

SCHOOL POLICY

Section Title: Academic Matters

Policy Name: Quantitative Skills Assessment

Responsible Executive: Associate Dean for Academic and Faculty Affairs

Responsible Office: Campus Offices

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Revisions:

I. PURPOSE

This policy outlines the Quantitative Skills Assessment (QSA), a short screening test to help identify students who may have a weak math background or lack quantitative preparation. The assessment reviews basic quantitative skills and logic that is required in the core course, Introduction to Biostatistics (PHCO 0504).

II. ACCOUNTABILITY

The Campus Administrators are responsible for implementing this policy under the general direction of the Chair of the Department of Biostatistics.

III. APPLICABILITY

Students must take and receive a passing score on the QSA before registering for the core course, Introduction to Biostatistics (PHCO 0504). Based upon performance on the QSA, each student will be advised if he or she needs additional preparation prior to registering for the course.

A. Attempts

If a student does not pass the QSA on the first attempt, they are allowed a second attempt which must be scheduled at least one week later. If a third attempt is required, it must be scheduled at least one month after the second attempt. If a student passes the QSA before the first meeting of the course "Introduction to Biostatistics" (PHCO 0504) they may register for the course, otherwise they will need to enroll in that course in a subsequent semester.

B. Failure to Pass Quantitative Skills Assessment

Students who fail to pass the QSA after three attempts will be required to take and pass an entry-level college algebra course with a grade of 'B' or better before registering for the core course, Introduction to Biostatistics (PHCO 0504).