

## Frequently Asked Questions *ACCESS Orientation Program* Summer 2021

### *What is the ACCESS Orientation Program?*

The ACCESS Orientation Program is for first-time freshmen who have been accepted for admission to Morgan State University for the Fall 2021 semester. The Program provides the opportunity for students to become prepared for their college classes and campus life. It increases their chances of a smooth high school to college transition. Morgan State University recognizes that the freshman year is a challenge for all new students. Participation in this program provides activities and content to help students have a successful first year.

### *How much does the ACCESS Orientation Program cost?*

This year, due to the financial hardship caused by the coronavirus (COVID-19) crisis, the registration fee will only be **\$100** for all ACCESS Orientation Program participants who **register online before May 15, 2021**. The fee for the new online, virtual ACCESS Orientation Program is \$100; however, late fees may be applied after May 15<sup>th</sup>.

### *Is participation in the ACCESS Orientation Program mandatory?*

Yes, all first-time Freshmen are required to participate in the ACCESS Orientation Program. Immediately following the deadline for registration on May 15<sup>th</sup>, registered ACCESS students will receive an introductory email with an embedded video and a written checklist outlining the new ACCESS Orientation Program details and format. Students will receive a series of emails from the ACCESS Orientation Program Coordinator, each providing information on a required activity and/or component of the orientation to be completed by a specific deadline, typically within one week or 3-5 business days. Once students have completed every component of the online, virtual orientation program, they will receive an **ACCESS Orientation Program Certificate of Completion**.

### *When do I take the Freshman Placement Exam?*

**All Morgan freshmen are required to take a mathematics placement exam. Freshmen now have the opportunity to participate in the online math prep course.** New freshmen have an opportunity to improve math placement by working online from home using the ALEKS PPL math placement exam. The cost for the ALEKS online math placement exam and prep course is included in the ACCESS Orientation Program registration. Students can practice the math placement test from home in an effort to avoid being placed in Math 106 (Developmental Math), a 3-credit prep course that does **not** count toward graduation requirements. The ALEKS PPL online prep course includes up to four math placement exams with online remediation modules.

Once you register for the ACCESS Orientation Program before May 15, 2021, you will receive an online access code for the ALEKS PPL online placement exam prep course. Students must login to ALEKS and complete their math placement exam(s) **before July 1, 2021**. There will be no reading placement testing for Summer 2021 first-time freshmen. Instead, the Office of Institutional Research (IR) will provide guidance in determining which incoming freshmen will be required to take the ALCR 101 (Analytical and Critical Reading) course based on SAT or ACT scores, high school GPA, and/or grades in specific high school courses.