

# Title III ACADEMIC BRIDGE

## *Are you ready to succeed in college?*

Minnesota State Community and Technical College is ready to help you succeed with its Academic Bridge Program.

If you're attending college for the first time and your Accuplacer assessment scores placed you in developmental math or English courses, participating in this free program gives you the opportunity to build your academic skills so you can enroll sooner in for-credit courses.

### **What is Academic Bridge?**

Academic Bridge is an online program that will help you master the material you need to succeed in college-level English and math courses. The program uses adaptive technology so it's tailored for each student, resulting in a learning plan that is personalized for you.

### **Who should participate?**

Academic Bridge is offered to students whose Accuplacer scores place them in developmental math courses (0055, 0085 or 0095) or developmental English (0096, 0097 or 0098). The program's priority is first-time, first-year college students, although additional students may be eligible.

### **Why should I participate?**

Academic Bridge is one way you can reduce or even eliminate time in developmental courses.

Some M State programs require that you complete developmental coursework before you can begin your program. By successfully completing Academic Bridge, you will be able to save money and enroll sooner in college-level courses, speeding completion of your degree.

(Financial aid funds cannot be used to pay tuition for some developmental courses, and developmental course credits do not apply toward graduation.)



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### **How does Academic Bridge work?**

You'll work independently online with the goal of advancing to a higher level of developmental courses or going directly to college-level courses. (When you complete Academic Bridge in English or math, you will re-take the Accuplacer so your placement will be reassessed.) Although Academic Bridge is done independently, M State's Title III Success Coach provides active support and guidance.

### **What is the time commitment?**

Participation in Academic Bridge requires a commitment of about 30 hours per course, depending on your skills and needs. Each course will include:

- An initial one-hour orientation and diagnostic assessment
- One or more hours per day accessing the online course
- Two hours of Success Coaching, including two coaching sessions and one wrap-up session

### **How do I enroll?**

If you are eligible for Academic Bridge, you will be invited to participate. After orientation, you will receive access to the MyFoundationsLab® online program. Depending on your needs, you will receive 2-10 weeks to complete your Academic Bridge.

Preference will be given to first-year/first-time students who test within a specific range in the Accuplacer, and then to other students who are enrolled in Math 0055 or English 0096. A maximum of 75 students will be served annually. Students are accepted on an ongoing basis.

For more information, contact Kate Johnson at [kate.johnson@minnesota.edu](mailto:kate.johnson@minnesota.edu) or 218.299.6534.



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# Academic Bridge



An intense voluntary academic program that targets students whose Accuplacer scores place them in **developmental English or math**.

Compared to non-completers, Academic Bridge completers are more likely to persist and to make satisfactory academic progress.

2014 2015

74%

44%

Of 56 Academic Bridge completers in 2014-15, 74 percent improved their Accuplacer placement, and 44 percent scored at college level.

2015 2016

85%

48%

Of 54 Academic Bridge completers in 2015-16, 85 percent improved their Accuplacer placement, and 48 percent scored at college level.

To refer students, contact

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# Academic Success Planning & Coaching

Student-led and solution-focused  
for students enrolled in **developmental English** or **math**, or in **online courses**.



Opt in or are referred by **advisors, counselors or faculty.**

**Attend three to four sessions** of 45-60 minutes each via email, phone or in person.

Identify their **academic obstacles** and **possible solutions**

**Prioritize their obstacles** and **outline solutions** to close gaps so they can succeed.

Create a personalized **academic success plan**.

Check in with **academic success coach** throughout the term.

**“** Initially I thought the academic recovery planning would not be any help to me, but I was completely wrong. Academic recovery has helped me identify how to handle ... challenges with support and less stress. Now I can start this semester confidently and prepared.”

Success Planning Student