Ability to Benefit Option

Option I

Applicants to Cape Cod Community College who do not have a traditional high school diploma or an equivalent GED, and are not currently enrolled in a high school curriculum may qualify for the Ability to Benefit Option (ATB).

To qualify for Option I, a person must be at least sixteen (16) years of age. (Applicants who are 16 to 18 years old will be asked to submit a letter verifying that they are no longer enrolled in a high school curriculum). ATB affords an individual with the opportunity to demonstrate that they can benefit from the educational experience at Cape Cod Community College. This may be done by achieving minimum scores mandated by the US Department of Education on the Computerized Placement Tests (Reading Comprehension, Sentence Skills and Arithmetic).

Assessment results for ATB are valid for twelve (12) months. Failure to enroll at Cape Cod Community College within the 12 months will require re-testing. A passing score must be achieved in all three sections of the assessment in a single testing session or a complete re-testing will be required.

ATB does not replace high school graduation. Individuals are encouraged to complete a GED.

Option II

This ATB option is available to individuals who can present an official academic transcript from an accredited college/university verifying successful completion of at least a two year program that is acceptable towards a bachelor’s degree. Completion of a bachelor’s degree or higher is also acceptable. Option II replaces the need to submit high school documentation or completion of the CPT’s

Applicants to our selective Dental Hygiene program may not elect the ATB option.
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Option I
I have met with ________________________________, and we have discussed the Ability
To Benefit. He/she has applied to Cape Cod Community College and must complete the approved
assessment to determine if he/she has the ability to benefit from an education at Cape Cod Community
College. Please schedule him/her to sit for the Computerized Placement Test and forward the official
scores to me.

__________________________  ____________________________
Recommending School Official  Date

Computerized Placement Tests: Accuplacer:

Reading Comprehension (Passing Score >= 55 )  Score
Sentence Skills (Passing Score >= 60)  Score
Arithmetic (Passing Score >= 34)  Score

This student meets ___ or does not meet ___ the Ability to Benefit criteria for Federal Financial
Assistance eligibility.

__________________________  ____________________________
Designated School Official  Date

Option II

I have met with ________________________________, and discussed ATB option II. He/she has
applied to Cape Cod Community College and has documented completion of a transferable credit
bearing Associate degree or higher degree program.

__________________________  ____________________________
Designated School Official  Date