

**Course Objectives/Course Outline**  
**Spokane Community College**

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**Course Title:** Vocational/Technical Mathematics

**Prefix and Course Number:** MATH 100

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**Course Learning Outcomes:**

**By the end of this course, a student should be able to:**

- Perform basic operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division) on whole numbers.
- Convert between mixed numbers and improper fractions.
- Arrange a given set of fractions from smallest to largest.
- Perform order of operations on integers, decimals, and fractions.
- Solve inverse and direct variation problems.
- Convert between decimals, percent, and fractions.
- Solve linear equations in one variable.
- Understand multiplication of polynomials.
- Understand factoring of polynomials.
- Solve quadratic equations by factoring.
- Understand, solve, and graph linear equations in two variables.
- Construct tables, pie charts, bar graphs, and histograms as needed.
- Solve systems of linear equations.
- Perform angle measurement.
- Find area and perimeter of polygons and circles.
- Apply the Pythagorean Theorem.
- Solve right triangles.
- Find exact and approximate values for the sine, cosine, and tangent of an angle.
- Solve oblique triangles using geometry and trigonometry.
- Solve word problems relevant to the student's professional/technical area.
- Understand units of measure and perform conversions related to student's professional/technical area.

**Course Outline:**

I. Whole Numbers

A review of the four fundamental operations of arithmetic, including both pencil and paper algorithms and the use of the hand-held calculator; exponents, divisibility rules, and prime factorization. Problem solving related to the student's professional/technical goal.

- A. Write numeral form from word names.
- B. Write word names from numeral form.
- C. Find the sum of two or more whole numbers.
- D. Find the difference between two whole numbers.

II. Fractions

A review of the four fundamental operations using fractions and mixed numbers; algorithms for finding least common denominator; calculator algorithms. Problem solving related to the student's professional/technical goals.

- A. Write a function to describe parts of units (unit regions or unit groups).
- B. Change improper fractions to mixed numbers.
- C. Change mixed numbers to improper fractions.
- D. Find the product of two or more numbers written as fractions.
- E. Write a fraction with a required denominator that is equivalent to a given fraction.
- F. Arrange a given group of fractions in order of value from smallest to largest.
- G. Reduce a given fraction to lowest terms.
- H. Find the product of numbers written as fractions or mixed numbers and reduce the product to lowest terms.
- I. Find the reciprocal of a given natural number, fraction, or mixed number.
- J. Find the quotient of two numbers written as fractions, mixed numbers, or whole numbers.
- K. Find the sum of two or more numbers written as like fractions.
- L. Find the sum of two or more numbers written as unlike fractions.
- M. Find the sum of two or more numbers written as mixed numbers and/or whole numbers.
- N. Find the difference of two numbers written as fractions.
- O. Find the difference of two numbers written as mixed numbers.
- P. Perform any combination of operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, and/or exponentiation) on numbers written in fraction form in the conventional order.
- Q. Solve problems in the student's professional/technical area using fractions, mixed numbers, and whole numbers.

### III. Ratio, Proportion, and Percent

A review of ratio, proportion, and variation and applications of them related to the student's professional/technical goal. A review of percent and percent applications related to the student's professional/technical goal.

- A. Write a fraction that shows a ratio comparison of two numbers or two denominate numbers.
- B. Determine whether or not a given proportion is true.
- C. Find the missing number that will make a given proportion true.
- D. Solve word problems using proportions in the student's professional/technical area.
- E. Solve problems using direct variation.
- F. Solve problems using inverse variation.
- G. Write a percent to express a comparison of two numbers or quantities.
- H. Write a given decimal as a percent.
- I. Write a decimal which is equivalent to a given percent.
- J. Change a given fraction or mixed number to a percent.
- K. Change percents to fractions or mixed numbers.
- L. Write a percent as a decimal and as a fraction.
- M. Write a fraction as a decimal and as a percent.
- N. Write a decimal as a percent and as a fraction.
- O. Solve problems that are written in the form "A is R% of B" or "R% of B is A."
- P. Solve word problems involving percent in the student's professional/technical area.

- IV. Review of Algebra  
A review of basic algebraic concepts and problem solving strategies related to the student's professional/technical goals.
- A. Introduction to algebra.
  - B. Solving linear equations.
  - C. Introduction to products and factoring procedures.
  - D. Solving quadratic equations by factoring.
  - E. Graphing ordered pairs, linear equations and inequalities.  
Constructing tables, pie charts, bar graphs, and histograms.
  - F. Solving systems of linear equations.
- V. Geometry
- A. Angle measurement.
  - B. Area and perimeter of polygons.
  - C. Triangles, hexagons, and irregular polygons.
  - D. Circles.
- VI. Right Triangle Trigonometry  
Definitions of the trigonometric functions in a right triangle, Law of Sines, Law of Cosines, with applications related to the student's professional/technical goals.
- A. Find the degree measure of the third angle in a triangle given two of the angles.
  - B. Given any two sides of a right triangle find the sine, cosine, and/or tangent of either acute angle.
  - C. Find the exact value of the sine, cosine, and/or tangent of an angle of 30, 45, and 60.
  - D. Find the approximate value of the sine, cosine, and/or tangent of any acute angle from a table or a calculator with keys for trigonometric ratios.
  - E. Find the acute angle, to the nearest tenth of a degree, given the value of its sine, cosine, and/or tangent.
  - F. Solve a right triangle.
  - G. Find the approximate value of the sine, cosine, and tangent of an obtuse angle using a table or calculator with trigonometric keys.
  - H. Find the measure of an obtuse angle given the value of its sine, cosine, or tangent.
  - I. Solve an oblique triangle given all three sides and no angles.
  - J. Solve an oblique triangle given two sides and the angle formed by them.
  - K. Solve an oblique triangle given any two sides and the angle opposite one of them.
  - L. Solve an oblique triangle given any two angles and the side opposite one of them.
- VII. Conversions and Units of Measure  
Units of measure and conversions related to the specific professional/technical program will be introduced and such activities will be integrated throughout the curriculum.
- VIII. Applications  
Problem solving activities related to the specific professional/technical program will be introduced and such activities will be integrated throughout the curriculum.