



NORTH CAROLINA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM

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MEMORANDUM

To: Presidents and Chief Academic Officers
From: Kimberly Gold, Senior Vice President/Chief Academic Officer
Subject: Temporary Amendment of the Direct Placement Policy for MAT 271
Calculus I

In response to the national emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the System Office is issuing guidance for a temporary amendment to the direct placement policy for MAT 271 Calculus I.

What is currently in place:

A student may place directly into MAT 271 if the student has met at least one (1) of the following criteria within the past five (5) years:

- A score of 2 or higher on the AP Calculus AB Exam.
- A grade of C or higher in an AP Calculus course and an unweighted HS GPA of 3.0 or higher.
- A score of 90 or higher on the ACCUPLACER College-Level Math (CLM) test.
- A score of 46 or higher on the trigonometry section of the ACT Compass Math Placement Test.
- A score of 580 or higher on the old (prior to March 2016) SAT Math and a grade of C or higher in the North Carolina Standard Course of Study Pre-Calculus course or an equivalent course from another state.
- A score of 600 or higher on the new (March 2016 and beyond) SAT Math and a grade of C or higher in the North Carolina Standard Course of Study Pre-Calculus course or an equivalent course from another state.
- A score of 27 or higher on the ACT Math and a grade of C or higher in the North Carolina Standard Course of Study Pre-Calculus course or an equivalent course from another state.
- A score of 560 or higher on the SAT Subject Test in Mathematics Level 2.

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Temporary MAT 271 Direct Placement Policy:

A student may place directly into MAT 271 if the student has met at least one (1) of the following criteria within the past five (5) years (additions highlighted in yellow):

- A score of 2 or higher on the AP Calculus AB Exam.
- A grade of C or higher in an AP Calculus course and an unweighted HS GPA of 3.0 or higher.
- A score of 90 or higher on the ACCUPLACER College-Level Math (CLM) test.
- A score of 46 or higher on the trigonometry section of the ACT Compass Math Placement Test.
- A score of 580 or higher on the old (prior to March 2016) SAT Math and a grade of C or higher in the North Carolina Standard Course of Study Pre-Calculus course or an equivalent course from another state.
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- A score of 27 or higher on the ACT Math and a grade of C or higher in the North Carolina Standard Course of Study Pre-Calculus course or an equivalent course from another state.
- A score of 560 or higher on the SAT Subject Test in Mathematics Level 2.
- Local diagnostic exam or challenge exam which demonstrates proficiency in Pre-Calculus course(s) competencies.
- An unweighted HS GPA of 3.5 or higher and a grade of C or higher in the North Carolina Standard Course of Study Pre-Calculus course or an equivalent course from another state.

The MAT 271 Placement Team will reassess the need for this temporary placement option to extend beyond fall 2020 or become the permanent direct placement policy for MAT 271 later in the fall 2020 term.

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