

ACADEMIC ADVISING

Overview

Academic Advisors work with **returning students**. New students should contact Admissions Advisors at info@brcc.edu or 540-453-0264.

Blue Ridge Community College believes that a timely, appropriate, and interactive advising process is vital for providing our students with the tools they need for success. The College is committed to providing students with the guidance necessary to make appropriate academic and career decisions. Therefore, the goals of academic advising are to provide students with:

- the information and guidance needed to complete course requirements in degree, diploma, and certificate programs;
- an individual, professional point of contact for issues and concerns related to their success at the College;
- information and guidance on transfer to four-year colleges and universities and to the work place.

Students who complete the process for being placed in a curriculum may also contact any full-time faculty member for academic guidance. Students are strongly encouraged to communicate on a regular basis with academic advisors. Academic advisors help students develop realistic goals, plan their programs of study, and make connections with appropriate resources. While academic advisors can provide students with valuable assistance throughout their academic careers at Blue Ridge Community College, the responsibility for knowing and fulfilling all requirements for graduation lies with the student.

The Advising Center offers educational support services to enrolled students. These services help students acquire skills and access resources and information that are necessary for academic success. Trained academic advisors are available to help students establish their occupational and educational goals, and to identify and address obstacles to academic achievement. In compliance with VCCS policy, BRCC does not provide counseling for mental health issues; therefore, academic advisors will provide appropriate referrals for students needing assistance related to mental health. A mental health resource page is available online at <https://www.brcc.edu/student-support-services/mental-health-wellness/>.

Students are strongly encouraged to schedule appointments for academic advising, but walk-in services are available.

Advising Center: <https://www.brcc.edu/services/advising/>

Transfer Advising: <https://www.brcc.edu/student-support-services/advising/transfer-advising/>

Student Success Advising: <https://www.brcc.edu/student-support-services/student-success-center/>

Placement

Students who wish to enroll in English or mathematics courses should refer to the Math and English Course Placement Tables (p. 1).

Additional Student Support Services can be found in the Policies (<https://catalog.brcc.edu/student-handbook/policies/>), Procedures (<https://catalog.brcc.edu/student-handbook/procedures/>) and Resources (<https://catalog.brcc.edu/student-handbook/resources/>) section of this handbook.

Placement

Mathematics Course Placement (Table M)

High School Grade Point Average (HS GPA) for Math Placement*

If you have...	You may enroll in...
6+ years since high school graduation	Informed Self-Placement
Less than 2.0 HS GPA	MDE 10
2.0-2.99 HS GPA without HS Algebra 2	MTH 111, MTH 132, MTH 154 + MDE 54, MTH 155 + MDE 55, MDE 60
2.0-2.99 HS GPA with HS Algebra 2	MTH 111, MTH 132, MTH 154+MDE 54, MTH 155+MDE 55, MTH 161+MDE 61
3.0 + HS GPA without HS Algebra 2	MTH 111, MTH 132, MTH 154, MTH 155, MDE 60
3.0 + HS GPA with HS Algebra 2	MTH 111, MTH 132, MTH 154, MTH 155, MTH 161, MTH 167
Course	Minimum Placement Requirement**
MDE 10	1.99 or lower HS GPA
MDE 60	2.0 + HS GPA without HS Algebra 2
MTH 111, MTH 132	2.0 HS GPA without HS Algebra 2
MTH 154 + MDE 54	2.0-2.99 HS GPA with HS Algebra 2

MTH 154	3.0 + HS GPA without HS Algebra 2
MTH 155 + MDE 55	2.0 - 2.99 HS GPA with HS Algebra 2
MTH 155	3.0+ HS GPA without HS Algebra 2
MTH 161 + MDE 61	2.0-2.99 HS GPA with HS Algebra 2
MTH 161	3.0 + HS GPA with HS Algebra 2
MTH 167	3.0 + HS GPA with HS Algebra 2

SAT/ACT/GED Scores for Math Placement***

Test	If you scored...	You may enroll in...
SAT-Math	500 or above	MTH 111, MTH 132, MTH 154, MTH 155, MTH 161, MTH 167
SAT-MTH	470-490	MTH 111, MTH 132, MTH 154, MTH 155, MTH 161 + MDE 61
ACT-Subject Area Test Math	18 or above	MTH 111, MTH 132, MTH 154, MTH 155, MTH 161, MTH 167
ACT-Subject Area Test Math	17	MTH 111, MTH 132, MTH 154, MTH 155, MTH 161 + MDE 61
GED-Math	165 or above	MTH 111, MTH 132, MTH 154, MTH 155, MTH 161 + MDE 61
GED-Math	155-164 range	MTH 111, MTH 132, MTH 154 + MDE 54, MTH 155 + MDE 55, MDE 60
GED-Math	154 or below	MDE 10

* High school GPA (HS GPA) is valid for five (5) years after the date of high school graduation. Students who completed high school 6 or more years ago may be placed through informed self-placement. Placement into non-gateway courses (e.g. MTH 162, MTH 245, MTH 261, and MTH 263) may be done at the discretion of the college.

** Minimum placement requirements apply to students who completed high school five years or less ago.

*** SAT, ACT, and GED test scores are valid for five (5) years after the date of the test.

English Course Placement (Table E)

High School Grade Point Average (HS GPA) for English Placement*

If you have...	You may enroll in...
6 or more years since high school graduation	Informed Self-Placement
Less than 2.0 HS GPA	EDE 10. ESL students should take any or all of ESL 41, ESL 42, CST 100
2.0-2.99 HS GPA	ENG 111 + EDE 11; ENG 115. ESL students may take ENG 111 + ESL 95.
3.0 + HS GPA	ENG 111 or ENG 115. ESL students may take ENG 111 + ESL 95.

Course	Minimum Placement Requirement**
EDE 10. ESL student should take ESL 41, ESL 42, and CST 100.	1.99 or lower HS GPA
ENG 111 + EDE 11. ESL students may take ENG 111 + ESL 95.	2.0-2.99 HS GPA
ENG 111	3.0+ HS GPA
ENG 115	2.0+ HS GPA

SAT/ACT/GED Scores for English Placement***

Test	If you scored...	You may enroll in...
SAT-ERW, Evidence-Based Reading and Writing	480 or above	ENG 111
SAT-ERW, Evidence-Based Reading and Writing	400-470 range	ENG 111 + EDE 11. ESL students may take ENG 111 + ESL 95.
SAT-ERW, Evidence-Based Reading and Writing	Below 400	EDE 10
ACT, Subject Area Tests English and Reading	18 or above	ENG 111
ACT, Subject Area Tests English and Reading	15-17 range	ENG 111 + EDE 11. ESL students may take ENG 111 + ESL 95.
ACT, Subject Area Tests English and Reading	14 and below	EDE 10. ESL students may take ESL 41, ESL 42, CST 100.

GED-English	165 or above	ENG 111. ESL students may take ENG 111 + ESL 95.
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** Minimum placement requirements apply to students who completed high school 5 or less years ago.

*** SAT, ACT, and GED test scores are valid for five (5) years after the date of the test.