11%</td>
<td>6</td>
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<td>20</td>
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<td>Totals across Quartiles</td>
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<td>20 6%</td>
<td>59 18%</td>
<td>114 34%</td>
<td>139 42%</td>
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Table 1 enables you to compare the percentage of your students falling into each of the ACT reference group quartiles, while tracking whether students either remained in the same, progressed to the next, or fell to a lower reference group quartile range on CAAP. The highlighted diagonal displays those students who remained in the same reference group quartile on CAAP as on the ACT. Those above the diagonal progressed to a higher quartile range on CAAP, and those below the highlighted diagonal fell to a lower quartile.

For example, look at the column for the second quartile for CAAP Writing Skills (Percentile Rank 25-49): 18% of your students scored in this quartile on the CAAP Writing Skills test. Of those 18%, 2% of your students scored in the first quartile, 6% scored in the second quartile, 8% scored in the third quartile, and 2% scored in the fourth quartile on the ACT English test. Compared to the ACT, 6% scored in the same quartile on CAAP where 2% increased from the first quartile on the ACT to the second quartile on CAAP, and 10% dropped from higher quartiles on The ACT to the second quartile on CAAP.

Ideally, you would like to see most of your students either maintaining or progressing into higher quartile ranges on CAAP than on the ACT as this indicates greater growth than exhibited by the reference group.

**What to Look for:**
* Do you consistently have more students scoring in higher quartile ranges on CAAP than they scored on the ACT?  
* What percentage of your matched students in the first quartile on the ACT progressed to higher quartiles on CAAP?  
* Across quartiles on the ACT, are more of your matched students in higher or lower quartiles on CAAP?  
* Is the percentage of your matched students in the top ACT quartile equal to the percentage of your matched students in the top quartile on CAAP?

**What to Do:**
* Determine if your matched students have taken all the necessary coursework between the ACT and CAAP testings to maintain or improve their quartile ranking.  
* Encourage every student to take all the necessary general education coursework necessary for success.  
* Look at the motivation levels of your students to infer if most students gave their best effort on CAAP. (See the CAAP Institutional Summary Report for motivation information.)
### Performance of Your ACT/CAAP Matched Students on the ACT English and CAAP Writing Skills

#### Table 2. Frequencies, Means, and Standard Deviations for Your Matched Students Compared to the Reference Group on the ACT and CAAP

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**What to Look For:**
- Is the ACT English mean for your matched students greater or less than the mean for the reference group on the ACT English test?
- Is the CAAP Writing Skills mean for your matched students greater or less than the mean for the reference group on the CAAP Writing Skills?

**What to Do:**
- Determine if your matched students need more rigorous English-related instruction.
- Refer to your CAAP Institutional Summary Report to examine the descriptive statistics for your entire CAAP-tested population and for subgroups (e.g., age, ethnicity, gender).

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**Your ACT/CAAP Linkage Report**

This report should be used as one piece of information in assessing the progress and status of your matched students. The accuracy of overall student progress and status reflected in this report is dependent on the quality of your sample.

When reviewing this report consider the following:
- Are the students in this report a representative sample of all students at your institution?
- Do you need to include more students in your next CAAP testing to obtain a better sample?

**Additional Information to Review**

Other information that you could use to supplement this report include:
- The CAAP Institutional Summary Report
- The CAAP Content Analysis Report
- Student Grades/GPA in their English/writing courses
- The number and rigor of English/writing courses taken
- Other student information (e.g., student major, full time, part time, motivation, etc.)
Based on selections of prose fiction that are representative of material commonly encountered in college curricula, ACT and CAAP Reading tests measure students' reading comprehension by requiring students to derive meaning, make comparisons and generalizations, manipulate information, and draw conclusions.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

- 56% of students from your institution were in the same quartile range on CAAP as they were on the ACT.
- 25% of students from your institution were in a lower quartile range on CAAP than they were on the ACT.
- 18% of students from your institution were in a higher quartile range on CAAP than they were on the ACT.

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Performance of Your ACT/CAAP Matched Students in ACT and CAAP Reading Quartiles

**What to Look For:**
*Within a given ACT/CAAP quartile range, how does the percentage of your matched students compare to the 25% in each of the reference group quartiles?*
*On the ACT and CAAP, does your institution have a higher percentage of your matched students in the upper or lower quartiles?*
*What changes occurred between the ACT and CAAP testings?*

**What to Do:**
*Verify your institution offers all the necessary reading-related courses for students to advance.*
*Review your curricula to determine if your courses are rigorous.*
*Determine if your reading-related curricula include, but are not necessarily limited to, instruction on deriving meaning, manipulating information, making comparisons and generalizations, and drawing conclusions.*
Table 1. Percent of Your Matched Students in ACT Quartiles Across CAAP Quartiles

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For example, look at the column for the second quartile for CAAP Reading (Percentile Rank 25-49); 15% of your students scored in this quartile on the CAAP Reading test. Of those 15%, 2% of your students scored in the first quartile, 3% scored in the second quartile, 7% scored in the third quartile, and 3% scored in the fourth quartile on the ACT Reading test. Compared to the ACT, 3% scored in the same quartile on CAAP where 2% increased from the first quartile on the ACT to the second quartile on CAAP, and 10% dropped from higher quartiles on the ACT to the second quartile on CAAP.

Ideally, you would like to see most of your students either maintaining or progressing into higher quartile ranges on CAAP than on the ACT as this indicates greater growth than exhibited by the reference group.

**What to Look for:**
* Do you consistently have more students scoring in higher quartile ranges on CAAP than they scored on the ACT?  
* What percentage of your matched students in the first quartile on the ACT progressed to higher quartiles on CAAP?  
* Across quartiles on the ACT, are more of your matched students in higher or lower quartiles on CAAP?  
* Is the percentage of your matched students in the top ACT quartile equal to the percentage of your matched students in the top quartile on CAAP?

**What to Do:**
* Determine if your matched students have taken all the necessary coursework between the ACT and CAAP testings to maintain or improve their quartile ranking.  
* Encourage every student to take all the general education coursework necessary for success.  
* Look at the motivation levels of your students to infer if most students gave their best effort on CAAP. (See the CAAP Institutional Summary Report for information on motivation.)
Performance of Your ACT/CAAP Matched Students in ACT and CAAP Reading

Table 2. Frequencies, Means, and Standard Deviations for Your Matched Students Compared to the Reference Group on ACT and CAAP

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What to Look For:
* Is the ACT Reading mean for Your Matched Students greater or less than the ACT Reading mean for the Reference Group?
* Is the CAAP Reading mean for Your Matched Students greater or less than the CAAP Reading mean for the Reference Group?

What to Do:
* Determine if your matched students need more rigorous reading-related instruction.
* Refer to your CAAP Institutional Summary Report to examine the descriptive statistics for your entire CAAP-tested population and for subgroups (e.g., age, ethnicity, gender).

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* Do you need to include more students in your next CAAP testing to obtain a better sample?

Additional Information to Review
Other information that you could use to supplement this report include:
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* The CAAP Content Analysis Report
* Student Grades/GPA in their reading-intensive courses
* The number and rigor of reading-related courses taken by the students who took CAAP
* Other student information (e.g., student major, full time, part time, motivation, etc.)
Based on mathematical problems encountered in many postsecondary curricula, the ACT and CAAP Mathematics tests measure students' proficiency in mathematical reasoning.

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 76% of students from your institution were in the same quartile range on CAAP as they were on the ACT.
- 6% of students from your institution were in a lower quartile range on CAAP than they were on the ACT.
- 18% of students from your institution were in a higher quartile range on CAAP than they were on the ACT.

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Performance of Your ACT/CAAP Matched Students in ACT and CAAP Mathematics

**Figure 1. Percent of Your Matched Students' ACT Scores in the Reference Group ACT Quartiles - Mathematics**

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<td>75 and above</td>
<td>73%</td>
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**Figure 2. Percent of Your Matched Students' CAAP Scores in the Reference Group CAAP Quartiles - Mathematics**

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<td>50-74</td>
<td>14%</td>
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<td>75 and above</td>
<td>84%</td>
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**What to Look For:**
*Within a given ACT or CAAP quartile range, how does the percentage of your matched students compare to the 25% in each of the reference group quartiles?*
*On the ACT and CAAP, does your institution have a higher percentage of your matched students in the upper or lower quartiles?*
*What changes occurred between the ACT and CAAP testings?*

**What to Do:**
*Verify that your institution offers all the appropriate mathematics-related courses for students to advance.*
*Review your curricula to determine if your courses are rigorous.*
*Determine if your curricula include, but are not necessarily limited to, instruction in Prealgebra, Elementary Algebra, Intermediate Algebra, Coordinate Geometry, College Algebra, and Trigonometry.*
### Performance of Your ACT/CAAP Matched Students Across ACT/CAAP Mathematics Quartiles

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For example, look at the column for the second quartile for CAAP Mathematics (Percentile Rank 25-49); 1% of your students scored in this quartile on the CAAP Mathematics test. Of those 1%, 0% of your students scored in the first quartile, 0% scored in the second quartile, 1% scored in the third quartile, and 0% scored in the fourth quartile on the ACT Mathematics test. Compared to the ACT, 0% scored in the same quartile on CAAP where 0% increased from the first quartile on the ACT to the second quartile on CAAP, and 1% dropped from higher quartiles on the ACT to the second quartile on CAAP.

Ideally, you would like to see most of your students either maintaining or progressing into higher quartile ranges on CAAP than on the ACT as this indicates greater growth than exhibited by the reference group.

### What to Look for:

* Do you consistently have more students scoring in higher quartile ranges on CAAP than they scored on the ACT?
* What percentage of your matched students in the first quartile on the ACT progressed to higher quartiles on CAAP?
* Across quartiles on the ACT, are more of your matched students in higher or lower quartiles on CAAP?
* Is the percentage of your matched students in the top ACT quartile equal to the percentage of your matched students in the top quartile on CAAP?

### What to Do:

* Determine if students have taken all the necessary coursework between the ACT and CAAP testings to maintain or improve their quartile ranking.
* Encourage every student to take all the necessary general education coursework.
* Look at the motivation levels of your students to infer if most students gave their best effort on CAAP. (See the CAAP Institutional Summary Report for motivation information.)
### Performance of Your ACT/CAAP Matched Students in ACT and CAAP Mathematics

#### Table 2. Frequencies, Means, and Standard Deviations for Your Matched Students Compared to the Reference Group on The ACT and CAAP

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<td>Your Matched Students</td>
<td>332</td>
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**What to Look For:**

* Is the ACT Mathematics mean for Your Matched Students greater or less than the ACT Mathematics mean for the Reference Group?

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**What to Do:**

* Determine if your matched students need more rigorous mathematics-related instruction.

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ACT AND CAAP SCIENCE $^1,^2$

Based on science problems encountered in many postsecondary curricula, The ACT and CAAP Science tests measure students' proficiency in scientific reasoning.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 71% of students from your institution were in the same quartile range on CAAP as they were on the ACT.
- 12% of students from your institution were in a lower quartile range on CAAP than they were on the ACT.
- 17% of students from your institution were in a higher quartile range on CAAP than they were on the ACT.

N = 332

$^1$ Throughout this section, %’s may not add up to 100% or to the sum of subgroup percents because of rounding.

$^2$ Due to small sample sizes, results for tests where N<25 should be interpreted with caution.
Performance of Your ACT/CAAP Matched Students in ACT and CAAP Science

**Figure 1.** Percent of Your Matched Students’ ACT Scores in the Reference Group ACT Quartiles - Science

**Figure 2.** Percent of Your Matched Students’ CAAP Scores in the Reference Group CAAP Quartiles - Science

**What to Look For:**
*Within a given ACT or CAAP quartile range, how does the percentage of your matched students compare to the 25% in each of the reference group quartiles?*
*On the ACT and CAAP, does your institution have a higher percentage of your matched students in the upper or lower quartiles?*
*What changes occurred between the ACT and CAAP testings?*

**What to Do:**
*Verify that your institution offers all the appropriate science-related courses for students to advance.*
*Review your curricula to determine if your courses are rigorous.*
*Determine if your curricula include, but are not necessarily limited to, instruction in the interpretation of data, scientific investigation, and the evaluation of models, inferences, and experimental results.*
Table 1 enables you to compare the percentage of your students falling into each of the ACT quartiles, while tracking whether students either remained in the same quartile range, progressed into the next quartile range, or fell to a lower quartile range on CAAP. The highlighted diagonal displays those students who remained in the same reference group quartile on CAAP as on the ACT. Those above the diagonal progressed to a higher quartile range on CAAP and those below the highlighted diagonal fell into a lower quartile.

For example, look at the column for the second quartile for CAAP Science (Percentile Rank 25-49); 5% of your students scored in this quartile on the CAAP Science test. Of those 5%, 1% of your students scored in the first quartile, 1% scored in the second quartile, 2% scored in the third quartile, and 1% scored in the fourth quartile on the ACT Science test. Compared to the ACT, 1% scored in the same quartile on CAAP where 1% increased from the first quartile on the ACT to the second quartile on CAAP, and 3% dropped from higher quartiles on the ACT to the second quartile on CAAP.

Ideally, you would like to see most of your students either maintaining or progressing into higher quartile ranges on CAAP than on the ACT as this indicates greater growth than exhibited by the reference group.

**Table 1. Percent of Your Matched Students in ACT Quartiles Across CAAP Quartiles**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>ACT Science Score Percentile Rank</th>
<th>Totals across Quartiles</th>
<th>CAAP Science Score Percentile Rank</th>
<th>1-24</th>
<th>25-49</th>
<th>50-74</th>
<th>75 and above</th>
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<td></td>
<td>N</td>
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<td>6%</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>1%</td>
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<td>1%</td>
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<td>0</td>
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<tr>
<td>75 and above</td>
<td>226</td>
<td>68%</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0%</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>1%</td>
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<td>Totals across Quartiles</td>
<td>332</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>1%</td>
<td>15</td>
<td>5%</td>
<td>74</td>
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**What to Look for:**
*Do you consistently have more students scoring in higher quartile ranges on CAAP than they scored on the ACT?*
*What percentage of your matched students in the first quartile on the ACT progressed to higher quartiles on CAAP?*
*Across quartiles on the ACT, are more of your matched students in higher or lower quartiles on CAAP?*
*Is the percentage of your matched students in the top ACT quartile equal to the percentage of your matched students in the top quartile on CAAP?*

**What to Do:**
*Determine if students have taken all the necessary coursework between the ACT and CAAP testings to maintain or improve their quartile ranking.*
*Encourage all students to take all the necessary general education coursework.*
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### Performance of Your ACT/CAAP Matched Students in ACT and CAAP Science

#### Table 2. Frequencies, Means, and Standard Deviations for Your Matched Students Compared to the Reference Group on The ACT and CAAP

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<th>CAAP Science</th>
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