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Academic Affairs Division  
Vice President's Office**School of Technology & Student Services****MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** R. Ray D. Somera, Ph.D., Vice President for Academic Affairs ✓

**FROM:** Michael Chan, Ed.D, Dean, School of Technology & Student Services *mc 3/17/17*

**SUBJECT:** Classroom Learning Yields Math & English Readiness, CLYMER

**DATE:** March 17, 2017

This memo seeks your approval for an alternative placement program called **CLYMER** (Classroom Learning Yields Math & English Readiness), for implementation effective Summer 2017. If approved, the information dissemination about this program must occur prior to the summer term.

In 2016, I began researching alternative placement methods employed by other community colleges. There were a number of studies done that showed that high school GPA was a better predictor of ability to pass college English and Math than placement exams. However, there were also a number of studies that indicated that high school accomplishments were not a very reliable predictor of college success. In deciding what was best for GCC, I analyzed the data from 2010 to present to determine how successful our GDOE high school students were with completing college level Math and English upon entering GCC without taking a developmental course, either via placement exam or via special request and discussion with the Dean and Registrar to enroll in college level Math or English.

The data indicated the following success rates:

MA110: Approximately 80% successfully completed MA110 with a "C" or better. (N = 114)

MA161A: Approximately 90% successfully completed MA161A with a "C" or better. (N = 30)

EN110: Approximately 85% successfully completed EN110 with a "C" or better. (N = 869)

All stakeholders from the Registrar's office, Counseling, and the Math and English departments have provided input and are all in support of this alternative placement program.

I would like to respectfully propose the following guidelines for the **CLYMER Program**:

1. The CLYMER program is not a scholarship. Fees and tuition rates still apply.
2. Applying for the CLYMER program is an option and is not mandated by the Guam Community College.

### 3. Eligibility

a. To Enroll into MA110:

- i. Be a recent graduate of one of the Guam Department of Education high schools. (Within two years of applying). Transcripts must be provided with the application.
- ii. Completed Algebra II with a “B” or better.
- iii. Have a GPA of 3.2 or better.

b. To Enroll into MA161A:

- i. Be a recent graduate of one of the Guam Department of Education high schools. (Within two years of applying). Transcripts must be provided with the application.
- ii. Completed Trig/Analytical Geometry with a “B” or better.
- iii. Have a GPA of 3.4 or better.

c. To Enroll into EN110:

- i. Be a recent graduate of one of the Guam Department of Education high schools. (Within two years of applying). Transcripts must be provided with the application.
- ii. Completed English 12 with a “B” or better.
- iii. Have a GPA of 3.2 or better.

- d. For summer session applicants, who are currently in their senior year of high school, the student must have completed at least one semester of the indicated Math or English course in the eligibility requirements or higher. The most recent grades from the eligibility courses or higher and GPA along with a letter of recommendation from two most recent Math and/or English teachers providing assessment of applicant’s ability to successfully complete the college level course(s) being applied for, will be used to determine approval.

- e. For DEAL applicants who are sophomores or juniors, they must have completed at least one semester of the indicated Math or English course in the eligibility requirements or higher. The most recent grades from the eligibility courses or higher and GPA along with a letter of recommendation from two most recent Math and/or English teachers providing assessment of applicant’s ability to successfully complete the college level course(s) being applied for, will be used to determine approval. For example,

- i. If a DEAL student is applying to take a Math course during a fall semester and is applying for the CLYMER program, consideration for approval will be made on the student’s semester grades from the prior academic year and GPA, along with two letters of recommendation.



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- ii. If a student is applying to take a Math course during a spring semester and is applying for the CLYMER program, consideration for approval will be made on the student's fall semester grades and GPA, along with two letters of recommendation.
4. If an interested applicant does not meet a specified grade requirement due to a "C" or does not meet a specified GPA requirement by 0.2 or less, the student may still apply but must provide the following:
  - a. A letter of recommendation from two most recent Math and/or English teachers providing assessment of applicant's ability to successfully complete the college level course(s) being applied for.
  - b. A letter from the applicant providing a self-assessment of his or her ability to successfully complete the college level course(s) being applied for and information on the applicant's educational goals.
5. If a student does not complete the college level course registered through the CLYMER program with a "C" or better, the student will have the following options:
  - a. The student may choose to retake the course.
  - b. The student may choose to take a developmental course based on the results of the class and the advisement of the instructor.
  - c. The student may choose to take the placement exam to determine the appropriate developmental course to register for.

Implementation is proposed to take place so that interested applicants may apply for summer 2017 courses. Career counselors will be tasked with informing their respective GDOE schools of this newly implemented program. Instructional faculty will also be informed so that they may make the announcement to their students. A media release from Jayne Flores' office will also be requested.

Attached is the application for the CLYMER program, an informational flyer, and the Counseling department's English and Mathematics Placement Transfer/Test Out form with the CLYMER program already added. Due to the nature of Banner, it is listed as "GMMP = GCC Multiple Measure Placement". If approved, Counseling will work with the Registrar's office to add the source code for placement.

Thank you for your consideration.

☒ Approved

☐ Disapproved

  
R. Ray D. Somera, Ph.D., Vice President for Academic Affairs

3/17/17

*Please disseminate information about  
this program, effective immediately.*





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*The CLYMER program allows for Guam Department of Education high school graduates who meet all eligibility requirements the option to enroll directly into college level Math and/or English courses without having to take a placement exam.*

### DISCLAIMER:

- The CLYMER program is not a scholarship. Fees and tuition rates still apply.
- Applying for the CLYMER program is an option and is not mandated by the Guam Community College.

• Based on data from 2010 to present, students who took MA110, MA161A, and EN110 upon graduating from high school or by participating in our DEAL program without taking any developmental courses had the following success rates:

MA110: Approximately 80% successfully completed MA110 with a "C" or better.

MA161A: Approximately 90% successfully completed MA161A with a "C" or better.

EN110: Approximately 85% successfully completed EN110 with a "C" or better.

- If a student does not complete the college level course registered through the CLYMER program with a "C" or better, the student will have the following options:
  1. The student may choose to retake the course.
  2. The student may choose to take a developmental course based on the results of the class and the advisement of the instructor.
  3. The student may choose to take the placement exam to determine the appropriate developmental course to register for.

Semester : ☐ Fall 20\_\_\_ ☐ Spring 20\_\_\_ ☐ Summer 20\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student ID # \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Citizenship: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Subject(s) intending to enroll in:

☐ MA110

☐ MA161A

☐ EN110

Eligibility Course(s) Met: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade of Eligibility Course(s): \_\_\_\_\_

GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

By signing below, you understand and have read the disclaimer that participating in the CLYMER program is an option and is not mandated by the Guam Community College and that you understand that you are willfully enrolling in a college level course without taking any form of placement assessment.

Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**BENEFITS:**

- Save money from taking developmental courses.
- Graduate on time with an Associate's Degree.
- Transfer to a four-year institution and graduate with a baccalaureate degree in a timely manner.

For Summer Session Applicants, DEAL Applicants, Or for more information, please contact:

Associate Dean Gary

Hartz at 671-735-5573 or 671-735-5520 or

ronald.hartz@guamcc.edu

Building 2000 Room 2224.

### ELIGIBILITY

#### To Enroll into MA110:

- Be a recent graduate of one of the Guam Department of Education high schools (Within two years of applying). Provide transcripts with application.
- Completed Algebra II with a "B" or better.
- Have a GPA of a 3.2 or better.

#### To Enroll into MA161A:

- Be a recent graduate of one of the Guam Department of Education high schools. (Within two years of applying). Provide transcripts with application. Completed Trig/Analytical Geometry with a "B" or better.
- Have a GPA of a 3.4 or better.

#### To Enroll into EN110:

- Be a recent graduate of one of the Guam Department of Education high schools. (Within two years of applying). Provide transcripts with application.
- Completed English 12 with a "B" or better.
- Have a GPA of a 3.2 or better

If an interested applicant does not meet a specified grade requirement due to a "C" or does not meet a specified GPA requirement by 0.2 or less, the student may still apply but must provide the following:

1. A letter of recommendation from two most recent Math and/or English teachers providing assessment of applicant's ability to successfully complete the college level course(s) the applicant is applying for.
2. A letter from the applicant providing a self-assessment of his or her ability to successfully complete the college level course(s) the applicant is intending to apply for and information on the applicant's educational goals.





BECAUSE WE UNDERSTAND THAT NOT ALL STUDENTS NEED A PLACEMENT EXAM TO KNOW THEY ARE READY FOR COLLEGE,

ASK YOURSELF THESE TWO QUESTIONS

- . Do you have a GPA of 3.2 or better?
- . Have you successfully completed Algebra II, or English 12 with a grade of “B” or better?

If you answered, “yes” to both of these questions, you are eligible to enroll into MA110 or EN110 without taking a placement exam at

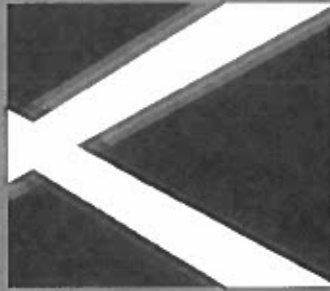
Guam Community College through our

# CLYMER PROGRAM

*Apply Today!*

For more information, please contact Associate Dean Gary Hartz at 671-735-0205 or [ronald.hartz@guamcc.edu](mailto:ronald.hartz@guamcc.edu)  
Building 2000 Room 2222.

*Eligible students may also apply for the CLYMER Program to enroll in MA161A.*









**Guam Community College**  
**Assessment and Counseling Department**  
**English and Mathematics Placement Transfer/Test out**

<b>Legal name:</b>	<b>Student ID number:</b>
<b>Document source:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Official placement results <input type="checkbox"/> Web advisor <input type="checkbox"/> College transcript / High School Transcript <input type="checkbox"/> Final grade report	<input type="checkbox"/> Schedule of College Courses <input type="checkbox"/> English Department <input type="checkbox"/> Math Department <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____

GCC placement	Test Code	Score	UOG Placement (if applicable)	SOURCE CODE	Print Name	Initials
<input type="checkbox"/> EN100R	ACRC	27	Not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> TUOG = UOG Placement Test <input type="checkbox"/> CUOG = UOG course equivalent <input type="checkbox"/> CTRA = Other College Transcript <input type="checkbox"/> TOTH = Other - EN/MA Dept		
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**Placement:**

\*Students may choose to pay for and take GCC's Placement Test to test out of EN100R: Fundamentals of English – Reading and EN100W: Fundamentals of English – Writing.

<b>Counselor:</b>	<b>Date:</b>
<b>Data entered by:</b>	<b>Date:</b>

