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(c) The ~~common~~college placement test authorized in ss. 1001.03(10) and 1008.30 or a similar test may be administered to high school students who have chosen one of the four destinations. The results of the placement test shall be used to target additional instructional needs in reading, writing, and mathematics prior to graduation.

Section 14. Subsections (3), (6), (7), (8), and (10) of section 1007.25, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1007.25 General education courses; common prerequisites; other degree requirements.—

(3) The chair of the State Board of Education and the chair of the Board of Governors, or their designees, shall jointly appoint faculty committees to identify statewide general education core course options. General education core course options shall consist of a maximum of five courses within each of the subject areas of communication, mathematics, social sciences, humanities, and natural sciences. Each general education core course option must contain high-level academic and critical thinking skills and common competencies that students must demonstrate to successfully complete the course. Beginning with students initially entering a Florida College System institution or state university in 2014~~5~~6 and thereafter, each student must complete at least one identified core course in each subject area as part of the general education course requirements. All public postsecondary educational institutions shall ~~offer and~~ accept these courses as meeting general education core course requirements. The

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487 remaining general education course requirements shall be
488 identified by each institution and reported to the department by
489 their statewide course number. The general education core course
490 options shall be adopted in rule by the State Board of Education
491 and in regulation by the Board of Governors. Additional core
492 course options may be approved by the State Board of Education
493 and the Board of Governors if recommended by the subject area
494 faculty committee, and approved by the Articulation Coordinating
495 Committee, as necessary for a subject area.

496 (6) The universities and Florida College System
497 institutions shall work with their school districts to ensure
498 that high school curricula coordinate with the general education
499 curricula and to prepare students for college-level work.
500 General education curricula for associate in arts programs shall
501 be identified by each institution and, ~~beginning with students~~
502 ~~initially entering a Florida College System institution or state~~
503 ~~university in 2014-2015 and thereafter,~~ shall include ~~30~~36
504 semester hours in the subject areas of communication,
505 mathematics, social sciences, humanities, and natural sciences.

506 (7) An associate in arts degree shall require no more than
507 60 semester hours of college credit and, ~~beginning with students~~
508 ~~initially entering a Florida College System institution or state~~
509 ~~university in 2014-2015 and thereafter,~~ must include 3036
510 semester hours of general education coursework ~~and~~. Beginning
511 with students initially entering a Florida College System
512 institution or state university in 2014-2015 and thereafter,
513 coursework for an associate in arts degree must include

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demonstration of competency in a foreign language pursuant to s. 1007.262. Except for college-preparatory coursework required pursuant to s. 1008.30, all required coursework shall count toward the associate in arts degree or the baccalaureate degree.

(8) A baccalaureate degree program shall require no more than 120 semester hours of college credit and, ~~beginning with students initially entering a Florida College System institution or state university in 2014-2015 and thereafter,~~ include 30~~36~~ semester hours of general education coursework, unless prior approval has been granted by the Board of Governors for baccalaureate degree programs offered by state universities and by the State Board of Education for baccalaureate degree programs offered by Florida College System institutions.

(10) Students at state universities may request associate in arts certificates if they have successfully completed the minimum requirements for the degree of associate in arts (A.A.). The university must grant the student an associate in arts degree if the student has successfully completed minimum requirements for college-level communication and computation skills adopted by the State Board of Education and 60 academic semester hours or the equivalent within a degree program area and, ~~beginning with students initially entering a Florida College System institution or state university in 2014-2015 and thereafter,~~ ~~includes~~ ,including ~~30~~36 semester hours in general education courses in the subject areas of communication, mathematics, social sciences, humanities, and natural sciences, consistent with the general education requirements specified in

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the articulation agreement pursuant to s. 1007.23.

Section 15. Subsection (1) of section 1007.263, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1007.263 Florida College System institutions; admissions of students.—Each Florida College System institution board of trustees is authorized to adopt rules governing admissions of students subject to this section and rules of the State Board of Education. These rules shall include the following:

(1) Admissions counseling shall be provided to all students entering college or career credit programs. Counseling shall utilize tests to measure achievement of college-level communication and computation competencies by all students entering college credit programs or tests to measure achievement of basic skills for career education programs as prescribed in s. 1004.91.

Each board of trustees shall establish policies that notify students about, and place students into, adult basic education, adult secondary education, or other instructional programs that provide students with alternatives to traditional college-preparatory instruction, including private provider instruction. A student is prohibited from enrolling in additional college-level courses until the student scores above the cut-score on all sections of the common placement test.

Section 16. Subsections (2) and (3) of section 1007.271, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1007.271 Dual enrollment programs.—