Alexandria Technical and Community College

MATH 1460: Quantitative Problem Solving

A. COURSE DESCRIPTION

Credits: 3
Lecture Hours/Week: 3
Lab Hours/Week: 0
OJT Hours/Week: *.*

Prerequisites:
This course requires any of these 11 prerequisites
  MATH 0429 - Beginning Algebra (Minimum grade: 2.0 GPA Equivalent and Number of Years Valid: 5)
  MATH 0431 - Intermediate Algebra (Minimum grade: 2.0 GPA Equivalent and Number of Years Valid: 5)
  A score of 1150 on test MN Comprehensive Assessment Math
  A score of 2 on test Algebra
  A score of 50 on test Accuplacer College Level Math
  A score of 2 on test Math Reasoning
  A score of 76 on test Accuplacer Elementary Algebra
  A score of 250 on test Accuplacer NG Arithmetic
  A score of 250 on test Accuplacer NG Quantitative Reasoning
  A score of 250 on test Accuplacer NG Advanced Algebra Functions

Corequisites: None

MnTC Goals: Goal 04 - Mathematical/Logical Reasoning

A quantitative reasoning course combining elements of algebra, geometry, and trigonometry grounded in real-world context. Topics include algebraic expressions, linear equations, quadratic equations, algebraic word problems, dimensional analysis, scientific notation, problem solving strategies, uncertainty, mathematical modeling, and communicating mathematical ideas.

B. COURSE EFFECTIVE DATES: 01/13/2020 - Present

C. OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS

1. Solve linear, rational, and quadratic equations with real coefficients.
2. Algebraically manipulate equations to solve for any given variable.
3. Effectively work with U.S. and metric units of measurement.
5. Set up and solve equations concerning rates of change.
6. Solve applied problems related to geometry and trigonometry.
7. Use mathematical modeling to solve real-world science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) problems.
9. Develop critical thinking skills.
D. LEARNING OUTCOMES (General)
1. Solve problems by applying a multi-step systematic process for algebraic word problems.
2. Solve for an indicated variable in literal equations.
3. Solve problems common to a variety of science and technological fields using unit- and dimensional-analysis.

E. Minnesota Transfer Curriculum Goal Area(s) and Competencies
Goal 04 - Mathematical/Logical Reasoning
1. Illustrate historical and contemporary applications of mathematical/logical systems.
2. Clearly express mathematical/logical ideas in writing.
3. Explain what constitutes a valid mathematical/logical argument (proof).
4. Apply higher-order problem-solving and/or modeling strategies.

F. LEARNER OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT
As noted on course syllabus

G. SPECIAL INFORMATION
None noted