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Program Description
The mission of the Developmental Studies program at Dixie State College is to facilitate and intercede on behalf of students who may be academically underprepared. The program empowers students to succeed in subsequent college-level coursework and to obtain their academic, career, and personal goals.

As stated in the Dixie State College’s mission statement, “DSC is committed to open enrollment and developing student learning capabilities.” Developmental education is a vital component of DSC’s being an open admission institution. Developmental Studies classes form a strong foundation for student success.

Placement scores determine which, if any, developmental courses a student must take to proceed to subsequent college-level courses. Students are encouraged to take Developmental Studies classes early in their academic careers to help them succeed in other courses.

The Developmental Studies Department offers preparatory courses in composition, math, reading, spelling, study skills, and ESOL; also, the department offers First Year Experience classes for students who have not declared majors. First Year Experience is an exciting program that provides incoming freshmen and transfer student with less than 24 credits the opportunity to explore Dixie State College, and potential career choices, as well as develop the skills and knowledge that will help them be successful in college and beyond.