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Non-Credit Courses Preparing Students for College Entry

New student applicants are required to take a standardized placement examination prior to enrollment in curriculum degree or diploma programs. Test results will be used to determine which (if any) developmental courses may need to be completed prior to enrollment in college courses. Students who are not proficient in keyboarding will be required to enroll in OST 080 before taking any computer course.

Sampson Community College has established placement standards. Required scores on the ASSET or Compass Placement Tests indicate an applicant's readiness to begin curriculum-level courses. Students who score below this level or lack documented proficiency in certain required courses have the opportunity to strengthen reading, English, math, chemistry, and keyboarding skills by taking Developmental Education courses. Students who do not meet the math score to enter MAT 060 will be scheduled to take the Pre-curriculum Math. All students enrolling in the course will take the Test of Adult Basic Education upon entry. Exit from Pre-Curriculum Math requires a passing grade and post-testing using the Test of Adult Basic Education. Furthermore, in order to enter developmental/curriculum math, the student completing Pre-curriculum Math must meet the placement test score required for entry into the course in which they enroll or end-of-course exam.

The time required for completion of developmental courses varies from person to person. For most students, one to three semesters of study provides adequate preparation. Developmental Education courses are offered to help assure student success and to meet specific course prerequisite requirements and are available to all students who plan to enter diploma or degree programs. **Developmental courses do not offer college credit.** A schedule which includes Developmental courses is developed for each student to suit his/her academic needs. Developmental requirements may extend the total time for graduation by one or two semesters for full-time students.

CURRICULUM

Prefix #	Title	CL	LA	CR
BIO090	Foundations of Biology	3	2	4
CHM092	Fundamentals of Chemistry	3	2	4
ENG080	Writing Foundations	3	2	4
ENG090	Composition Strategies	3	0	3
ENG0900A	Composition Strategies Lab	0	2	1
MAT060	Essential Mathematics	3	2	4
MAT070	Introductory Algebra	3	2	4
MAT080	Intermediate Algebra	3	2	4
OST080	Keyboarding Literacy	1	2	2
RED080	Intro to College Reading	3	2	4
RED090	Improving College Reading	3	2	4

BIO 090 or high school biology, CHM 092 or high school chemistry, and MAT 070 are prerequisites for the Nursing curricula.

Exit Criteria and Tutorial Assistance

The college recommends that students enrolled in developmental courses seek tutorial assistance if they receive any grade below a “B”. The grade required to pass all developmental courses is a “C” or better. This criteria for course exit is consistent with the definition of “passing” for a developmental course as defined by the North Carolina Community College System.