

 **English Placement Test Evaluation**

 **(Consequential Validity Study)**

 **RESEARCH REPORT**

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* English course placement for fall 2008. N = 526
	+ Basic Skills = 4 %
	+ English 098 = 9%
	+ English 099 = 26%
	+ English 100 = 61%
* Overall responses of students to questionnaire.

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| 1. **I placed into this course by:**
 | English099AB | English 100 | English 102 |
| completing the prerequisite course. | 18 % | 42 % | 52 % |
| taking the English placement test at either Coastline, OCC, or GWC. | 76 % | 50 % | 8 % |
| Recommendation from an English instructor at his college. | 2 % |  | 2 % |
| Evaluation of my transcripts or placement | 4 % | 8 % | 38 % |

N = 187

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| 1. **If you completed the prerequisite course at any one of the following colleges, please indicate which college.**
 | English099AB | English 100 | English 102 |
| Coastline Community College | 61 % | 75 % | 92 % |
| Golden West College | 6 % | 18 % | % |
| Orange Coast College | 33 % | 7 % | 8 % |

N = 103

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| 1. **If you entered this course by taking the English placement test, where did you take this test?**
 | English099AB | English 100 | English 102 |
| Coastline Community College | 75 % | 84 % | 50 % |
| Golden West College | 4 % | 8 % | % |
| Orange Coast College | 21 % | 8 % | 50 % |

N = 115

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| 1. **Did you originally enroll in a different level English course this semester**
 | English099AB | English 100 | English 102 |
| Yes | 17 % | 3 % | 4 % |
| No | 83 % | 97 % |  96 % |

N = 196

* Results of student self-rating.
	+ The results shown below includes students placed by Coastline’s English placement test and also had a corresponding instructor rating.
	+ Students were asked the following question:

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| **Which of the following statements is most true of your placement in this course?** | English099AB | English 100 | English 102 |
| This course is too difficult for me |  13 % | 7 % |  % |
| This course is the right level for me | 81 % | 89 % | 100 % |
| This course is too easy for me | 6 % | 4 % |  % |

N = 77

* Results of instructor rating
	+ The results shown below are the corresponding instructor ratings on the above set of students (students placed by Coastline’s English placement test).

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| **Instructors were asked to indicate the appropriateness of a student’s placement in the English course by responding to the options below:** | English099AB | English 100 | English 102 |
| Inappropriately placed – student’s level is too low (should have enrolled in a lower level class) |  16 % | 25 % |  % |
| Appropriately placed | 68 % | 73 % | 100 % |
| Inappropriately placed – student’s level is too high (should have enrolled in a higher level class) | 16 % | 2 % |  % |

N = 77

**Conclusions/Recommendations:**

* Previous research recommends a minimum appropriate placement rating of 75%. Based on this standard, the results from the student’s rating shows appropriate placement into all three English levels tested.
* **However**, when considering the instructors’ rating, the minimum appropriate placement rating is not met for the English 099AB (68%) and English 100 (73%) level.
* Adjust of the cut-score into both levels is possible.
* Further analysis may be needed.
* If adjustments are made, consider adding additional English 099AB sections to compensate for a possible increase in placements into this level. In turn, a slight reduction of English 100 sections should be considered.