



4.21 College Readiness Assessment

Policy Statement:

The College seeks to improve academic success rates by ensuring students are placed into appropriate level courses based on their reading, writing, and mathematic skills. Brunswick Community College (BCC) uses a hierarchy of measures to determine student's college readiness. BCC subscribes to the use of multiple measures placement by examining recent high school graduates' GPA, ACT/SAT thresholds, and if necessary placement (assessment) testing data. BCC also uses the North Carolina Diagnostic and Placement (NC DAP) assessment to measurement a student's college readiness. Students must satisfy all pre-requisites for curriculum courses by exempting out of developmental courses or successfully completing all stipulated developmental courses/modules as defined by the NC DAP assessment results.

Procedures:

Prospective students enrolling in curriculum programs or special credit students interested in taking English, mathematics, or any other courses that require an English or mathematics pre-requisite/co-requisite must provide evidence of college-level readiness, or complete a college readiness assessment to be exempted from enrolling in remedial education courses. Evidence of college readiness includes but is not limited to high school transcripts, assessment scores, college transcripts that identify credit earned at higher-level institutions, or non-credit earned for college readiness courses. Evidence must be submitted to the Admissions office prior to enrolling in courses.

A prospective student may be exempt from assessment testing if they meet one or more of the following criteria:

- A North Carolina High school graduate who graduated within the past five years with an unweighted GPA of 2.6 or higher and completed Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry, and a 4th level math course. (A North Carolina High school graduate that enters the college with a GPA between 2.6 and 2.9 may be required to enroll in supplemental instruction English and/or math courses.)
- SAT scores of 480 or higher in evidence-based reading and writing and 530 or higher in math.
- ACT scores of 22 or higher in reading, 18 or higher in English, and 22 or higher in math.
- A grade of "C" or better in college-level English or math courses.
- Achieved a 3 or higher on appropriate Advanced Placement (AP) test or a 50 or higher on a College-Level Examination Program (CLEP) test administered by the College Board, AP or CLEP.
- Successfully completed college readiness courses equivalent to the college's remedial course offerings.
- Has completed a Compass or Accuplacer Assessment exam within the past five years.



The college provides opportunities for prospective students to complete assessments throughout the year at the main campus testing facility. Prior to attempting the exam, students are strongly encouraged to complete a practice exam and study using the preparation resources available on the college's website.

Students meet with an Academic Success Coach to review reading, writing, and math assessment scores. Students who do not receive a passing score have an opportunity to retake all or a portion of the exam. Assessment exams may not be taken more than 2 times in a 6-month period. Students may not retest if they have started remedial reading, writing, or math courses.

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