Shippensburg University
READING Placement

Options for students testing at the Developmental Level in Reading
(79 or BELOW)

You scored at the developmental reading level on The Townsend College Preparatory Reading Test. Because reading is so important to college success, all students are encouraged to resolve this developmental placement before arriving on campus in August.

For many students, a developmental placement may be satisfied via coursework during the summer at their local community college. For a list of comparable courses available at other colleges, please contact (using your SU email) mcmurphy@ship.edu.

If you take a course at your local community college

1. **YOU MUST** contact the Shippensburg University Placement/Testing Center office at (717) 477-1014 or mcmurphy@ship.edu to ensure you are taking the appropriate course and gain prior approval.

2. **YOU MUST** complete the course and earn a “C” or better and have an official transcript sent to the Shippensburg University Admissions Office ASAP so your scheduled can be adjusted if needed.

If you choose NOT to take a necessary Developmental Reading course before starting at Ship, your first semester schedule may be restricted to 9 college level credits.

*NOTE: Your first semester you will be a full-time student with 12 credits (3cr – RDG 050 plus 9cr college level) but ONLY the 9 college level credits will count towards graduation.*

*** Please note that developmental courses, whether taken at *** Shippensburg University or elsewhere, DO NOT count toward graduation.