

Prerequisites, Proficiency and Placement Testing

Prerequisites

There are several types of prerequisites that may apply to courses, and these must be met prior to enrolling. Students who attempt to enroll without having met a prerequisite will see an error message "Requisites not met", and should check the course description for more information.

Academic Proficiency Prerequisites in English and math are required to take many college classes. There are a number of ways for students to demonstrate they are proficient and these are described below under Academic Proficiency. **Placement Test Prerequisites** are used to determine a student's appropriate beginning course level for math, computer information technology, administrative office systems, English-as-a-Second language and adult basic education. Tests are available free of charge at the Testing Center. Call (847) 543-2076 for details. **Course Prerequisites** are required when the student should have specific knowledge or skills in order to benefit from the course and **Course Corequisites** are required when the student should be enrolled in multiple courses at the same time (unless the corequisite was completed in a prior term.).

Academic Proficiency

Language Proficiency

Incoming students will be assessed for English language proficiency as demonstrated by meeting any one of the following:

- High school transcript showing top 1/3 rank in class after six semesters.
- CLC Academic Proficiency Test, Language Skills: Score of 153 or above.
- American College Test (ACT), Reading: Score of 17 or above, and English: Score of 17 or above.
- Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT), Critical Reading Score of 450 or above and Writing Score of 450 or above, (prior to 3-1-05 Verbal Score of 450 or above.)
- General Educational Development (GED[®]) transcript, Reading & Writing Skills: Score of 550 or above
- Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), Computer-based test: Score of 197 or above, Paper-based test: Score of 527 or above, or Internet-based score of 71 or above.
- Evidence of an associate or higher degree from an accredited U.S. college or university.
- Transcript of U.S. college/university record with at least 30 semester hours of credit with no grade below C; or credit equivalent to ENG 108 with a grade of A or ENG 109 or higher level courses at CLC.
- Completion of CLC ELI 104, 107 or 108 or ENG 108 with a grade of A
- Successful completion of CLC ENG 109 with a grade of C or higher.
- CELSA placement test score of 70 or better.

Basic Algebra Readiness

Incoming students will be assessed for basic algebra readiness as demonstrated by meeting any one of the following:

- High school transcript showing top 1/3 rank in class after six semesters.
- CLC Math Placement Test, arithmetic section, Math: Score of 56 or above.
- American College Test (ACT), Math: Score of 17 or above.
- Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT), Math: Score of 450 or above.
- General Educational Development (GED[®]) transcript, Mathematics: Score of 550 or above.
- Evidence of an associate or higher degree from an accredited U.S. college or university.
- Transcript from an accredited U.S. college or university listing credit equivalent to MTH 101 or higher level courses at CLC.
- Completion of either CLC MTH 101 or MTH 114 with a C or better.

Academic Proficiency Test (APT) & Math Placement Test (CLC Application must be on file)

Testing is available on a walk-in basis and includes a computerized test of reading, writing and mathematics. The test is untimed, but students should plan to spend approximately 2½ hours. Study guides are available.

Photo ID is required

Retests, math, chemistry, and computer information systems placement testing are also available at these times.

Open registration for Fall 2009 Semester admissions begins April 20, 2009.
APT & Math Placement Testing is available all year long, except for dates noted below.

Grayslake Campus (847) 543-2076 Testing Center, Room L115

Monday-Thursday.....8:00 am-7 pm
Friday8:00 am-2 pm
Saturday9:30 am-12:30 pm

Lakeshore Campus (847) 543-2120 Learning Assistance Center, Room N203

Students need to report to the Student Services Center in room N211, 30 minutes before the test begins to complete the necessary paperwork. Study guides are available.

Monday8:00 am - 4:00 pm
Tuesday12:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Wednesday & Thursday8:00 am - 10:00 am
Wednesday & Thursday4:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Friday8:00 am - 2:00 pm
Saturday (2nd and 4th)9:00 am - 10:00 am

No APT Testing at Campuses

May 23; May 25; May 30;
No Saturday Testing June 13 – August 8; July 3; August 17, 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. (Grayslake Campus Only);
August 18, 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
(Lakeshore & Southlake Campuses Only);
September 5; September 7; September 8, 2:00 – 7:00 pm;
November 25, 2:00 – 7:00 pm; November 26 – 28;
December 21 - 23, 2:00 – 7:00 p.m.;
December 24, 2009 – January 2, 2010

Southlake Campus (847) 543-6544

Learning Assistance Center, Room V212
Testing by appointment only.

Need to take a Placement Test?

See the following for placement test info:

Computer Information Systems Test ~ see page 32.
Mathematics Placement Test ~ see page 72.