Steps to Success

- Read the syllabus and view "How to Enter Answers" video. The link to the video can be found in the Welcome to MyMathLab announcement on Course Home page. You may want to print out the course calendar – Student Guide page from the syllabus.

- Take the diagnostic test in the Math Matters Lab. Be sure to click on and read each question and attempt to solve any for which you have prior knowledge. Getting all the questions from one module correct (usually 6 consecutive questions) will allow you to skip that module, so don’t stop and submit just because you do not know how to do the first few problems.

- The pretest for each module is optional. If you decide to take a pretest for a module, it must be completed in the lab before opening the first homework assignment for the module. A score of 85 on the pretest will exempt you from that module.

- View videos or textbook pages before doing homework. Work through the examples or the margin exercises and make notes on new material.

- Do the homework assignment. Try to do each problem without the Help menu, but if you do not know how to work a problem, click on View an Example. You may also want to click on Help Me Solve This if you need additional help. Once you complete the problem using any of these resources, click on Do a Similar Exercise and attempt to work the same type of problem without the Help button. You may also click on Do a Similar Exercise any time you miss a problem to replace the missed problem with a correct one and raise your grade on the assignment.

- Take the quizzes as you come to them. You are not required to take quizzes in the lab. The quizzes do not have the Help menu, but these resources become available when you review the quizzes after submitting them.

- Take a practice test. The Help resources will become available after you submit the practice test for your use in reviewing the results. There is no limit on the number of attempts for practice tests, and these are not calculated in the grade for the class. They can be printed in Review mode after they are submitted.

- Use the Study Plan to prepare for the test. The Study Plan is individualized for each student based on problems missed in the module. Click on Show Me What I Need to Study. The Study Plan does not count in your average for the course.

- Take the module test. The test for the module must be taken in the Math Matters Lab. A grade of 80 or higher will allow you to progress to the next module. After you complete the test, review the results with your instructor or a tutor. Tests may be retaken to raise the grade.

- Attend class and lab and follow the course schedule. These are the components of the Participation grade and also the key to success!