Title: College Entry Assessment, Course Placement, and Remediation Options

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Purpose: To state College policy relating to entry assessment, course placement, and remediation options.

Santa Fe College is committed to providing access to postsecondary education through the open door admission policy while maintaining high academic standards. Initial basic skills assessment and appropriate course placement are critical factors in student success. The Santa Fe College assessment policy is in compliance with Rule 6A-10.0315, College Preparatory Testing, Placement, and Instruction.

As of Spring 2014, students who entered 9th grade in a Florida public school in the 2003-04 school year, or any year thereafter, and earned a Florida standard high school diploma, or students who are serving as active duty members of any branch of the United States Armed Services, are considered exempt and are not required to take the common placement test nor enroll in developmental education instruction, unless they choose to do so. All other degree-seeking students are considered non-exempt for the purposes of the rule.

First-Time-In-College Students

Non-exempt, first-time-in-college applicants for admission to Santa Fe College who apply to enter degree programs shall be tested for reading, writing, and mathematics proficiency prior to initial registration, using the Florida College Entry Level Placement Test. Students earning scores below those listed in Rule 6A-10.0315 shall enroll in specified college preparatory communication and/or computation course(s). Students earning scores above those listed will be placed in appropriate college level course(s).

Students who present scores on either the SAT-I or E-ACT that meet or exceed the scores in reading, writing, and mathematics listed in Rule 6A-10.0315 may be exempted from taking the Florida College Entry Level Placement Test. These scores shall be no
more than two years old. Students who score below college level in any area will take the entire College Entry Level placement test (CPTs). Course placement will be based on the CPTs scores.

Transfer Students

Non-exempt, transfer students lacking current placement test scores or official transcripts showing appropriate course completion on their Santa Fe College student records shall take the Common Placement Test for subject areas in which a grade of C or better has not been earned. Students earning scores below those listed in Rule 6A-10.0315 shall enroll in the specified developmental education communication and/or computation course(s), unless college level coursework listed in the assessment policy is documented on the transcript. Students earning scores above those listed will be placed in appropriate college level course(s).

Readmit Students and Certificate-to-Degree Students

Non-exempt, readmit students and students who change program codes from certificate to degree and who do not have placement scores or appropriate coursework will take the Common Placement Test for the appropriate skill area(s). Students earning scores below those listed in Rule 6A-10.0315 shall enroll in specified college preparatory communication and/or communication course(s). Students earning scores above those listed will be placed in appropriate college level course(s).

Remediation Options

Santa Fe College provides comprehensive remediation through the Academic Foundations Adult Education programs. Remediation options include adult basic education and adult secondary education.

The President is authorized to adopt procedures to implement this rule.

Rule History
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