Durham Tech accepts students’ college transcripts; unweighted high school GPA; and ACT, SAT, GED, HiSET, NCDAP, COMPASS, ASSET, and ACCUPLACER scores for college placement.

Students who have completed associate degrees or higher from an accredited college or university are college-ready and can take any gateway 100-level course in their plan of study.

Students who provide transcripts demonstrating completion of an associate degree or higher, must use their unweighted high school GPA for placement if they graduated from an accredited high school in the United States. ACT, SAT, NCDAP, COMPASS, ASSET, and ACCUPLACER scores can be used for placement within ten years from the date taken.

Students who lack the appropriate high school GPA and who have ACT, SAT, GED, HiSET, NCDAP, COMPASS, ASSET, and ACCUPLACER scores that do not place them into college-level courses will be required to take the RISE Placement Test.

Specifically, only the following students are allowed to take the RISE placement test:

- Students whose U.S. high school GPA is not unweighted;
- Students whose unweighted high school GPA is not from a U.S. high school;
- Students whose ACT, SAT, GED, HiSET, NCDAP, COMPASS, ASSET, or ACCUPLACER scores from the past 10 years do not place them into college-level courses (with or without corequisite support course);
- Students who are referred via the English for Academic Purposes department; and
- Career and College Promise (CCP) students who lack qualifying high school GPA or test scores for college-level course work.

If high school records or test scores are older than 10 years, students must (re)take the placement test unless they have been continuously enrolled in classes. Students are considered continuously enrolled at the College if they register for and attend courses (including prerequisites) creditable toward a degree, diploma, or certificate in a following semester after the initial enrollment semester (attendance is required in the following fall or spring semester or following spring or fall semester). Students who do not attend classes for two consecutive semesters (not including summer term), must reapply and retest if their scores are older than 10 years.

Classifications of Plans of Study, page 11
Classifications of Plans of Study has been revised to Classifications of Programs of Study.

Academic Programs, page 13
A student must receive a passing grade in each course required for the plan of study. To graduate, students must successfully complete all required courses by meeting required credit hours for the program of study, earn at least a 2.0 overall grade point average, and complete at minimum 25 percent of the coursework at the College.

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