

PLACEMENT IN FOREIGN LANGUAGE TEST POLICY

(Effective Spring 2007 for SPANISH and FRENCH)

The Placement in Foreign Language Test is intended only for current PCC students or for those who will be attending Pitt Community College. Students may take the test to attempt to place out of a foreign language course. If they successfully complete the course into which they have placed with a grade of “C” or better, students will be eligible to take a **Credit by Exam** for each of the courses that they have bypassed. **Students must follow all the required procedures for Credit by Exam as outlined in the PCC General Catalog.**

Examples:

- If a student places into SPA 211/FRE 211, s/he must first complete the course with a “C” or better.
- Then, the student may take the Credit by Exam for SPA 111/FRE 111 and SPA 112/FRE 112 in order to receive course credit for these two courses.
- If the student does not successfully complete SPA 211, the remaining option would be to enroll in SPA 111.

Eligibility:

- Students who have successfully completed a high school foreign language course (in the target language) may take the test.
- Students who are heritage speakers or who identify with and routinely communicate in the target language may take the test.
- Students who have taken a college-level foreign language course are **not** eligible to take the test.

Administration:

- Students will take the test by computer in a proctored situation. The Placement Testing Center will administer the test and determine the course placement.
- **Students will be allowed to take the test two times within a three year period.**
- If a student is eligible to bypass a foreign language course, s/he will go to a power user in their academic area to be registered for the appropriate course. The student must show the Foreign Language Placement Test scores with the course placement message to the power user in order to be registered for a course.

Benefits:

- Through the Foreign Language Placement Test, successful course completion, and the Credit by Exam process, a student can receive up to 9 semester hours of PCC credit for language levels Spanish/French 111 through 211. For example, a student who places into level 112 will receive 3 semester hours of bypass credit for level 111 upon successful completion of 112 and a Credit by Exam. If a student places into the 212 level, s/he will receive 9 semester hours of bypass credit for levels 111 through 211 upon successful completion of 212 and taking the Credit by Exam.
- Students will be able to take courses at their appropriate level rather than spending time on a course for which they could be granted bypass credit. This will assist students attempting to meet the foreign language minimum course requirements for the NC University system effective 2004.