

# Reinforced Instruction for Student Excellence (RISE) Test

**RECENT HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES:** If you graduated from a regionally accredited public high school, private school, or home school (Note: we do not accept all online high schools) within the past ten years:

You will be placed into your program's gateway math and English based on your high school GPA. Students with a GPA of 2.8 or higher may register for any class without mandatory additional supports. Students with a GPA of 2.2-2.799 may enroll in a gateway course with a mandatory corequisite. Students with a GPA less than 2.2 must enroll in a one semester transition course.

If you do not have a GPA, you will be required to take the RISE test or qualify for a waiver.

**If you graduated from high school more than ten years ago:**

You will be required to take the RISE test or qualify for a waiver.

## **How to qualify for a RISE waiver**

The RISE test requirement may be waived by the Director of Admissions upon receipt of official documentation, if the applicant meets one of the following:

- A. Has earned an associate degree or bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college or university.
- B. Has satisfactorily completed one college level English and math course at or above the developmental or vocational level at a regionally accredited college or university.
- C. Has a GED with a score of 170 or higher on each section (2014 and later).
- D. Has a HiSet score of 15 on each section and a 4 on the essay (2015 and later).
- E. Has made the following minimum scores on the SAT or ACT:

English: ACT Reading 20 OR ACT English 16 OR SAT Writing 500 (prior to March 2016) OR SAT Critical Reading 500 (prior to March 2016) OR SAT Evidence-Based Reading and Writing 480 (beginning March 2016)

Math: ACT Math 20 OR SAT Math 500 (prior to March 2016) OR Math 530 (beginning March 2016)

- F. Has taken the ACCUPLACER, Asset, Compass, or North Carolina's Diagnostic Test and Placement (NC DAP) test within the past ten years

### **THE RISE TEST**

#### **The RISE test for English has two tiers.**

Tier One: Introduction to College Reading and Writing, Identifying Main Ideas, Discovering Implied Meaning, Interpreting Bias, Analysis through Definition, Learning Across Disciplines

Tier Two: Exploring Comparative Elements, Informed Opinions through Causal Chains, Applied Critical Analysis, Using Sources in Critical Reading and Writing

#### **The RISE test for Math has three tiers.**

Tier One: whole numbers; fractions and mixed numbers; decimals; ratio, proportion, and rates; percent; measurement, geometry, and real numbers

Tier Two: solving equations and inequalities; graphing; exponents and polynomials; concepts in statistics

Tier Three: rational expressions; radical expressions and quadratic equations; factoring; systems of equations and inequalities; and functions

### **Retesting Policy**

Students will not be allowed to retake the RISE test. The results of the test will place students into gateway math and English with or without a corequisite or into a transition course. Mastery of the transition course will allow students to achieve levels that will allow them to take gateway courses.

### **Additional Information**

- The RISE test may take two to four hours to complete. Students may take the test in sections over several days if preferred.
- The test is by appointment only. Please contact the testing center to schedule your appointment.
- Students must present a valid photo ID to take the RISE test.
- Students requiring accommodations with a documented disability should contact the ADA Counselor, at (252)-527-6223, ext. 331.

- Upon completion of the test, students will receive a summary of their test results and their placement for the gateway math and English needed for their chosen program of study.

To schedule a test, please contact:

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