

## College Readiness\* Benchmarks on Approved Diagnostic Assessment Tests

| Test        | PLAN** | PSAT 2014 and earlier** | PSAT 10 and PSAT/ NMSQT 2015 and Future**                              | Asset (NCCCS Cut Score)                 | COMPASS (NCCCS Cut Score)     | Accuplacer (NCCCS Cut Score)       | NC DAP (NCCCS Cut Score)                  |
|-------------|--------|-------------------------|--|---|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|---|
| English     | 15     | 45                      | 26 or a composite score of 460 for Evidenced-Based Reading and Writing | 41 Writing                              | 70 Writing                    | 86 Sentence Skills                 | Composite score of 151 or higher ***      |
| Reading     | 18     | 47                      | 26 or a composite score of 460 for Evidenced-Based Reading and Writing | 41 Reading                              | 81 Reading                    | 80 Reading                         |   |
| Mathematics | 19     | 47                      | 24.5 or 510  | 41 Numerical Skills and 41 Int. Algebra | 47 Pre-Algebra and 66 Algebra | 55 Arithmetic and 75 Elem. Algebra | 7 on each assessment for DMA 010 thru 060 |

In addition to the diagnostic assessments, colleges may use the following SAT and ACT scores recommended by the testing companies as benchmarks for college readiness:\*

| SAT (Pre-March 2016) |     | SAT (March 2016 and Future)        |     | Pre-ACT     |    | ACT         |    |
|----------------------|-----|------------------------------------|-----|-------------|----|-------------|----|
| English              | 500 | Evidence-Based Reading and Writing | 480 | English     | 18 | English     | 18 |
| Critical Reading     | 500 |                                    |     | Reading     | 22 | Reading     | 22 |
| Mathematics          | 500 | Mathematics                        | 530 | Mathematics | 22 | Mathematics | 22 |

\*To be eligible for enrollment in a College Transfer Pathway, students must demonstrate college readiness in English, reading, and mathematics on an approved test or tests. Eligibility may be demonstrated by achieving the required scores on a single test or by combining test scores from any of the approved assessments. For example, a student may combine a 19 on PLAN math with an 86 and an 80 on Accuplacer sentence skills and reading to demonstrate college readiness.

\*\*PLAN, Pre-ACT/PSAT scores recommended by ACT and College Board as indicators of college readiness.

\*\*\*The Reading and English part of the NC DAP is an integrated assessment of reading and English skills; meeting the composite cut score for placement into ENG 111 is one way to demonstrate college readiness in order to participate in the College Transfer Pathway.