

PELLISSIPPI STATE TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Confirmation Test Scores and Developmental Studies Course Requirements

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. Placement in the DSP courses is determined by scores on the Confirmation Placement Tests. This placement is final.

Students are encouraged to complete DSP requirements as quickly as possible in order to progress to their college-level courses

Reading		
Confirmation Test Score	Course Placement	Course Description
< 30	DSPW 0725	Basic strategies for development of reading comprehension, vocabulary, process-based writing skills, grammar, and critical reading, writing, and thinking. Strategies for pre-reading, note-taking, prewriting, revising written work, and proofreading are discussed and reinforced.
30-69	DSPR 0800	The developmental reading course is the second of two reading courses offered in the English department for under-prepared students. It 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.
≥ 70	College Level	

Writing		
Confirmation Test Score	Course Placement	Course Description
4*	DSPW 0725	Basic strategies for development of reading comprehension, vocabulary, process-based writing skills, grammar, and critical reading, writing, and thinking. Strategies for pre-reading, note-taking, prewriting, revising written work, and proofreading are discussed and reinforced.
5*	DSPW 0870	Development of process-based writing strategies in preparation for college level courses across the curriculum as well for as the workplace. Emphasizes writing effective paragraphs and essays in various modes of delivery and rhetorical contexts
6*	DSPW 0800	By developing basic writing skills, this course prepares the student for college-level writing tasks. Students are introduced to multi-paragraph compositions, summary writing, and documentation methods.
7*	DSPW 0801	Review of process-based writing strategies in preparation for courses across the curriculum. Emphasis on critical reading, thinking, and writing linked to ENGL1010.
8*	College Level	

*If reading score is less than 30, ignore writing score.
 Student must take DSPW 0725 followed by DSPR 0800 AND DSPW 0800.

Mathematics

**ALL DSPM STUDENTS ENROLL IN DSPM 0890 AND THREE MODULES (COURSES).
The Confirmation Test will indicate the lowest module the student must enroll in. The student
will enroll in that module and the two subsequent modules.**

Confirmation Test Score	Course Placement	Course Description
1	DSPM 0891	This course includes the study of order of operations, fractions and related applications.
2	DSPM 0892	This course includes the study of decimals, percents, proportions, measurement, basic probability and statistics, and related applications.
3	DSPM 0893	This course includes the study of real numbers, algebraic expressions and related applications.
4	DSPM 0894	This course includes the study of linear equations and inequalities, absolute value equations, graphs and functions, and related applications.
5	DSPM 0895	This course includes the study of graphing linear equations and inequalities, parallel and perpendicular lines, writing equations of lines, and related applications.
6	DSPM 0896	This course includes the study of systems of linear equations and inequalities and related applications.
7	DSPM 0897	This course includes the study of scientific notation, operations on polynomials, and related applications.
8	DSPM 0898	This course includes the study of rational functions and their graphs, operations on rational expressions, solving rational equations, and related applications.
9	DSPM 0899	This course includes the study of quadratic functions and their graphs, solving quadratic equations, Pythagorean theorem, the distance formula and related applications.

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