Data Dialog on Basic Skills
What are the findings? What to do?

Basic Skills Completion. Students lacking academic preparation for their chosen college programs are a national and local concern. Basic Skills are defined as math and English courses not applicable to a degree or certificate, and at MCC include the non-credit MTHN 1 and 2 and ENGN 1. In Fig. 3e-6, basic skills completion is calculated from: 1) enrollment in the final basic skills course prior to the regular college curriculum, 2) successful completion of the basic skills class, and 3) successful completion of the first regular college course; as compared with completers in the first regular college course who enrolled without taking a basic skills prerequisite.

![Basic Skills Comparison 2004-05](chart)

- **English** basic skills students — of those who did go on to ENG 19, many passed (77.9%), proportionately as well as those (76.8%) who entered ENG 19 directly.
- **Math** basic skills students — of those who did go on to Math 22, many passed (69.8%), proportionately as well as those (72.4%) who entered Math 22 directly.