



## FINANCIAL AID OFFICE

# ABILITY TO BENEFIT TEST INSTRUCTION SHEET

To receive Federal financial aid you must have a high school diploma or its recognized equivalent.

### WHAT IS EQUIVALENT TO A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA?

- General Education Development (GED) certificate
- A student's postsecondary school academic transcript if the student has completed a program of at least two years in length that is acceptable for full credit toward a bachelor's degree.
- Or, a certification of completion of a home-study program if the student's home state recognizes the certificate as the equivalent of a high school diploma.

### WHAT IF I DO NOT POSSESS A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA OR ITS EQUIVALENT?

If you do not have a high school diploma or its equivalent, you may still qualify by passing an approved test, called an Ability To Benefit test.

***\*\* Currently enrolled high school students are not eligible to take the ATB. \*\****

### HOW DO I TAKE THE ATB TEST?

You **MUST** take the **Computerized Placement Test (CPT)** to meet the Ability To Benefit Test requirement. You must complete and pass all three parts of the Ability To Benefit Test in one session. You are allowed three attempts to pass the Ability To Benefit Test. If you do NOT pass the test on the third and final attempt, you will NOT be eligible for student financial aid until you either receive your high school diploma or complete your General Education Development Certificate (GED).

- **Step 1** Take your test at the Assessment Center located in Bonelli Hall Room 205. You may contact the Assessment Center at 661-362-3457.
- **Step 2** Submit your test results to the Financial Aid Office, Seco Hall Room 110.