



NORTH CAROLINA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM

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Interim President

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Presidents and Chief Academic Officers

FROM: Kimberly Gold, Senior Vice President/Chief Academic Officer

RE: Extended Temporary Guidance of the Direct Placement Policy for MAT 271 Calculus I

Due to difficulties in completing standardized testing under the restrictions of the COVID-19 pandemic, the System Office issued guidance for additional temporary direct placement measures for MAT 271 Calculus I for the Summer 2020 and Fall 2020 semesters (see [Numbered Memo CC20-047](#)).

Based on feedback and data from colleges, the MAT 271 Placement Team determined that the temporary placement measures in effect (in addition to the already existing permanent placement measures) should be kept through the Spring 2021 and Summer 2021 semesters. The temporary measures include:

A student may place directly into MAT 271 if the student has met at least one (1) of the following criteria within the past five (5) years:

- *An unweighted HS GPA of 3.5 or higher and a grade of C or higher in the North Carolina Standard Course of Study Pre-Calculus Course or an equivalent course from another state.*
- *Local diagnostic exam or challenge exam, which demonstrates proficiency in Pre-Calculus course competencies.*

The MAT 271 Placement Team plans to reconvene in January 2021 to make a more permanent recommendation after further discussion and examination of data.

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