Orientation Reminders

The Bridge to Clemson virtual orientation has three components: online modules, a small group session (Tiger Talk), and an advising and registration appointment. This document highlights tasks that you must complete in order to fulfill the orientation requirement for the Program. You must complete many of the tasks before completing the Bridge orientation virtual components.

1. Registration for Tiger Talk sessions open at 2 p.m. EST on May 20.
   ✓ See additional information regarding Tiger Talk sessions in section 3.

2. Complete the following enrollment requirements by June 1.
   ✓ Send the following items to the Tri-County Registrar’s Office/Student Data Center (PO Box 587, Pendleton, SC 29670).
     o Final, official high school transcript (immediately following graduation).
       ▪ If your high school will be sending final, official high school transcripts after this deadline, just be sure to submit these as soon as possible, per South Carolina LIFE scholarship requirements.
     o Final, official transcript for any college/university where you completed dual enrollment courses.
     o Official AP/IB score reports sent via CollegeBoard.org for any AP/IB tests completed prior to spring 2020.
       ▪ Spring semester AP/IB tests scores are typically available in July – be sure to update your College Board account to include Tri-County and Clemson to expedite receipt.
       ▪ While awaiting college level math or English score reports, you must complete the Accuplacer (see the Accuplacer assessment section below).
     o Complete the Residency Clarification and Citizenship Confirmation Form (tctc.edu/BTCCitizenship). This form is required to be eligible for your advising and registration appointment.
   ✓ Verify completion of the above requirements here: Login eTC → Get Set tab → DegreeWorks link in box 3 → Student Profile button → Supplemental Information → ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

   ✓ Send official AP/IB score reports and official college or university (dual enrollment) transcripts to Clemson University Office of Admissions (105 Sikes Hall, Box 345124, Clemson, SC, 29634-5124).

   ✓ Complete the Accuplacer assessment for course placement.
     o If you took Accuplacer through your high school within the last 3 years, request that the college that administered the test fax (864-646-5071) or e-mail (placement@tctc.edu) the official report to Tri-County.
     o All placement testing is occurring remotely until the College is able to re-open on-campus operations. To obtain a voucher for a virtual placement test with Tri-County, send an e-mail to placement@tctc.edu providing the information requested below:
       ▪ Official full name
       ▪ Date of birth
       ▪ Tri-County student ID number (T#) – your T# was provided in your interest letter from the Tri-County Bridge Programs Office
       ▪ Mailing address including city, state and zip code
       ▪ Phone number
       ▪ E-mail address
If you have completed college English or Math courses at the 101 level or higher with a minimum grade of “C” or passed for College credit an English or Math AP/IB exam for a class equivalent to level 101 or higher, please list the course(s) for which you have received credit or respond with “not applicable.” Those currently enrolled in such college or AP/IB classes must take the Accuplacer.

- Please note, the process to receive an Accuplacer voucher takes approximately 3-5 business days from initial student request. Please be sure to request your voucher as soon as possible.
- If you plan to retest for one section or the entirety of the Accuplacer, you must complete the retest prior to your advising and registration appointment.
- For additional Accuplacer questions, refer to the Tri-County Assessment Center site (tctc.edu/placement).

Review your Accuplacer placement scores and the Bridge to Clemson Accuplacer placement interpretation guides (enclosed and available on our website tctc.edu/clemsonbridge).

- Review Accuplacer levels provided at the Accuplacer testing time and/or in eTC.
  - eTC instructions: log into eTC → Get Set tab → DegreeWorks in box 3 → Student Profile button → Placement Levels and Test Scores section
  - Accuplacer score levels will be reported as:
    - EPL = English placement level, MPL = Math placement level, RPL = Reading placement level
- Review Accuplacer placement interpretation charts
  - Math Courses:
    - Find your intended academic program (major) in the enclosed Intended Academic Programs and Required Math Courses document
    - Identify the math course(s) required for your intended academic program
    - Identify which math course(s) guide to use for your intended academic program and apply your Accuplacer math placement level (MPL)
    - Identify the course your MPL places you into within that math course sequence
  - English Courses:
    - Identify which English course you placed into based on both EPL and RPL scores

Consider taking the foreign language placement (Spanish) or exemption (Spanish or French) tests if your major has a foreign language requirement (you can review the current 2019-2020 Major Curriculum Worksheets on our website at tctc.edu/clemsonbridge as a guide to see if your intended academic program requires foreign language).

- Tri-County offers Spanish courses and exemption tests as well as French exemption tests
  - If you plan to enroll in 101 level foreign language classes, the tests are not necessary
  - If you wish to take any language other than Spanish, you are allowed to wait until admitted to Clemson to complete your foreign language requirement
- To complete the foreign language placement (Spanish) or exemption (Spanish or French) tests, contact Dr. Della Vanhuss via e-mail (dvanhuss@tctc.edu) to arrange the test(s)
- More information can be found under Foreign Language Placement Testing at tctc.edu/placement

3. Complete the Bridge to Clemson online modules and small group sessions (Tiger Talk) by July 9.
   - You can complete both of these orientation components concurrently.
   - Small group sessions (Tiger Talk)
     - Tiger Talk registration opens on 2 p.m. EST on May 20. You must register by June 5.
     - Registration will open online on the Orientation link on our website (tctc.edu/clemsonbridge).
       - Each Tiger Talk has a maximum number of available seats. Registrations are accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis until a Tiger Talk session fills. Register early to reserve your desired space!
     - To complete the registration process, you will need your Tri-County student ID number (T#).
○ You will receive registration confirmation via your Tri-County e-mail within 2 business days of registering.
  ▪ *Tiger Talk* sessions are provided via Zoom. This e-mail will include the link and meeting ID/password for your specific *Tiger Talk*, as well as instructions on how to access Zoom.

- Orientation modules
  ○ Login information will be provided via your College e-mail (@tctc.edu) by June 1.
  ○ There are multiple modules to complete. Each module will contain a video presentation, applicable handouts, and a quiz to complete the module.
  ○ In your last module, you will complete a form that asks questions to help us prepare for your advising and registration appointment. This completed form will certify completion of your Bridge to Clemson orientation modules.

4. Attend a virtual advising and registration appointment by **July 15. You will not proceed to this step without completing all of the above steps.**
   ✓ You will receive an e-mail from the Tri-County Bridge Programs Office with your assigned Tri-County faculty advisor from the Division of Arts & Sciences and instructions for your advising and registration appointment.
   ✓ Prior to your advising and registration appointment, ensure you can login to eTC. Issues with your Tri-County username and password can be resolved by contacting the Tri-County IT Service Desk at 864-646-1779 and/or at the following link: servicedesk.tctc.edu
   ✓ Upon setting up your virtual advising and registration appointment, remember to have the following with you:
     ○ A computer with internet and webcam access.
     ○ Copies (or access to) your dual enrollment transcripts and AP/IB scores (in addition to mailing them to Tri-County and Clemson), if applicable. Indicate any spring 2020 AP/IB test scores you are awaiting.
     ○ Your Tri-County ID number (T#) and username/password for eTC.
       ▪ You can find this information in your interest letter from the Bridge to Clemson program.

5. Review your *Student Bill & Schedule* in the *Get Set* tab of eTC and submit payment or sign up for a payment plan by **August 11 (6 p.m. EST)**.