

Below are answers to commonly asked questions regarding validating prerequisites and corequisites .

Q. What is a Prerequisite?

A. When a course has a prerequisite, it means that a student must have certain knowledge to be successful in the course. The prior knowledge may be a skill (ie: type 40 wpm), an ability (ie: speaks and writes French fluently), a placement preparation score, or successful completion of a course (ie: grade C or better in CHE-1A).

Q. What is a Corequisite?

A. When a course has a corequisite, it means that a student is required to take another course concurrent with or prior to enrollment in the course. Knowing the information presented in the corequisite course is considered necessary for a student to be successful in the course. (Completion of, or concurrent enrollment in, Math 1A is required for Physics 4A.)

Q. Why am I being blocked when I have met the corequisite?

A. If you are being blocked from registering for a course because it requires a corequisite course and you have completed the corequisite course with a 'C' or better at RCCD or are currently registered at RCCD for the corequisite course, please go in person to the Counseling office (A&R Office at Moreno Valley College) for assistance. A staff person will verify that you have met the corequisite before giving you a form that will allow you to complete your registration in person at the Admissions & Records office.

Q. How Do I Know the Pre/Corequisite A Course?

A. The courses listed in WebAdvisor are links. When you click on the course link, the class information will appear. Under the Title and Course Section Number is the Description. In the Description, the pre/corequisite(s) for the course will be stated.

Q. I placed into an English, Reading or Math course on the placement test and I am receiving a prerequisite not started message. Why?

A. Please check your placement level scores on WebAdvisor. Go to the Student Menu/Academic Planning/Placement Test Summary.

- If your scores are not listed, they may not have been uploaded yet. It takes up to 2 working days after completion of the placement test for the scores to be uploaded.
- Are you registering for the course you placed into? Unless you have completed coursework at an outside institution and have validated your prerequisite, you must begin with the course you placed into before progressing to a higher level.

Q. I attempted to register for a course and it states that I have to be part of a program. Why?

- A. Some courses are designated for special programs or are part of a learning community. You must be a student in the program or learning community to register for designated sections.
- Click on the course link and the class information will appear. Under the Title and Course Section Number is the Description. In the Description, the pre/corequisite(s) for the course will be stated. If the course is part of a program or learning community, it will be stated in the description along with a contact person for more information. If you are not part of the learning community or special program, please choose a different section of the same course, if available.

Q. I already satisfied the pre/corequisite outside of RCCD, why can't I register?

- A. At this time, you have not yet validated your pre/corequisite. If you have passed the prerequisite course at another *accredited college or university* with a "C" or better and either RCCD does not have an official transcript or your official transcript is on file, but you have not completed the necessary paperwork:
- You may either have your transcript mailed to RCCD, or for faster results, you may hand deliver the transcript. Hand delivered transcripts must be in a sealed envelope from the sending institution and must be dated within the last 90 days. After your transcript arrives, you must complete a Prerequisite Validation form. The form is available in the Counseling Department at all three college locations and is processed within five business days. Once the prerequisite is verified, the block will be removed. If your official transcript is already on file, you need to visit the Counseling Department and complete the form.
 - If an official transcript cannot be obtained in a timely manner and you haven't used unofficial documentation before, you may submit a Matriculation Appeal Petition to the Counseling Department at any of the three colleges and provide documentation that you have met the prerequisite. This documentation could be an unofficial transcript or a copy of your report card indicating you passed the class with a "C" or

better. Unofficial transcripts must be from the original institution that issued the grade(s), must include college name and student information. The Matriculation Appeal Petition is processed within five business days.

Q. Can I satisfy a foreign language prerequisite through high school coursework?

A. Yes. Completing two years of the same foreign language at high school with a C or better is considered equivalent to Riverside Community College District's foreign language 1. Completion of three years of the same foreign language with a C or better in high school is considered equivalent to Riverside Community College District's foreign language 2. To validate your prerequisite you must submit your official high school transcript to the Counseling Department at any of the three colleges and complete a Matriculation Appeal Petition. If an official transcript cannot be obtained in a timely manner and you haven't used unofficial documentation before, you may submit an unofficial transcript or a grade report and complete a Matriculation Appeals Petition. This will validate your prerequisite for one semester until your official transcript arrives.

Q. Can I use high school coursework to satisfy the Chemistry 2A prerequisite?

A. Providing documentation of completion of one year of high school chemistry with a lab and successful completion of the Chemistry Diagnostic test will earn you an equivalency of Chemistry 2A. To be eligible to take the Chemistry Diagnostic test, you must submit your official high school transcript to the Counseling Department at any of the three colleges. If an official transcript cannot be obtained in a timely manner, you may submit an unofficial transcript or grade report and submit an official transcript before the next registration cycle begins. When submitting documentation, please ask the counterstaff for a form for the Chemistry Diagnostic Test.