

# Foundational Course FAQ's

## WHAT DOES MY ENTRANCE PLACEMENT SCORE MEAN?

The Next-Generation Accuplacer® exam is scored between a scale of 200 to 300; 300 being a perfect score. See the score matrix below for more information.

Domains	239 and below	240-249	250-259	260 and above
<b>Arithmetic</b>	1. Not admitted.	1. Admitted, on non-matriculated basis. 2. Required to successfully complete the Pre-Algebra foundational course (MAT 90) and the prescribed Learner Success Series before matriculating.		1. Admitted, with full matriculation. 2. Required to successfully complete the prescribed Learner Success Series in the first semester of enrollment.
<b>Reading</b>	1. Not admitted.	1. Admitted, on non-matriculated basis. 2. Required to successfully complete the Developmental English foundational course (ENG 90) and the prescribed Learner Success Series before matriculating.	1. Admitted, with conditional matriculation. 2. Required to successfully complete the English Lab (ENG 95) course and the prescribed Learner Success Series in the first semester of enrollment.	1. Admitted, with full matriculation. 2. Required to successfully complete the prescribed Learner Success Series in the first semester of enrollment.
<b>Writing</b>	1. Not admitted.	1. Admitted, with conditional matriculation. 2. Required to successfully complete the English Lab (ENG 95) course and the prescribed Learner Success Series in the first semester of enrollment.		1. Admitted, with full matriculation. 2. Required to successfully complete the prescribed Learner Success Series in the first semester of enrollment.

*\* (1) The overall admissions matriculation is based on the lowest score, with the most restrictive admission matriculation decision applied. (2) Each domain's score is used to determine the programmatic progress requirements.*



## **WHAT IS A FOUNDATIONAL COURSE AND WHY DO I HAVE TO TAKE IT?**

The foundational courses have been designed to assist learners in gaining requisite skills necessary for success in college-level Math and English courses. Foundational courses are not a required part of any academic program offered at the College; are not college-level; are not Title IV eligible; are not part of any institutional or programmatic accreditation grant; and are offered as a means of preparation for college-level English or Math courses, with pass/fail grading.

These courses are required for learners who score between 240 and 259 on the Arithmetic section and/or between a 240 and 249 on the Reading section of the Nightingale's undergraduate entrance exam. Nightingale is committed to our learners' long-term success and the foundational courses allow the learner to receive one-on-one college preparatory instruction to mitigate the possibility of needing to retake a college-level course or the RN NCLEX down the road.

## **WHICH FOUNDATIONAL COURSE DO I HAVE TO TAKE?**

There are two foundational courses that a learner may be required to take: Developmental English (ENG 090) and Pre-Algebra (MAT 090). If you score between a 240-259 in the Arithmetic section of the Entrance Placement Exam, the learner would be placed in MAT 090. If you score between a 240-249 in the Reading section(s) of the Entrance Placement Exam, the learner would be placed in ENG 090.

## **WHAT IF I AM ELIGIBLE TO TAKE BOTH THE ENGLISH FOUNDATIONAL COURSE AND THE ENGLISH LAB?**

If placed in the English Foundational Course, ENG 090, once passed learners will be required to take the English Lab, ENG 095, for their first semester as a matriculated Nightingale College learner.



## **HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?**

There is no tuition cost associated with the foundational courses. There is, however, a \$100 resource fee per course which includes all necessary materials.

## **HOW LONG IS THE COURSE AND WHAT DOES THE COURSEWORK LOOK LIKE?**

The Math foundational course is 10 weeks long and the English foundational course is 8 weeks long. Both are comprised of discussions, homework assignments, and quizzes.

## **DO I HAVE ACCESS TO ONE-ON-ONE HELP DURING THE FOUNDATIONAL COURSE?**

Yes. Learners will have access to an instructor throughout the duration of the course(s).

## **WHAT IS THE PASSING SCORE OF THE FOUNDATIONAL COURSE?**

They are graded on a pass/fail basis. The passing score is an 80% or higher.

## **WHAT IF I DON'T PASS THE FOUNDATIONAL COURSE(S)?**

If learners don't complete or achieve a passing score for the foundational course, they will be withdrawn from Nightingale College and need to wait one year before being permitted to reapply and retake the Entrance Placement Exam

**If you have additional questions, please direct them to your processor or admissions advisor.**