EXEMPTIONS TO PLACEMENT TESTING

Students entering degree programs, taking degree-credit courses, or any level of English, math, or reading courses are required to take a placement test before registering. ACT, SAT, CPT, and PERT are accepted. Exemptions to the placement test requirement can be found in Florida Statute 1008.30(4)(a), which states a student who entered 9th grade in a Florida public school in the 2003-2004 school year, or any year thereafter, and earned a Florida standard high school diploma or a student who is serving as an active duty member of any branch of the United States Armed Services shall not be required to take the common placement test and shall not be required to enroll in developmental education instruction in a Florida College System institution. However, a student who is not required to take the common placement test and is not required to enroll in developmental education under this paragraph may opt to be assessed and to enroll in developmental education instruction, and the college shall provide such assessment and instruction upon the student’s request.

Students who do not qualify for exemption under F.S. 1008.30 and who provide ACT, SAT, PERT or CPT scores (two years current) below the scores required to enter college level courses must enroll in developmental courses, with the exemption of those students who meet the criteria of Florida Statute 1008.30. These courses include reading comprehension, communication skills, basic math and introduction to algebra. Enrollment in the developmental program is based on placement scores. Grades earned in developmental courses will not count toward graduation nor will they be calculated into the grade point average; however, they are calculated in the satisfactory progress average for financial aid purposes. Students are permitted to enroll in developmental instruction concurrently with credit instruction in courses for which they are qualified.