

## **From Basic Skills Initiative Guidebook**

Definition of basic skills:

*Basic skills are those foundation skills in reading, writing, mathematics, and English as a Second Language, as well as learning skills and study skills, which are necessary for students to succeed in college-level work.*

Definition of effective practices:

*“Effective practices” refer to organizational, administrative, instructional, or support activities engaged in by highly successful programs, as validated by research and literature sources relating to developmental education.*

## **AVC Basic Skills Committee Mission Statement**

The mission of the Basic Skills Committee is to increase student access and success by ensuring that effective practices are utilized across campus in the areas of foundational reading, writing, mathematics, ESL, learning and study skills, and support services.