



If students don't have valid high school GPA or other approved placement scores (ACT, SAT, MCA, etc.) students may choose to use the self-guided placement process to determine course placement. PTCC advisors who are working with Adult Learners or students whose high school **GPA is below 2.6** should read the statements below to help determine which ENGL class is the best placement.

Reading College Level

I should enroll in **ENGL 1276 College Composition** if most of the following statements describe me.

- I comfortably read and understand high school textbooks, magazines, or newspapers.
- I have written high school papers of 4 or more pages and received A/B grades.
- I can incorporate thesis statements and supporting ideas into my writing.
- I am familiar with software programs like Microsoft Word and have basic keyboarding skills.
- I am successful at organizing, planning, and meeting deadlines for daily assignments and longer projects.

Reading Pre-College Level

I should enroll in **ENGL 0225 Critical Read/Write AND ENGL 1276 College Composition** if most of the following statements describe me.

- I have written high school papers of 2-3 pages and received passing grades.
- I have successfully read and understood high school textbooks, magazines, or newspapers, even if I read slowly.
- I am familiar with terms like thesis statement and topic sentence, but more practice using them will improve my writing.
- I sometimes needed extra help in high school to complete reading and writing assignments, but for the most part, I was able to work on my own.
- I would like a basic review and some extra support with reading skills, essay writing, and computer skills for college classes.

Reading Refresher Level

I should enroll in **ENGL 0225 Critical Read/Write** if most of the following statements describe me.

- I have some difficulty writing high school papers of 2-3 pages.
- I had some difficulty reading high school textbooks, magazines, or newspapers.
- I am unfamiliar with terms like thesis statement and topic sentence and want additional instruction in how to use them in my writing.
- I received additional support for reading and writing in high school (Examples: support classes, one-on-one instruction, extra time on assignments, shortened assignments, etc.)
- I would like in-depth instruction on reading skills, essay writing, and computer skills for college classes, including working with a tutor during class.

**HS GPA is valid for 10 years after high school graduation.*

Student Acknowledgement

I have reviewed the course placement criteria listed above with a PTCC advisor and agree to be placed at the course placement level listed below.

Student Signature: _____

Course Placement Decision: _____

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Student Name: _____

Student Tech ID: _____

Name of Advisor: _____

Date of Advising: _____

Date Test Score Entered in ISRS: _____