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SUBJECT: Clarification use of ACT and ACT Scores for Placement into English and Math

As you will recall, the UH Community College system has a long-standing agreement to honor UH Manoa Placement regardless of the placement instrument (see Use of SAT/ACT for Community College Placement).

The agreement allows students with appropriate SAT (currently 510 and higher) or ACT (currently 22 and higher) to enroll in English 100 or equivalent, e.g. ESL 100. The same placement standards were not established for Math as the placement advisory working group’s information was that UH Manoa required students to take a Manoa math placement test. The current UH Manoa practice does not require students to re-test for Math.

At their meeting on June 13, 2013, the UHCC Academic Affairs Administrators and Vice Chancellors Academic Affairs reaffirmed the UHCC systemwide agreement to use SAT and ACT scores when possible. In addition to the current practice for English placement, students with ACT Math scores of 22 or higher or SAT math scores of 510 or higher meet the placement requirements for Math 100, Math 103, Math 111, or Math 115 effective Fall 2013. Students with lower scores will need to take the COMPASS math tests for appropriate placement. Please inform the relevant personnel in your areas know of these updates. Vice Chancellors Academic Affairs please instruct your college course scheduler to amend and enter the updated placement information into the class files.

If you have questions, please contact your college Vice Chancellor Academic Affairs.

C: UHCC Placement Advisory Working Group