

STATE BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES
Career & College Promise (CCP) Operating Procedures Revisions

At the request of staff, the State Board of Community Colleges is asked to:

Add the NC DAP Cut Scores for mathematics as a college readiness benchmark for Career and College Promise.

Rationale: The North Carolina Community College System is in the process of converting from Accuplacer to NCDAP.

Background: Session Law 2011-145, the Appropriations Act of 2011, authorized the State Board of Education and the State Board of Community Colleges to establish the Career and College Promise program, effective January 1, 2012.

Career and College Promise provides seamless dual enrollment educational opportunities for eligible North Carolina high school students in order to accelerate completion of college certificates, diplomas, and associate degrees that lead to college transfer or provide entry-level job skills. North Carolina community colleges may offer the following Career and College Promise pathways aligned with the K-12 curriculum and career and college ready standards adopted by the State Board of Education:

1. A Transfer Pathway leading to a minimum of 30 hours of college transfer credit;
2. A Career and Technical Education Pathway leading to a certificate, diploma or degree;
3. A Cooperative Innovative High School Pathway approved under Part 9 of Article 16 of Chapter 115C of the General Statutes.

In order to be eligible for enrollment in a Career and College Promise Transfer Pathway under Career and College Promise, a high school student must meet the following criteria:

- a. Be a high school junior or senior;
- b. Have a weighted GPA of 3.0 on high school courses; and
- c. Demonstrate college readiness on an assessment or placement test.

A student must demonstrate college readiness in English, reading and mathematics to be eligible for enrollment in a College Transfer Pathway.

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College Readiness* Benchmarks on Approved Diagnostic Assessment Tests

Test	PLAN**	PSAT**	Asset (NCCCS Cut Score)	COMPASS (NCCCS Cut Score)	Accuplacer (NCCCS Cut Score)	<u>NC DAP</u> <u>(NCCCS Cut Score)</u>
English	15	45	41 Writing	70 Writing	86 Sentence Skills	Composite score of 151 or higher ***
Reading	18	47	41 Reading	81 Reading	80 Reading	
Mathematics	19	47	41 Numerical Skills and 41 Int. Algebra	47 Pre- Algebra and 66 Algebra	55 Arithmetic and 75 Elem. Algebra	<u>7 on each assessment for DMA 010 thru 060</u>

In addition to the diagnostic assessments, colleges may use the following SAT and ACT scores recommended by the testing companies as benchmarks for college readiness:*

SAT		ACT	
English	500	English	18
Critical Reading	500	Reading	22
Mathematics	500	Mathematics	22

*To be eligible for enrollment in a College Transfer Pathway, students must demonstrate college readiness in English, reading, and mathematics on an approved test or tests. Eligibility may be demonstrated by achieving the required scores on a single test or by combining test scores from any of the approved assessments. For example, a student may combine a 19 on PLAN math with an 86 and an 80 on Accuplacer sentence skills and reading to demonstrate college readiness.

**PLAN and PSAT scores recommended by ACT and College Board as indicators of college readiness.

***The Reading & English part of the NC DAP is an integrated assessment of reading and English skills; meeting the composite cut score score for placement into ENG 111 is one way to demonstrate college readiness in order to participate in the College Transfer Pathway.