PLACEMENT TESTING

All new degree-seeking students, and returning students who change to degree-seeking status, must take an approved placement exam before registering for courses. The test includes mathematics, reading and English language skills. Non-degree seeking students are subject to placement test requirements if they wish to enroll in communication/humanities or mathematics course, or any other course that requires the placement test as a prerequisite.

Students meeting the minimum scores required for each section of the test, may enroll in college-level courses in those areas. Students must enroll in developmental courses in the areas in which the minimum scores are not met. However, students shall be permitted to take courses concurrently in other curriculum areas for which they are qualified while enrolled in developmental instruction.

Results of the assessment are used as a guideline to assist advisors in placing students in appropriate courses ensuring their academic success. Developmental courses do not carry college credit and, although included in satisfactory academic progress (SAP) calculations, they are not included in GPA calculations.

Students who can provide official ACT, SAT or Florida Placement Test scores, two years current, are not required to take the placement test. Students who present a college ready diploma or have already completed English (college prep or composition) and math (college prep or higher) courses at another college or university and have had their transcript(s) sent to FKCC are not required to take the placement test.

Test administrations are offered once a month with more frequent administrations scheduled prior to the beginning of each semester. Testing is available at the Key West Campus, Middle Keys Center and Upper Keys Center.

Florida Statutes require that a student provide proficiency determined by the institution at the close of each college prep course. In order to proceed into college credit course work in the subject area, a student must successfully complete college developmental coursework.