

Student Guide to Developmental Math

Beginning in Spring 2012, Pitt Community College has transitioned to a mastery-based curriculum for students needing Developmental Math. The curriculum is designed in 4-week segments that will allow a student to complete all necessary Developmental Math in one academic year.

Q. How do I know which courses I need to take?

A. Placement into the math modules is based on your math placement test scores and the curriculum math classes you will need in order to meet the requirements of your academic program.

Q. When do I register for my Developmental Math classes?

A. You will register for all necessary modules during the regular registration periods prior to each term. **All schedule changes must be processed prior to each session start date. DMA classes may NOT be added after the session begins.** Students will register for up to 4 modules during each term (2 during the Summer term). *It's important that you register for needed modules at the beginning of each term. You cannot use financial aid to pay for any modules added after the term Drop period has ended.*

Q. What is the attendance policy for developmental math?

A. Since each module is only 4 weeks long students **will not be allowed to enter class after the 2nd meeting.** In addition, students cannot miss more than 2 class sessions. If you do miss 2 or more scheduled sessions, your instructor may drop you from the class with "W" grade (Unofficial Withdrawal). If you are unofficially withdrawn, you **MUST** come to the Registrar's office in the Goess Student Center to re-enroll in the modules during the next available session. *If you do not re-enroll by the end of the current session, you will be dropped from all additional sessions during that term. This may result in a reduction in the amount of financial aid you will receive that term. In addition, the "W" grade will lower your GPA unless you officially withdraw.*

Q. How is my progress in these classes measured?

A. You must achieve an 80% pass rate for each module in order to progress to the next course. Students who successfully achieve this pass rate will receive a "P" (pass) grade. Students who don't achieve this pass rate receive an "R" grade (re-enroll). "R" grades do not impact your cumulative GPA.

Q. What happens if I don't pass one of the modules?

A. Students must repeat any modules they do not pass before they can go on the next course in the sequence. The Registrar's office will automatically rearrange schedules for students who receive an "R" grade, in most cases re-enrolling you for the same course in the next available 4-week session. *Every effort will be made to schedule you for the same days & times as your original registration, but we cannot guarantee the same timeslot.*

Q. If I need to re-enroll, how will I find out my new schedule?

A. Check your myPittCC account (PCC Services tab) to view your new schedule prior to the start of the next 4-week session.

Q. How is my financial aid affected?

A. PCC can only disburse financial aid for courses you have entered and are currently attending. You will be paid during the regular disbursement period (3 weeks after the term begins) for all courses that began on the 1st day of the term. You may receive additional disbursements as we receive attendance information for later sessions from your instructors.

Q. Will my financial aid be adjusted if I need to re-enroll in a course?

A. In most cases your total term credit hours will remain the same, so your financial aid will not be affected. If you were originally registered for less than 4 modules, the re-enrolled class *may* result in an additional credit hour that cannot be covered by financial aid. If you decide not to pay for the additional hour, you must drop the last 4-week session prior to the start date of that session in order to receive a 100% credit for the added class.