

Eastern Kentucky University Developmental Education and College Readiness Program

The Eastern Kentucky University Developmental Education and College Readiness Program are designed to help students achieve academic success by developing or enhancing skills in three essential skill areas: reading, writing, and mathematics. Proficiencies in these areas are measured by student performance on the ACT, SAT, and ECU placement tests. Students needing additional preparation, identified through testing, are required to enroll in college readiness or developmental education coursework. College readiness is based on the Kentucky System-Wide Standards of Assessment and Placement.

Enrollment & Completion Requirements

All full- or part-time students with developmental requirements in two or more areas must take GSO 102 in the first semester of enrollment. All full- or part-time students with college readiness or developmental requirements, identified by the ACT, SAT and local placement testing are required to enroll in the specified developmental course(s) during their first and each subsequent semester of enrollment, excluding summer, at ECU until all developmental requirements are completed. Part-time students must enroll in any required college readiness or developmental course(s) before attempting course work which carries academic credit, other than GSO 102, ENR 116 or other required orientation courses. Students with these requirements are allowed a maximum of two consecutive terms of University enrollment, excluding summer, to successfully complete each required course. Students not completing these requirements in the specified timeframe will have holds placed on their course registration. Students with college readiness or developmental requirements must complete all required courses by the end of the term in which they attempt their 45th credit hour, including developmental hours. Withdrawal from a developmental course counts as one semester of University enrollment toward the attempted completion of developmental requirements. Students not completing all developmental requirements within 45 hours will be developmentally dismissed.

The developmental and college readiness courses offered at Eastern are as follows: ENG 090 (Basic Writing), ENG 095 (Developmental Composition), ENR 090 (Developmental Reading I), ENR 095 (Developmental Reading II), ENR 116 (Strategies for College Reading), MAT 090 (Pre-algebra), and MAT 095 (Developmental Algebra I). Placement in and successful completion of these courses is required of students not demonstrating proficiency through testing. Each developmental (listed with a prefix of 090 or 095) is a three-hour institutional credit course. Credit hours for these courses do not apply toward graduation but do count toward enrollment status for such purposes as determining eligibility for housing and financial aid.

Students with two or more developmental area requirements are enrolled in associate degree programs or as "Undeclared" majors. The Office of Academic Advising will assist these students in creating linkages to the departments of their intended majors. Students with two or more developmental area requirements are restricted to 13 hours of University enrollment, unless otherwise specified by admission status.

Placement Guidelines

All students are required to demonstrate college readiness skills in reading, mathematics, and writing. These skills are assessed by ACT and SAT scores and placement test scores. Students have the opportunity to take placement tests before orientation sessions and during New Student Days. Students are encouraged to prepare for the placement tests by using the sample online placement tests available at www.testing.eku.edu. These tests can be scheduled by contacting the ECU Office of Academic Testing. Students not demonstrating proficiency are required to successfully complete additional coursework.

- **Reading**

The reading section of the ACT is used to identify students who may have difficulty with college level reading material. The following reading score placement guidelines have been established.

- ACT Reading score 01-14 - placement in ENR 090
- ACT Reading score 15-17 - placement in ENR 095

- ACT Reading score 18-19 – placement in ENR 116
- ACT Reading score 20 or above or a sum of the SAT verbal/critical reading and mathematics score 870 or higher - basic reading skills are assumed

- **Mathematics**

The mathematics section of the ACT is used to determine placement in developmental mathematics courses. The following guidelines for mathematics placement have been established.

- ACT Math score 01-16 - placement in MAT 090
- ACT Math score 17-18 - placement in MAT 095
- ACT Math score 19 or above or a sum of the SAT verbal/critical reading and mathematics score 870 or higher - basic mathematics skills are assumed

- **Writing**

The English section of the ACT test is used to determine placement in the appropriate level freshman English composition course. The following composition guidelines have been established.

- ACT English score 01-14 - placement in ENG 090
- ACT English score 15-17 - placement in ENG 095
- ACT English score 18-27 or a sum of the SAT verbal/critical reading and mathematics score 870 or higher - basic writing skills are assumed and students are placed in ENG 101 (English Composition I)
- ACT English score 28 or above - basic writing skills are assumed and students are placed in ENG 105 (English Composition Honors)

Transfer Students

Transfer students must demonstrate proficiency in the essential skill areas of reading, writing, and mathematics. The University will consider transfer course work, ACT or SAT scores on file at the University, and ECU placement tests in determining skill proficiencies. Students transferring to ECU with an Associate of Arts, Associate of Science, Associate of Applied Sciences, and Associate of Science in Nursing degree, or equivalent, are considered proficient in the three basic skill areas of English (writing), mathematics, and reading.

For additional information or questions concerning Eastern Kentucky University's Developmental Education Program, please contact Sue Cain, Director of Transition and University Services at (859) 622-2306 or at Sue.Cain@eku.edu.