

Update #: 7a

Title: **Placement Testing Waiver for Career Studies Certificate Programs**

Type: The placement testing requirement for career studies certificates (CSCs) has been revised (VCCS Policy 6.4.0.2) because it is an access barrier for students seeking short-term career technical education (CTE) workforce education. The policy revision allows students to enroll in a CSC without having to take a placement test, unless a course in the CSC has an English or math prerequisite. However, a student who completes a CSC and who wants to continue into a longer certificate program or pursue a degree still needs to take the Virginia Placement Test (VPT) to enroll in those programs.

PDCCC's Deans and Faculty have reviewed all CSCs and determine which CSC's may have the placement test waived. That list is included below.

For all other CSCs, placement testing is still required of students.

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Students enrolling in Career Studies Certificate programs may be waived from placement testing, unless a course in the program requires a reading, writing, or math prerequisite. Following review by the Deans and Faculty, it has been determined that **the following Career Studies Certificates DO NOT require a placement test** for entry into the courses/program. For all other Career Studies Certificates, placement testing is required.

Building Maintenance (221-903-11)
Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) (221-903-10)
General Welding (221-995-01)
Professional Welder-Pipe (221-995-79)
Professional Welder-Plate (221-995-77)
Professional Welder-Fabricator (221-995-78)
EMT- Basic (221-146-01)
EMT-Advanced (221-146-08)
EMT-Intermediate (221-146-03)
Logistics Management (221-370-01)
Warehouse & Distribution (221-212-30)
Medication Aide*

*Not a CSC, but comprised of courses that lead to a credential.