

Mountwest Administrative Procedure

Placement Scores

Rationale: Current placement scores are needed for all new students in order to ensure timely and appropriate course placement. Current scores will ensure a proper assessment of the incoming student's academic needs and abilities so that course placement can be accurate and appropriate for that student.

All 100- and 200-level courses at Mountwest are "college-level courses." Since Mountwest offers open enrollment, students who are admitted to Mountwest may elect to take any course that does not have an existing pre-requisite. This includes students who are academically underprepared. Students not meeting the placement score requirements for 100-level courses will be required to take a co-requisite course, or an alternative such as a Boostcamp. Required placement scores for 100-level courses are as follows:

Math & English:

	Course Placement	Accuplacer	ACT	SAT
Math				
	MAT 100, 121, 144	up to 249	up to 18	up to 509
	MAT 120, 145	250+	19+	510+
	MAT 130	260+	21+	530+
Writing				
	ALPS	200 - 249	15 - 17	440 - 470
	ENL 111	250 - 300	18+	480+

Guidelines are as follows:

- 1) ACT or SAT or other placement scores to be used for current enrollment into courses will be less than 5 years old. In the event that the available scores are 5 years old or older, or if no scores at all are available, an optional placement test can be administered to determine student placement prior to the registration of classes. Otherwise, students will automatically be placed into co-requisite courses.
- 2) Appropriate pre-requisites will be placed on all courses in all divisions, keeping in mind the reading, writing, and mathematical abilities needed for successful completion of those courses.
- 3) All co-requisite coursework must be completed within 24 credit hours. No additional coursework may be attempted until developmental requirements are satisfied.

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