High School Mathematics Pathways

An understanding of math is essential in today’s competitive, technological world. Starting in 2008, the K-12 mathematics curriculum in New Brunswick has been changing to help students be better prepared for whatever they choose to do after high school. The new curriculum is focused on providing students with the skills and knowledge to confidently solve problems and contribute to society.

The high school mathematics program has changed significantly. There are new courses for Grades 9 to 12 and the Grades 11 and 12 courses are organized into three “pathways”. These pathways and the courses included in each are explained in more detail on the next page.

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<td>Topics</td>
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Each pathway is designed to provide students with the mathematical competencies and critical-thinking skills that will be needed after high school. Students should select courses in the pathway that best fits their interests and plans for after high school, similar to selecting science and other elective courses. Each pathway provides students with a different focus of math concepts and skills. Students may choose to take additional courses beyond what they need to graduate to better prepare them for what they want to do after high school.

### REQUIRED COURSES

**What math courses do I need to graduate?**
- Mathematics 9
- Geometry, Measurement, and Finance 10
- Number, Relations, and Functions 10
- **Plus:** one of the following Grade 11 courses
  - Financial and Workplace 11
  - Foundations of Mathematics 11 (pre- or co-requisite for the Pre-Calculus pathway)

**GRADE 9: MATHEMATICS 9**
- **Length:** Full year
- **Prerequisite:** Grade 8 mathematics
- **Topics:** exponents and bases, linear relations and equations, polynomials, circle properties, surface area, scale diagrams, data collection and displays, histograms, probability

**GRADE 10: Geometry, Measurement, and Finance 10**
- **Length:** 1 semester
- **Prerequisite:** Grade 9 mathematics
- **Topics:** Pythagorean Theorem, polygons, angles, trigonometric ratios, metric and Imperial systems of measurement, surface area and volume, unit pricing, currency exchange, income (gross & net pay), credit cards, loans, interest

**GRADE 10: Number, Relations, and Functions 10**
- **Length:** 1 semester
- **Prerequisite:** Grade 9 mathematics
- **Topics:** prime factors, common factors, square and cube roots, irrational numbers, integral and rational exponents, polynomial expressions, trinomial factoring, linear relations and functions, slope, distance formula, midpoint formula

For more information, contact the Guidance Counsellor at your school or go to: [www.careercruising.com](http://www.careercruising.com) (login information available from Guidance Dept.)
**High School Math Pathways: Which one is best for you?**

**FINANCIAL AND WORKPLACE MATHEMATICS**
This pathway is designed for students who plan to take post-secondary programs that require applied mathematics or who plan to enter the workforce directly after high school.

**FOUNDATIONS OF MATHEMATICS**
This pathway is designed for students who plan to take post-secondary academic programs that do not require calculus.

**PRE-CALCULUS**
This pathway is designed for students who plan to take post-secondary programs that require calculus.

### GRADE 11 COURSES

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<td>Financial and Workplace Mathematics 110</td>
<td>1 semester</td>
<td>Geometry, Measurement, and Finance 10</td>
<td>right triangles, trigonometry, scale models &amp; drawings, numerical reasoning, renting &amp; buying, investment portfolios, personal budgets, application of formulas, slope, proportional reasoning.</td>
<td>College diplomas: Early Childhood Education, Firefighting, Drafting, Welding, Plumbing, Carpentry; Bachelor degrees: Arts and Fine Arts</td>
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<td>Foundations of Mathematics 110</td>
<td>1 semester</td>
<td>Number, Relations, and Functions 10 AND Geometry, Measurement, and Finance 10</td>
<td>rates, scale diagrams, 2-D &amp; 3-D relationships, numerical &amp; logical reasoning, angles &amp; triangles, sine &amp; cosine law, renting &amp; buying, systems of linear inequalities, quadratic functions, investment portfolios.</td>
<td>College diplomas: Medical Technology, Business Administration, Practical Nursing; Bachelor degrees: Arts and Fine Arts</td>
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<td>Pre-Calculus 110</td>
<td>1 semester</td>
<td>Foundations of Mathematics 110</td>
<td>absolute value functions, radical expressions &amp; equations, rational expressions &amp; equations, angles &amp; trigonometric ratios (0°-360°), polynomial factoring, systems of equations, quadratic functions &amp; equations, linear &amp; quadratic inequalities.</td>
<td>College diplomas: Engineering and Environmental technology; Bachelor degrees: Arts and Fine Arts</td>
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Please confirm the entrance requirements for specific programs offered by post-secondary Institutions which will change in the spring of 2014 to correspond to the new curriculum.

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<td>Foundations of Mathematics 120</td>
<td>1 semester</td>
<td>Foundations of Mathematics 110</td>
<td>normal distribution, standard deviation, confidence intervals, set theory, conditional statements, probability, binomial theorem, polynomial, exponential, logarithmic &amp; sinusoidal functions.</td>
<td>College diplomas: Engineering Technology, Computer Technician, Pharmacy Technology; Bachelor degrees: Nursing, Kinesiology, Business Administration, Economics, Psychology</td>
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<td>Pre-Calculus A 120</td>
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<td>graphs of functions &amp; related equations, exponential &amp; logarithmic functions &amp; equations, angles in standard position, degrees &amp; radians, unit circle, trigonometric functions &amp; equations, trigonometric identities.</td>
<td>Bachelor degrees: Science, Computer Science, Engineering, Mathematics</td>
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<td>Pre-Calculus B 120</td>
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<td>derivatives of polynomial, trigonometric, exponential &amp; logarithmic functions, product, quotient &amp; chain rules, applications of derivatives, integrals.</td>
<td>Bachelor degrees: Science, Computer Science, Engineering, Mathematics</td>
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**Most programs that require**

**Pre-Calculus A 120, also require Pre-Calculus B 120**