

## **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