

SOUTHWEST TENNESSEE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

SUBJECT: Assessment and Placement of Students

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In order to ensure that students are adequately prepared for college courses and that each has a reasonable opportunity to succeed in their studies, Southwest Tennessee Community College requires that all students granted degree admission and all others for whom it is specifically required in the General Admission policy are subject to the following applicable assessment requirements.

- A. All applicants for regular admission as first-time freshmen who are **under the age of 21** must submit ACT or SAT scores to the College to determine proficiency and readiness for college-level work. ACT or SAT scores must be posted within three years prior to the first day of the first term of enrollment.
- B. For applicants who are **under the age of 21** and have not taken either the ACT or the SAT test or whose scores are not current, Southwest offers the Residual ACT® test. While the Residual ACT® test can be used to enroll at Southwest, the scores will not transfer to another institution nor can the score be used to qualify for the Tennessee Education Lottery Scholarship program.
- C. Applicants who are age 21 or older on the first day of classes of the term of initial enrollment and have no transfer credits from another institution are required to take all areas of the COMPASS® placement test prior to enrollment to determine placement into college level courses. However, applicants who are age 21 or older may submit ACT or SAT scores which were posted within three years prior to the first day of the first term of enrollment to determine proficiency and readiness for college-level work.
- D. Transfer students who have not completed at least one college-level English and one college-level Mathematics course with a "C" or better from a regionally accredited institution will be required to undergo COMPASS assessment in the appropriate areas (i.e. Writing, Reading, and/or Math).
- E. Students who were enrolled in remedial and developmental courses and who are transferring from other Tennessee Board of Regents (TBR) institutions (excluding Technology Centers) to Southwest Tennessee Community College must have their scores on the COMPASS test and transcript submitted to the Admissions Office prior to enrollment.

- F** Students whose ACT, SAT or COMPASS test scores do not indicate proficiency and readiness for college-level work must complete the prescribed remedial and developmental courses in reading, writing, and mathematics prior to enrolling in college courses for which such skills are prerequisite.

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