COMPASS Prep Can Mean $$ $$ in Your Pocket!

Tony and Mack each intend to earn an AA degree at SCCC. They take the Standard COMPASS Placement Test.

Tony's COMPASS scores and placement:
- Writing: 30 Adult Basic Education English
- Reading: 63 Adult Basic Education English
- PreAlgebra: 26 MATH 083

Mack's COMPASS scores and placement:
- Writing: 77 ENGL 101
- Reading: 83 ENGL 101
- PreAlgebra: 70 MATH 083
- Algebra: 71 MATH 102

Consider these facts:

- Tony did not prepare for the COMPASS test and placed into Adult Basic Education (ABE) English and a developmental math class; Mack prepared (reviewed the test format, calculator use, and sample questions, used web sites and texts to study grammar rules and math which he had forgotten, and may have taken the COMPASS Prep class at SCCC). He placed into college level courses his first quarter.

- Tony spends an additional 4 quarters of his time in ABE and developmental coursework, which may have been avoided with serious COMPASS preparation. He has sapped his college funds and spent one year of schooling to reach college level coursework; Mack started there his first quarter.

- Tony's Financial Aid did not pay for ABE course fees; it also paid for only 45 credits of developmental courses. Financial Aid is limited; it will run out faster if used for developmental coursework before reaching college level courses. All of Mack's Financial Aid applied to college level coursework.

- After 2 years of community college classes, Tony has earned only 40 of the 90 credits required to complete an AA degree. Mack has completed his AA degree.

- Tony spends approximately $10,000* for 4 quarters of mostly ABE and Developmental courses. Tony has invested these dollars and a year of his time for courses which generally neither apply to his AA degree nor transfer to a 4-year college.

Tony's Sample Schedule:

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Tony continues with college level courses.

He has earned 15 credits toward his AA degree.

Mack's Sample Schedule:

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Mack continues with college level courses.

He has earned 60 credits toward his AA degree.

Developmental English and math courses

* Estimate of costs from SSCC Financial Aid Guide, Fall 2010 through Summer 2011 (includes tuition, fees, books, supplies, room & board/living with parents, transportation, personal expenses).

** After qualifying for ENGL 098, a student may take Level 100-299 Transfer courses.