#### **MEMORANDUM**

To: MAT 8 and MAT 51 Faculty

From: Ellen Inkelis and Jenna Hirsch, Remediation Coordinators

Date: 10/7/15

Re: Departmental Midterm Exam Procedures Fall 2015

### **Updated Information**

1) \*\* NEW\*\* It is strongly suggested that instructors post Midterm, Final, and CUNY Exam scores on the WebAssign grade book. The gradebook for each section has been set up to enter exam scores. Easy-to-follow Instructions will be distributed.

2) \*\*NEW\*\* Remediation Website for Instructors: bmccremmath.commons.gc.cuny.edu

# 7th Week MAT 8/51 MIDTERM EXAM

<u>Pick- up dates:</u> available starting on Wed 10/14 in Math Lab rm S535.\* Administer: during the "7th week" of classes - 7th Thur 10/15 - 7th Wed10/21.

### **Midterm Exam Packet** The packet will include:

- 1. Midterm Exams
- 2. Class roster
- 3. Intervention Referral Form

### Note:

- Midterms should be picked up the same day as the exam whenever possible-otherwise they should be picked up after any class meeting that precedes the midterm. (For example, a Tues/Thurs section may pick up the midterm after class on Tues for a Thurs test, or after class on Thurs for a Tues test.) Only in extreme cases can an early pickup be granted, such as for faculty teaching off-campus or teaching on weekends. After picking up midterm exams, keep them with you, or securely locked in a cabinet or desk at all times.
- Instructors may review the Midterm in class or in their offices.
- Students may not keep Midterm Exams or any scratch paper.
- MAT 8 Midterm Exam contains 20 multiple-choice questions.
- MAT51 Midterm Exam contains 20 fill-in questions.
- Calculators are not permitted.

### **Grading and Submitting PAAE/Midterm Scores:**

- Please grade the Midterm as soon as possible. This will allow students with low scores more time to complete the intervention assignments!
- A class roster will be placed in the Midterm exam packet. After grading, enter Midterm scores on roster provided. Please submit the completed roster to the Math Lab (\$535) or to Sandra Rumayor in \$715J (depending upon where you picked up the exams).
- Submit Midterm Exam roster by Wed October 28
- \*\* NEW\*\* Instructors can now post Midterm, Final, and CUNY Exam scores on the Webassign grade book. The gradebook for each section has been set up to enter scores. Easy-to-follow instructions will be distributed.
- Post Midterm Exam scores on WebAssign by Wed October 28
   Find instructions on: bmccremath.commons.gc.cuny.edu

<sup>\*</sup>Faculty who teach after 4pm on Fridays, Saturdays or Sundays, will pick up exams from Sandra Rumayor in S715J (srumayor@bmcc.cuny.edu, x8325).

## **Intervention Assignment Policies**

### Purpose:

• Online Intervention Assignments were created to provide extra needed practice.

### Requirements:

- All students with a Midterm Exam score <u>lower</u> than 70% must complete <u>all</u> of the online Intervention Assignments.
- Students should obtain a score of at least 70% per each intervention assignment.

**Exempt**: Students who pass the Midterm with a score of 70% or higher are exempt. Students who are exempt should still be encouraged to use the Intervention Assignments as extra practice.

#### Note:

- All students can redo each intervention assignment until a score of 70% or higher is achieved on each assignment.
- All of the online Intervention assignments are titled "Intervention".
- As an incentive for <u>all</u> students, an instructor may replace the lower midterm score with the higher average of
  intervention scores. Remind the student that the higher intervention score will boost his or her overall course
  average.
- At the <u>discretion</u> of the instructor, it is possible that students could receive an R grade if their intervention scores are below 70%.
- <u>All</u> students will be allowed to take the in-class Final Exam and the CUNY Exam regardless of the intervention scores.

A copy of the Intervention Referral Forms will be placed in instructors Midterm Exam packet.

Instructors should give each student (except those that pass the Midterm) a copy of the Intervention Referral Form. You may also pick up a copy in the Math Lab, the Math Department, and online on: bmccremmath.commons.gc.cuny.edu

Thank you in advance for all your efforts here at BMCC. We welcome your comments or suggestions that will make a more productive and successful semester. Looking forward to hearing from you.

If you have any questions regarding this memo, contact:

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Kindest Regards, Ellen and Jenna