General ESP Facts:

Important Terms:

• **Learning Communities (LC):** Term given to either the accelerated or immersion classes in the Express to Success Program (ESP).

• **Accelerated LC:** Two or more courses taken at the same time that allow students to move quickly to the next math or English level.

• **Immersion LC:** Two classes taken at the same time with a cohort of students. Classes do not necessarily allow a student to skip a level up of math or English but the material is cohesive in its curriculum.

• **Registration Advising Sessions (RAS):** These are usually 1 ½ hour long sessions where students are enrolled in our program. Every student who joins ESP, new or returning, must attend a RAS whether face to face, online, or by phone.

• **ESP Orientation:** This event takes place the Friday before the semester begins. It is mandatory and intended to provide students the opportunity to connect with ESP students, faculty, and the tutor. Some faculty give out homework assignments on that day.

Important Program Points:

• **Academic Probation or Disqualification students:** They can participate in ESP and the LC as long as there are no holds on their account and they can enroll in 12 units.

• **Assessment and Enrollment:** Students can enroll in the next level while they are enrolled in a math or English prerequisite. For example, students who are enrolled in Math 100 during summer we be allowed to register for our Math 107/120 for fall. It is the student’s responsibility to inform us if they don’t pass his/her prerequisite.

• **Dropping or Withdrawing:** Students are informed during the RAS that in order to drop the program they must contact the LC instructor and inform the ESP Counselor. They cannot withdraw from ESP LC classes themselves once the semester has begun.

MATH LC Specifics:

• All math LCs have a 1 unit online study skills class that helps them understand how to study for math. It discusses how the brain retains information and also typically requires students to attend workshops on the campus.

• Math 107/117 – Students are in 8 weeks of 107 and 8 weeks of 117. Students who do not do well in 107 can opt to stay in and work on material to bring up their grade in 107 while working on 117 with the knowledge that
if they do not pass the 107 even if they pass the 117, they will fail both classes.

• Math 107/120 – These classes are two separate grades but the material is covered throughout the semester. Two final grades are given.
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**ENGLISH LC Specifics:**

**ENG 117**
Passing English 117 does not guarantee a jump into English 110.

• Students who are at the 70/80 level must assess into English 103 or higher at the end of their Eng 117 semester and pass a portfolio review. This information is relayed to our students at intake and is also on our website and the description for Eng 117 that we provide to students.
• Even though it might sound tough to make the leap, please read the following from ESP's Director Kathy Molloy who says it best:

"I know it's really complex given the dept. requirements, but it works! Eng. 117 has one of the highest two level success rates of any of our ESP courses, much higher than the regular pass rate from Eng. 80 to 100."

**ENG 121**
• This is a two unit workshop that takes the place of ENG 100 in the accelerated model of ENG 121 + ENG 110/120.
• There are 10 students who are at ENG 100 (taking 121) and 14 students at the ENG 110+120 level.