Postsecondary Education Readiness Test (PERT)

PERT System Components
- Placement Tests (3 sub-tests)
  - Identifies appropriate course placement (developmental education through college credit)
    - Reading
    - Writing
    - Mathematics
- Diagnostic Tests (under development)
  - Identifies specific competencies where deficiencies exist

Florida’s Postsecondary Readiness Competencies (PRCs)
- PERT aligned by Florida faculty to PRCs in reading, writing and mathematics
- Assessment of what students need to know before enrolling in ENC 1101 and MAT 1033
- Based on courses in the Statewide Course Numbering System
- Developing developmental education competencies in the fall 2010
- Diagnostic will identify which competencies are not met for the purposes of remediation

PERT Placement
- 30 questions per placement subtest
  - 25 operational items will be the basis of the student’s placement score
  - 5 field test items to continuously enhance the operational test bank
- Each test item is aligned with a PRC per the test blueprint
- All items have been approved and aligned by Florida faculty
- Scaled scores range from 50-150

Interim Cut Scores

Math:
- Lower Level Developmental Education: Scores of 50-95
- Higher Level Developmental Education: Scores of 96-112
- Intermediate Algebra (MAT 1033): Scores of 113-122
- College Algebra or higher (MAC 1105): Scores of 123-150

Reading:
- Lower Level Developmental Education: Scores of 50-83
- Higher Level Developmental Education: Scores of 84-103
- Freshman Composition Skills I (ENC 1101): Scores of 104-150

Writing:
- Lower Level Developmental Education: Scores of 50-89
- Higher Level Developmental Education: Scores of 90-98
- Freshman Composition Skills I (ENC 1101): Scores of 99-150