6.4.4 Placement Testing

Last Revised: April 2014

Policy: Piedmont Community College (PCC) requires students seeking admission to associate degree or appropriate diploma and certificate programs to demonstrate proficiency in computer skills, math, reading, and writing.

Purpose/Definitions
PCC believes that every student has an “opportunity to succeed” in their educational programs. The testing and placement programs are designed to ensure that a student is not placed into a course or program unless the student has the basic skills needed for success in that course or program. The College’s faculty and staff will work with the student to promote academic success.

Approval Authority/Monitoring Authority: Piedmont Community College’s Board of Trustees has approval authority for this policy. The Vice President, Instruction and Student Development has monitoring authority for this policy.

Procedures:
Students may be required to show proficiency in math, reading and writing by:

- Graduating from high school within 5 years of enrollment at the College with a 2.6 or greater un-weighted GPA and completion of 4 required high school math courses (see exhibit 6.4.4.1);
- Demonstrating reading, writing, and math proficiency on the SAT or ACT subject-areas (see exhibit 6.4.4.1);
- Taking the State Board approved placement test for math, reading, writing, and computer skills and scoring at College-level; or
- Providing evidence of previous attendance at an accredited college or university. Students successfully completing college level courses in English and/or Math may be exempted from the admissions placement tests.

Students must show computer proficiency by taking the College approved placement test and scoring at college-level or provide evidence of completing a comparable college-level Computer Science course at an accredited college or university.

Students who do not show proficiency in one or more of the areas (reading, writing, math, computer skills) must take the appropriate developmental courses before enrolling in college-level courses.

Legal Citation: N/A

History: Effective October 1988; Revised October 2001, February 2012, April 2014
Exhibit 6.4.4.1 Placement Testing

Required High School Math Courses (4 Courses Required):
- Algebra I
- Geometry
- Algebra II

Approved 4th Math Courses
- Advanced Functions and Modeling
- Analytical Geometry
- Calculus
- AP Statistics
- Discrete Mathematics
- Integrated Mathematics IV
- Mindset
- Pre-Calculus
- Probability & Statistics
- Trigonometry

Minimum Proficiency Required on ACT or SAT Test:
- Math – SAT 500 or ACT 22
- English – ACT Reading 22 or ACT English 18,
  - SAT 500 Writing or 500 Reading