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**Subject:** Success in EWRT 30, 40 and 41 based on Course History and Placement Exams

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### **EWRT 1A**

**1. What is the success rate of students who take EWRT 1A prior to enrolling in EWRT 30, 40 or 41?**

- The overall success rate of students in EWRT 30, 40 or 41 who took EWRT 1A prior is 80%, which is the average success rate of all students in the course (see page 4).
- Students in EWRT 41 had lower overall success rates than students in EWRT 30 and 40.

**2. Are students who pass the EWRT 1A placement exam more successful in EWRT 30, 40 or 41 than students who did not pass the EWRT 1A placement exam?**

- Students who passed the EWRT 1A placement exam and took EWRT 30, 40 or 41 had about the same success rate as students who did not pass the EWRT 1A exam.
- Students who passed the exam had higher success rates than students who did not take the EWRT 1A exam.

### **READ 211**

**3. What is the success rate of students who take READ 211 prior to enrolling in EWRT 30, 40 or 41?**

- The overall success rate of students in EWRT 30, 40 or 41 who took READ 211 prior is also 80%.
- Students in EWRT 41 had lower success rates than students in EWRT 30 and 40.

**4. Are students who pass the READ 211 placement exam more successful in EWRT 30, 40 or 41 than students who did not pass the READ 211 placement exam?**

- Students who passed the READ 211 placement exam and took EWRT 30 or 40 had higher success rate than students who did not pass the READ 211 exam.
- Students in EWRT 41 had about equal success rates if they passed or did not pass the placement exam.

### **EWRT 211**

**5. What is the success rate of students who take EWRT 211 prior to enrolling in EWRT 30, 40 or 41?**

- The overall success rate of students in EWRT 30, 40 or 41 who took EWRT 211 prior is 79%.
- Students in EWRT 41 again had lower success rates than students in EWRT 30 and 40.

**6. Are students who pass the EWRT 211 placement exam more successful in EWRT 30, 40 or 41 than students who did not pass the EWRT 211 placement exam?**

- Students who passed the EWRT 211 placement exam and took EWRT 30, 40 and 41 had higher success rate than students who did not pass the EWRT 211 exam.
- Students in EWRT 30, 40, and 41 who passed the EWRT 211 exam also had higher success rates than students who did not take the exam.
- Students in EWRT 41 who passed the EWRT 211 exam had much higher success rates than students who did not take the exam.

**LART 211**

- No students took LART 211 prior to enrolling in EWRT 30, 40 or 41 within this time period.

**Success Rates in EWRT 30, 40 and 41**

- In fall 2011, the overall course success rate for EWRT 30, 40 and 41 was 80%, the non success rate was 4% and the withdraw rate was 15%.
- In fall 2011, students in EWRT 30 exhibited a success rate of 96% while students in EWRT 40 had a success rate of 83% and students in EWRT 41 had a success rate of 63%.
- Students in EWRT 41 exhibited the highest withdrawal rate (29%) of the three courses.

**Methodology**

Students enrolled in EWRT 30, 40, or 41 in fall 2011 were tracked backwards to their enrollment in READ 211, EWRT 211 or LART 211 between 2009F and 2011S, two academic years (excluding summer terms). This resulted in 71 distinct students in EWRT 30, 40 or 41.

Students in each course were then tracked to determine whether they took a placement exam and whether they passed the exam. EWRT 1A passing score is 30 or above, READ 211 and EWRT 211 passing score is 20 or above and LART 211 uses the placement exams for READ 211 and EWRT 211.

Students who did not take the placement exam may have been exempt for many reasons. They may have been cleared because they took an equivalent course in high school, they may have taken the placement exam at another college, or they took the course at another college, to name a few.

Students had to pass READ 211, EWRT 211 or LART 211 to be included in the cohort. Their success rates were then calculated in EWRT 30, 40 or 41. Success is defined as A, B, C, P, while non success is D, F, NP, I, and withdraw is W.

Overall success rates for EWRT 30, 40 or 41 were calculated and presented on page 4.

Transfer data for students who passed EWRT 30, 40 or 41 was submitted to the National Student Clearing House but the data has not yet been returned. The data will be provided to you when it is available.

**Success in EWRT 30, 40, and 41 Based on  
EWRT 1A, LART 211, READ 211 or EWRT 211 Course History  
and Placement Exam**

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EWRT 1A	Success		Non Success		Withdraw		Total	
	Grades	Percent	Grades	Percent	Grades	Percent	Grades	Percent
EWRTD030. Passed EWRT 1A Exam	3	100%					3	100%
Did not pass EWRT 1A Exam	4	100%					4	100%
Did not Take EWRT1A Placement	15	94%			1	6%	16	100%
EWRTD040. Passed EWRT 1A Exam	6	86%			1	14%	7	100%
Did not pass EWRT 1A Exam	4	100%					4	100%
Did not Take EWRT1A Placement	10	77%	1	8%	2	15%	13	100%
EWRTD041. Passed EWRT 1A Exam	2	67%	1	33%			3	100%
Did not Take EWRT1A Placement	13	62%	1	5%	7	33%	21	100%
<b>Total</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>80%</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>100%</b>

Students who took EWRT 30, 40 or 41 in fall 2011 who took EWRT 1A anytime between 2009F and 2011S (excluding summer terms) as well as students who took the EWRT1A placement exam (pass = 30 or higher). Success = A, B, C, P; Non Success = D, F, I, NP; Withdraw = W

READ 211	Success		Non Success		Withdraw		Total	
	Grades	Percent	Grades	Percent	Grades	Percent	Grades	Percent
EWRTD030. Passed READ211 Exam	12	100%					12	100%
Did not pass READ211 Exam	10	91%			1	9%	11	100%
EWRTD040. Passed READ211 Exam	12	92%			1	8%	13	100%
Did not pass READ211 Exam	8	73%	1	9%	2	18%	11	100%
EWRTD041. Passed READ211 Exam	3	60%	2	40%			5	100%
Did not pass READ211 Exam	12	63%			7	37%	19	100%
<b>Total</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>80%</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>100%</b>

Students who took EWRT 30, 40 or 41 in fall 2011 who took READ 211 anytime between 2009F and 2011S (excluding summer terms) as well as students who took the READ 211 placement exam (pass = 20 or higher). Success = A, B, C, P; Non Success = D, F, I, NP; Withdraw = W

EWRT 211	Success		Non Success		Withdraw		Total	
	Grades	Percent	Grades	Percent	Grades	Percent	Grades	Percent
EWRTD030. Passed EWRT211 Placement Exam	12	100%					12	100%
Did Not Pass EWRT211 Placement Exam	1	100%					1	100%
No EWRT211 Placement Exam	9	82%			1	18%	10	100%
EWRTD040. Passed EWRT211 Placement Exam	15	89%			2	11%	17	100%
No EWRT211 Placement Exam	5	71%	1	14%	1	14%	7	100%
EWRTD041. Passed EWRT211 Placement Exam	7	70%	2	20%	1	10%	10	100%
No EWRT211 Placement Exam	8	53%			6	47%	14	100%
<b>Total</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>79%</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>100%</b>

Students who took EWRT 30, 40 or 41 in fall 2011 who took EWRT 211 anytime between 2009F and 2011S (excluding summer terms) as well as students who took the EWRT 211 placement exam (pass = 20 or higher). Success = A, B, C, P; Non Success = D, F, I, NP; Withdraw = W

Note: No students went from LART 211 into EWRT 30, 40, or 41 during the same time period.

### Success in EWRT 30, 40, and 41 - Fall 2011

	2011F							
	Success		Non Success		Withdraw		Total	
	Grades	Percent	Grades	Percent	Grades	Percent	Grades	Percent
EWRTD030.	22	96%			1	4%	23	100%
EWRTD040.	20	83%	1	4%	3	13%	24	100%
EWRTD041.	15	63%	2	8%	7	29%	24	100%
Total	57	80%	3	4%	11	15%	71	100%

Success = A, B, C, P; Non Success = D, F, I, NP; Withdraw = W