

1.16 Ability to Benefit

Policy:

To enroll in South Piedmont Community College's Adult Basic Skills program, potential students must be able to complete a National Reporting System (NRS) approved pre-assessment.

Upon enrollment, students must demonstrate the ability to benefit from the program by being able to earn one of the following Measurable Skill Gains (MSGs): (1) level growth on a National Reporting System (NRS) approved assessment; (2) Adult High School (AHS) credit attainment; (3) post-secondary enrollment after ABS program exit; (4) completion of a High School Equivalency (HSE) diploma; and (5) completion of an AHS diploma. Students who are unable to achieve an MSG within two years may be dropped from the program or referred to more appropriate agencies.

Procedure:

Potential students must be able to complete an NRS approved pre-assessment and score within a valid range as defined by the testing manufacturer.

- Students who require testing accommodations should contact South Piedmont Community College's Disability Services before taking a pre-assessment to determine appropriate accommodations. Once testing accommodations have been secured, students must self-disclose accommodations and provide required documentation to Adult Basic Skills assessment staff before the scheduled pre-assessment session.
- Students who are unable to complete the required pre-assessment with a valid score and who disclose a disability after the fact will be referred to South Piedmont Community College's Disability Services to discuss testing accommodations. Once testing accommodations have been secured, students may re-take the required pre-assessment. Students must self-disclose testing accommodations and provide required documentation to Adult Basic Skills assessment staff before the scheduled re-testing session.

Students who do not qualify for testing accommodations may re-take the pre-assessment one (1) year from the initial pre-assessment date.

Students who have officially enrolled in any Adult Basic Skills program have two (2) years from program entrance to show progress by earning one of the following Measurable Skill Gains (MSGs):

- (1) level growth on a National Reporting System (NRS) approved assessment;
- (2) Adult High School (AHS) credit attainment;
- (3) post-secondary enrollment after ABS program exit;
- (4) completion of a High School Equivalency (HSE) diploma; or
- (5) completion of an AHS diploma.

Students who are unable to achieve an MSG within the required timeframe may be dropped from the program or referred to more appropriate agencies.

Students who do not earn an MSG within the required timeframe and who are subsequently dropped from the program qualify to re-enroll after one (1) year. All pre-assessment requirements must be met for re-enrollment.