Course Prefix and Number:  MATH 098  
Credit Hours:  3-3-0

Course Title:  Beginning Algebra I

Course Prerequisites:  Appropriate placement test score or a grade of “C” or higher in MATH 097.


Course Description:  A beginning algebra course that includes performing fundamental operations on real numbers; exponents; solving linear equations and inequalities; applications; functions; graphing linear equations; slope; systems of linear equations.

Learning Outcomes:
At the end of this course, the student will:
A.  perform operations on real numbers and variable expressions;
B.  solve linear equations and inequalities;
C.  graph linear equations and inequalities;
D.  solve a system of linear equations; and
E.  execute basic rules of exponents.

To achieve the learning outcomes, the student will or will be able to:
(The letter designations at the end of each statement refer to the learning outcome(s).)
1.  add real numbers; (A)
2.  subtract real numbers; (A)
3.  multiply real numbers; (A)
4.  divide real numbers; (A)
5.  perform mixed operations on real numbers; (A)
6.  identify properties of real numbers; (A)
7.  collect like terms in an algebraic expression; (A)
8.  demonstrate the distributive property to simplify an algebraic expression; (A)
9.  solve one step linear equations; (B)
10. solve multistep linear equations; (B)
11. solve linear equations containing parenthesis; (B)
12. solve linear equations containing fractions; (B)
13. solve linear equations containing decimals; (B)
14. check the solutions of linear equations; (B)
15. solve applications problems involving linear equations; (B)
16. substitute values into formulas including, but not limited to, perimeter, area, and volume; (B)
17. isolate specific variables within formulas; (B)
18. solve linear inequalities by graphing on a number line; (B)
19. graph linear equations using t-tables; (C)
20. graph linear equations from slope-intercept form; (C)
21. graph linear equations using the x- and y-intercepts; (C)
22. find the slope of a linear equation; (C)
23. write linear equations in slope-intercept form; (C)
24. write linear equations in standard form; (C)
25. identify the domain of a function; (C)

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26. identify the range of a function; (C)
27. determine if the relation is a function; (C)
28. evaluating function notation; (C)
29. graph a linear inequality; (C)
30. solve a system of linear equations by graphing; (D)
31. solve a system of linear equations using substitution; (D)
32. solve a system of linear equations using addition; (D)
33. simplify expressions by using the power rule; (E)
34. simplify expressions by using the product rule; (E)
35. simplify expressions by using the quotient rule; (E)
36. simplify expressions by using the zero exponent rule; (E)
37. simplify expressions with negative exponents. (E)

Course Requirements: All students are required to take a comprehensive final examination.

Course Grading Scale:
- 90 – 100 = A
- 80 – 89 = B
- 70 – 79 = C
- 60 – 69 = D
- 0 – 59 = F

Attendance Policy: The college attendance policy is available at http://www.bpcc.edu/catalog/current/academicpolicies.html

Course Fees: This course is accompanied with an additional non-refundable fee for supplemental materials, laboratory supplies, software licenses, certification exams and/or clinical fees.

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