Basic Skills/Competency Requirements

In order to earn an Associate Degree or a Certificate of achievement at Los Medanos College, a student must meet College standards in mathematics, reading and interpreting material, writing expository essays, and computer literacy. The College has an open admissions policy; the competency requirements are designed to insure that every student has reached the standards of mathematics, reading, writing, and computer literacy expected of a Los Medanos College graduate.

Associate Degree

Math Competency
- Complete Math 26 or higher with a grade of “C” or better, or
- Score of 4 or 5 on College Board AP Calculus Exam, or
- Pass the LMC “Associate Degree Math Competency Exam” administered by the Math Department. Call the Math Lab, extension 3326 to arrange to take the test.

Reading/Writing Competency
- Complete English 100 with a “C” or better, or
- Score a 4 or 5 on the College Board AP English Exam.

Computer Competency
- Complete Computer Science 10, 11, 40, 49 or 60 with a “C” or better, or
- Complete Business 18, 35, 65, 66, 67, or 68 with a “C” or better, or
- Pass a challenge examination in the area of computer awareness and evidence of operations experience. Call the Computer Science Lab, extension 3307, to arrange a time to take the test.

Certificate of Achievement

Math Competency
- Complete Math 7 or higher (3 or more units) with a grade of “C” or better, or
- Complete of Business 3 with a grade of “C” or better, or
- Score a 4 or 5 on the College Board AP Calculus Exam, or
- Pass the LMC “Certificate of Achievement Math Competency Exam”. Call the Math Lab, extension 3326, to arrange a time to take the test.

Reading/Writing Competency
- Place at English 100 on assessment exam, or
- Complete English 90 with a “C” or better
- Complete the designated course with a “C” or better, in the following majors only:
  - Art (Graphic Communications, Digital Publishing) – Art 5
  - Business/Accounting, Office Administration, or Small Business Operations – Business 58 or 59
  - Travel – Business 58 or 59.
- Pass program-specific exam, in the following majors only: Appliance Service Technology, Automotive Technology, Child Development, and Welding Technology.

Computer Competency
- Complete Computer Science 10, 11, 40, 49 or 60 with a “C” or better, or
- Complete Business 18, 35, 65, 66, 67, or 68 with a “C” or better, or
- Pass a challenge examination in the area of computer awareness and evidence of operations experience. Call the Computer Science Lab, extension 3307, to arrange a time to take the test.