

Bridge to Success

Why do I have this handout?

Your test (ACT or COMPASS) scores have placed you into developmental courses in two or more subject areas. This means you will need to follow the guidelines below for the developmental process.

***NOTE for students on the A+ Scholarship:** An exception to the full-time requirement for A+ funding may be made for Bridge to students. Visit the Missouri A+ program at <http://www.otc.edu/financialaid/A+.php> or contact Linda Johns at financialaid@otc.edu for more detailed information.*

Am I allowed to retest?

Students are allowed to take the COMPASS twice in a two year period, as long as they haven't taken any classes in the subject(s) for which they wish to retest. Students who believe their scores do not accurately reflect their skills may want to inquire about options for a brief review of the material prior to retesting. **Exception: Students who are pursuing the Practical Nursing (LPN) or Surgical Technology (SUR) should NOT take the COMPASS a second time prior to taking the pre-admission courses for their program.**

What is a developmental course?

A developmental course is numbered below 100, for example MTH 050 Basic Algebra. Developmental courses help you bridge the gap between your current skills and the skills you need to be successful in your college program. These courses will not fill a degree requirement.

Why me?

You are not alone. About half of OTC incoming students need to begin with some developmental course(s). Perhaps the student's skills have become rusty, or there may have been skills in a given subject that they missed when they were in school.

What if I don't have time to take an extra semester?

Although it may seem like the developmental semester is slowing you down, that is seldom the case. When students begin college-level courses for which they are underprepared, they often spend extra time repeating failed courses and risk losing their financial aid. Students may become overwhelmed and drop out of college with the mistaken belief that they could not succeed in college. In reality, these students may do very well in college if they transition into college-level courses more gradually and better prepare themselves.

When can I take the other courses I need?

As soon as you have only one subject area (or none) requiring developmental courses, you will transition out of the Bridge to Success program and be able to pursue your program more freely. Therefore it is wise to start developmental course work your first semester.

We strongly recommend that Bridge to Success Students:

1. register for CAC 120 Keys to College Success your first semester
2. register for the developmental courses into which you tested
3. register for TLC 023 Math Study Strategies in conjunction with a math class
4. limit your course load to 12 credit hours or less
5. avoid online courses until your developmental courses are complete

Restrictions that apply to all students while in the Bridge to Success program:

1. You may not take your developmental courses online
2. You must restrict your courses to those in the list below
3. You must be released to register by your advisor each semester.

These courses are available to students while in the Bridge to Success program:

Please remember to start taking the developmental courses you need your first semester. Refer to your catalog for descriptions and prerequisites.

GENERAL EDUCATION COURSES

	<u>Credit Hours</u>
ART 110 – Art & Experience (Humanities, Block I)	3
ART 115 – Foundation I: Two-Dimensional Design	3
ART 120 -- Drawing I	3
ART 125 -- Painting I	3
ART 130 -- Printmaking. Offered spring	3
ASL 101 – American Sign Language	3
BIO 135 – Nutrition (NOT for Allied Health programs)	3
BUS 101 – Microcomputer Keyboarding (ACC elective)	1
BUS 105 – Business English (ACC elective)	3
BUS 112 – Document Processing (ACC elective)	3
CAC 120 – Keys to College Success (Strongly recommended)	3
CIS 100 -- Basic Computer Literacy	3
CIS 101 – Personal Computer Applications (many programs)	3
COM 100 -- Human Communication (Some Allied Health)	3
ENG 040 – Introductory Composition I	3

ENG 050 – Introductory Composition II	3
HLT 101 -- Lifetime Wellness (many programs)	2
MTH 040 – Pre-Algebra	3
MTH 050 – Basic Algebra	3
MTH 070 – Basic Technical Math	3
MUS 115 – Introduction to Song Writing	3
MUS 132 – Piano Class I (non-music majors)	1
MUS 135 -- Choir I	1
MUS 140 – Small Ensemble	1
MUS 150 –Guitar class I –Guitar required	1
MUS 155 – Classical Guitar Class I – Guitar required	1
MSU 235 – OTC Concert Choir	1
PSY 100 – Psychology of Personal Adjustment	3
RDG 040 – Reading Comprehension	3
RDG 045 – Introduction to College Reading I	3
RDG 050 – Introduction to College Reading II	3
RDG 100 – College Vocabulary	1
THR 110 --Acting Fundamentals	3
THR 120 – Acting I	3
THR 125 – Beginning Playwriting	3
THR 130 -- Introduction to Theatre Design. Offered spring	3
TLC 021 – Critical Thinking	1
TLC 022 – Study Strategies	1
TLC 023 – Math Study Strategies	1
TLC 030 – Foundations of Mathematics	2
TLC 041 - Basic English Grammar	1
TLC 048 – Academic Refresher in English	1
TLC 050 -- Vocabulary	1

TECHNICAL COURSES

ABR	Auto Collision Repair Technology	FST	Fire Science Technology
AGR	Agriculture	GDT	Graphic Design Technology
AUM	Automotive Technology	HRA	Heating, Refrigeration and A/C
CIS	Computer Information Science	HSM	Hospitality Management
CST	Construction Technology	IMT	Industrial Maintenance Technology
CUL	Culinary Arts	MTT	Machine Tool Technology
DSL	Diesel Technology	MFG	Manufacturing Technology
DDT	Drafting and Design Technology	NET	Networking Technology
ECD	Early Childhood Development	TEC	Technical Education Curriculum
ELC	Electrical	WLD	Welding Technology
EMP	Electronic Media Production		