

**PELLISSIPPI STATE TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

**ACT Scores and Developmental Studies Course Requirements**

Beginning 2002-03, all Tennessee Board of Regents' institutions evaluate entering students' preparation for college using the results of the ACT or other standardized tests. Students under 21 years of age who score **below 19 on the ACT in English, reading, and/or mathematics** are placed in developmental studies (DSP) courses. Students are encouraged to complete DSP requirements as quickly as possible in order to progress to their college-level courses. The tables below show ACT subject scores and corresponding DSP course requirements.

<b>English</b>		
<b>ACT English Score</b>	<b>Course Placement</b>	<b>Course Description</b>
<b>1-14</b>	DSPW0700 -Basic Writing	Writing skills basic to all tasks are taught: discovering and developing a topic, organizing ideas, revising written work, and proofreading. Standard English, spelling, and usage patterns are discussed and reinforced in the individual student's work.
<b>15-18</b>	DSPW0800 -Developmental Writing	By developing basic writing skills, this course prepares the student for college-level writing tasks. Students are introduced to multiparagraph compositions, summary writing, documentation methods and report formats.

<b>Reading</b>		
<b>ACT Reading Score</b>	<b>Course Placement</b>	<b>Course Description</b>
<b>1-11</b>	DSPR0700 -Basic Reading with Lab	This course promotes effective literal comprehension at the paragraph level through prereading and note taking, vocabulary development, increasing reading speed and efficiency, and strategies to aid concentration and memory.
<b>12-18</b>	DSPR0800 -Developmental Reading	This course presents effective comprehension techniques for college-level selections. The course emphasizes (a) organizational strategies for retention and recall, (b) typographical devices and cues to the organization of ideas, (c) reasoning and analysis for critical comprehension, (d) flexible reading rate, and (e) vocabulary development activities.

<b>Mathematics</b>		
<b>ACT Math Score</b>	<b>Course Placement</b>	<b>Course Description</b>
<b>1-18</b>	DSPM0890 –Developmental Mathematics	This course includes the study of arithmetic, pre-algebra, elementary and intermediate algebra. The TI-83 or TI-83 Plus calculator is required and used throughout the course.
<b>17-18</b>	DSPM 0850 – Intermediate Algebra	This course includes the study of quadratics, rational and radical functions and their graphs, polynomial expressions, quadratic equations and inequalities, rational expressions and equations, radical expressions and equations, and related applications. The TI-83 or TI-83 Plus calculator is required and used throughout the course

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