Area: Instruction

Policy Name: Mandatory Assessment and Placement

Policy Statement: Mandatory Assessment ensures basic skills and abilities are measured for all incoming SATC students to provide information for the student and advisors in selecting courses and services that will best enhance the students' chances for success.

Procedures: To show readiness for college level work, all new students seeking a degree, certificate or planning to transfer for degree completion, will be assessed in writing, reading and mathematics prior to their first semester of enrollment.

All applicants for a technical program must complete the COMPASS Reading and Math Assessments. Students enrolling in English or math courses must meet the prerequisite(s) for the course or be placed according to the recommended COMPASS score. Please refer to the program in which you plan to receive your AAS before enrolling in these courses. Ask the advisor about transferability of general education courses. Students are encouraged to work with an advisor when they are ready to develop a plan of study that leads to a certificate or degree.

In consultation with the student, academic advising staff may consider additional student performance information in recommending course placement. Consideration may be given to high school grade point average; performance in prior courses taken (high school and college); the related rigor of prior courses; psychosocial factors including work, family support needs, etc.

Contact: Vice President of Instruction

Related Form(s):

Adopted: September 22, 2014

Updated: February 13, 2015