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Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College, Asheville North Carolina

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College Background: 58 community colleges in 100 counties in North Carolina

A-B Tech has 6,000 students in college curriculum

A-B Tech has 20,000 in continuing education

A-B Tech has over 3,000 FTE

A-B Tech offers AA, AS, AAS degrees, diplomas, and certificates

Mission: A-B Tech, the community's college, is dedicated to student success. As a comprehensive community college, A-B Tech is committed to providing accessible, quality educational opportunities for lifelong learning to meet the diverse and changing needs of our community (p.20, College Catalog).

Grouping of students—those declared in a program, and those who are unclassified (not enrolled in a major)

Once students are declared in a program, or if they want to take math, English, reading or any course for which math or English are prerequisites, they must take College Placement Testing (CPT). **Every student receives counseling immediately after taking CPT**

Note: transferring is considered a program (general education)

Even unclassified/undeclared must have skill level in composition; placement is based on transcript and their successful completion of previous comp

2 levels of English and reading--curriculum matches program

3 levels of math

Waiver

All students (except Allied Health—competitive program) may waive CPT with acceptable SAT, ACT or CPT scores earned in the preceding 3 years. See Cut scores for SAT and ACT (handout) SAT--500 on both verbal and math

ACT--21 on English, 18 on Reading, and 20 on Math

Transfer credit received from a regionally accredited institution for first-level English and math will be accepted in lieu of placement testing (verified with official transcript)

Provisional Student Status

“ . . . provisional status shall is dependent upon the results of placement testing and the professional judgment of the Student Services counselor/advisor. The counselor/advisor will identify courses tailored to meet the student's academic needs. The Placement Information Sheet will document the developmental course work required of the students. A copy of the Placement information Sheet will be filed in the student's permanent records as well as with the academic advisor.

Provisional students area generally permitted to register concurrently for developmental courses and required courses in their program of student as long as they meet the pre requisites; however,

it is recommended that the course schedule for any academic term not exceed 15 credit hours. Developmental courses must be taken beginning with the student's first semester of enrollment and all such course work must be completed as outlined by the student's academic advisor." (p. 32 College Catalog)

Below 10th Percentile on CPT

If students score below the 10th percentile on CPT, they are referred to Adult Basic Skills to take the TABE. Adult Basic Skills tests them again. If they score above 8.5, they go into developmental coursework.

If students are deficit in all 3 skill areas (reading, writing, math) , only allowed into ABE.

“Students who place into Adult Basic Skills reading will be allowed to enroll in college course only after they have received appropriate remediation through the Adult Basic Skills program. Students who test into Adult Basic Skills language and math must also receive appropriate remediation prior to enrolling in college courses.

Students who place into Adult Basic Skills level math only or Adult Basic Skills language only will be allowed to take Developmental Studies and/or curriculum classes with approval of their academic advisor” (p. 32 College Catalog)

PASS (Placement Articulation Software Service) program (see handout)

An Assessment Specialist goes to the area high schools (with laptops) each year—assesses skills in areas of reading, sentence skills, mathematics, and algebra.

Assessments are done each year, voluntarily for grades 10-11-12 grades to track progress and to reflect placement after testing

Copy of scores (and letter) are returned to school counselors, student, and parents (Sample letters attached); approximately 485 Academic Attainment letters are sent Buckley Amendment doesn't apply

Seniors can register in the fall during high school for college courses in the spring
In the spring, after juniors are classified as seniors, can register for college courses
Counselors receive letter from A-B Tech

Other facts

No online CPT

Must have faculty signature to enroll

Drop/add under own signature

Course roster software internally developed--Upload scores into system once a week

Respectfully submitted to the
Developmental Education Committee,
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