

Fall semester 2007

## **MATH 095 Elementary Algebra Foundations**

Three Rivers Community College—Norwich, CT 06360

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### Course Description

This course extends the basic algebra skills acquired in Math 075. The topics include signed numbers, solving first-degree equations, exponents, polynomials, factoring, graphing, systems of linear equations, inequalities, radicals, and scientific notation. (Course does not count towards the minimum requirements for graduation.)

### Instructional Materials:

*Beginning Algebra*, 4<sup>th</sup> edition, by K. Elayn Martin-Gay

### Assignments and Grading:

- A. You are expected to complete the weekly homework. Homework will not be collected but will be discussed in class. **You** are responsible for understanding the topics covered. (Get a tutor in the Learning Resource Center for help.)
- B. There will be three scheduled tests; **no makeup tests will be given**. In addition, unannounced quizzes will be given, to be graded instead of homework. The average of your 10 best quizzes will count as a fourth test. These four test grades will be averaged with the final exam. **You must pass the final exam to pass the course.**

### Expectations & Suggestions for Success:

1. YOU are the one responsible for finding out what is covered if you miss class.
2. Share phone numbers with other students to find out about anything you miss.
3. BEFORE you get lost or fall behind, sign up for extra help—it's free to registered students.
4. This is a pre-requisite for other math classes; we will move rapidly, so keep up—don't cram.

### College Withdrawal Policy:

You have until December 3 to formally withdraw from classes. If you just stop attending class without officially withdrawing, you will not receive credit for the course. Be responsible.

### Disability Statement:

If you are a student with a disability and believe you will need accommodations for this class, it is your responsibility to contact the Disabilities Counseling Services at 383-5217. To avoid any delay in accommodations, you should contact a counselor as soon as possible. Please note that your instructor cannot provide accommodations until s/he has received a letter from the Disabilities Counselor.