

Dropouts Tell No Tales

An African American journalist returns to his college alma mater to find out why so many students like him never make it out.

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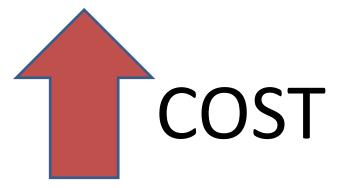


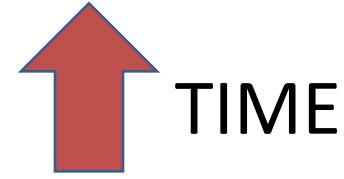


New Freshmen Profile 2013 Remedial Math Placement

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total Freshmen	4,100	3,760	3,678	3,435	3,256
% Remedial Math % math 90	41.54 15.46	42.53 14.87	46.71 18.76	44.10 16.10	48.40 1 25.37 1













Of all 2004 new freshmen needing remedial math, only 31% graduated in 6 years.

MATH READINESS REFORM MENU

Instructional Reform

- Modularized courses
- Compressed courses
- Contextualized courses
- Non-academic supports

Placement Reform

- New placement tests
- New placement policies

Pathways Reforms

- Statistics-based pathways
- Quantitative literacy-base pathways

Oversight

- Remedial Education Steering Committee
- Development math coordinator

Pre-college activities

- Common core standards and curricular alignment
- Common definitions and transfer policy between MPS, MATC and UWM (Milwaukee Connected

Community)

Policies

- Placement Testing
 Consider new algorithm(s) for placing students
- Enforce Board of Regents 30 credit policy by fall 2014.
- Early warning system
- Math attendance policy
 - Math 090 and 095 have 2-week attendance policy.
 - Math department can drop students for non-attendance in the first week of classes.



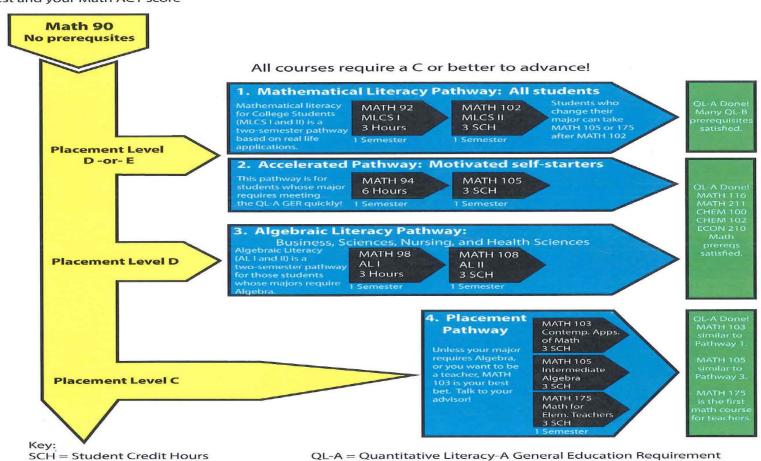
Preparedness and Instruction

- Summer Bridge Program (PantherMath Prep)
- Curricular Design
 - UW Colleges math pilot (implemented fall 2013)
 - Math pathways
- Instructor training

UWM Developmental Math Flowchart

Your initial math course at UWM is determined by your score on the UWM placement test and your Math ACT score

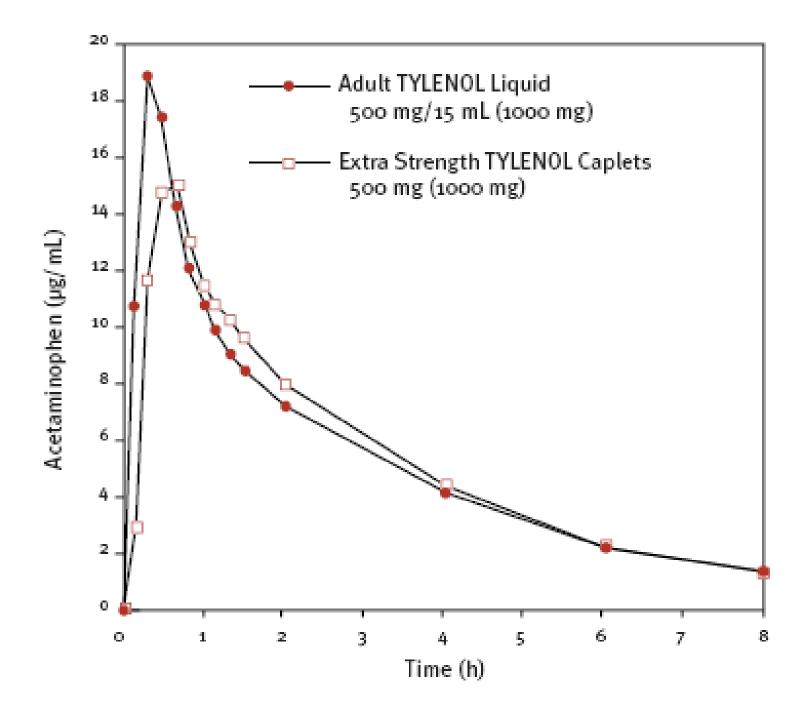
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SCH = Student Credit Hours MATH 116: College Algebra MATH 211: Survey in Calculus CHEM 102: General Chemistry QL-A = Quantitative Literacy-A General Education Requirement QL-B = Quantitative Literacy-B General Education Requirement CHEM 100: Chemical Science ECON 210: Economic Statistics

Advancing Quality Teaching Lessons and out-of-class materials Productive Persistence Language and literacy Ambitious learning goals Dynamic online environment Rapid Analytics

Formative and summative assessments



"We are confronted with the fierce urgency of now."

Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

