

## NORTH CAROLINA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM R. Scott Ralls, Ph.D. President

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## **MEMORANDUM**

TO: Presidents

**Chief Academic Officers** 

Career and College Promise Coordinators

FROM: Mr. Wesley Beddard, Associate Vice President of Programs

Dr. Lisa Eads, Program Coordinator

SUBJECT: Career and College Promise Provisional Status Policy

Recently, we have received requests from colleges asking for clarification of and greater flexibility in the Career and College Promise (CCP) Provisional Status eligibility policy.

## The current policy states:

A high school junior or senior who does not demonstrate college-readiness on an approved assessment or placement test may be provisionally enrolled in a College Transfer Pathway. To qualify for Provisional Status, a student must meet the following criteria:

- a. Have a cumulative weighted GPA of 3.5;
- b. Have completed two years of high school English with a grade of 'C' or higher;
- c. Have completed high school Algebra II (or a higher level math class) with a grade of 'C' of higher;
- d. Obtain the written approval of the high school principal or his/her designee; and,
- e. Obtain the written approval of the community college president or his/her designee.

A Provisional Status student may register only for college mathematics (MAT) and college English (ENG) courses within the chosen Pathway. To be eligible to register for other courses in the Pathway, the student must first successfully complete the first mathematics and English courses in the pathway with a grade of 'C' or higher.

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Effective immediately, students who meet all the requirements listed above may enroll in English and/or mathematics courses in a CCP college transfer pathway as provisional students without placement or other testing. Additionally, provisional students who successfully complete ENG 111 with a 'C' or higher can enroll in ENG 112. Likewise, provisional students in the Associate in Science pathway who successfully complete MAT 171 with a "C" or higher can enroll in MAT 172. Provisional students cannot take any additional courses in the pathway until they are no longer considered provisional.

We believe this policy will provide students with another opportunity to demonstrate college readiness and will help colleges better serve students as they progress toward Associate Degree completion. We will review the performance of CCP students admitted provisionally and will work with our college partners to adjust the policy as needed in the future to help ensure student success in our programs.

We are also working on recommendations to allow greater flexibility in CCP CTE certificates and removal of the pathway prerequisite component in the CTE eligibility requirements. These recommendations will require State Board action since it is a change in the CCP Operating Procedures. We plan to discuss these topics with the Programs Committee of the Presidents Association in late summer and with the Programs Committee of the State Board in late summer or early fall.

If you have any questions about CCP Provisional Status or any aspect of CCP, please contact Dr. Lisa Eads at 919-807-7133 eadsl@nccommunitycolleges.edu or Mr. Wesley Beddard at 919-807-7098 beddardw@nccommunitycolleges.edu.

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