

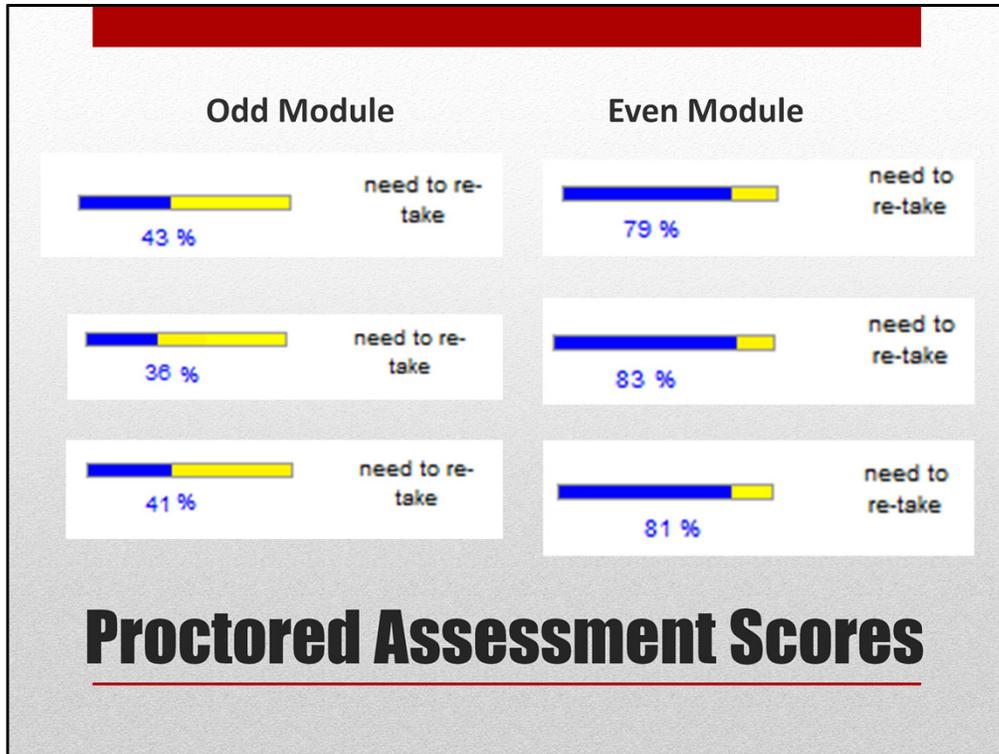
Pre-Core Mathematics Program

What to do when you “need to re-take” a module assessment

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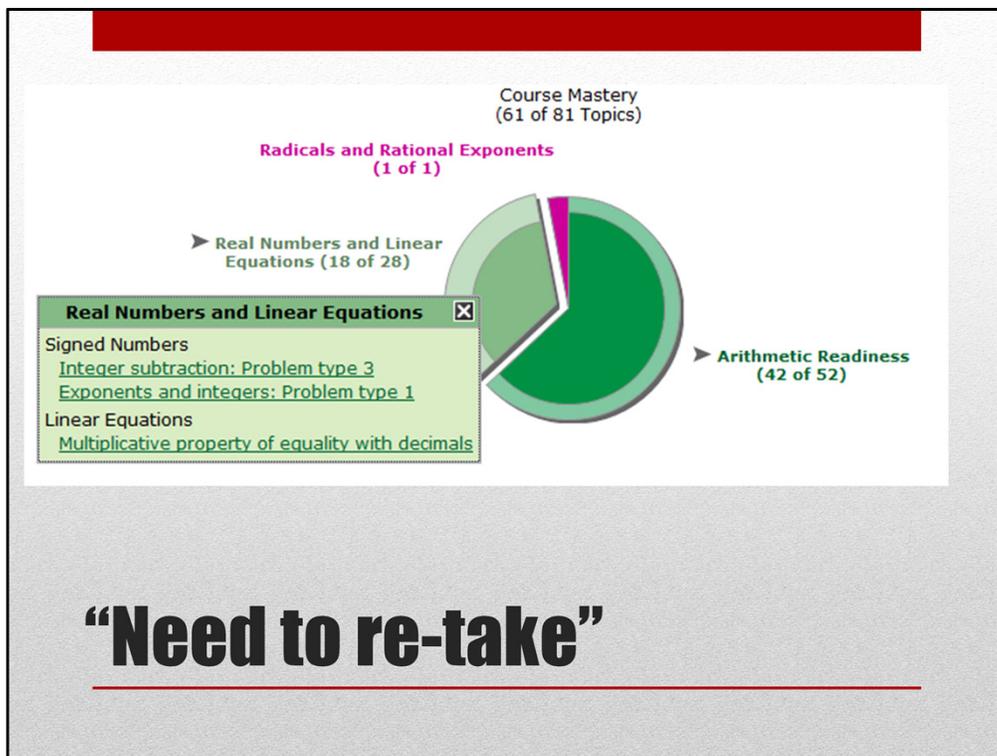
Class #13 in the Pre-Core Mathematics Program

What should you do when you see the “need to re-take” message after taking a proctored module assessment?



It breaks my heart when I see proctored module assessment scores with the words “need to re-take” after the score. But I know you must be able to show mastery of the material to move forward in the material. So, what is your strategy when this happens?

Here are some things to think about.



When you look at your MyPie immediately after the assessment, the topics that are available give you an idea of the problems you answered incorrectly on the assessment. Take a look at all the available topics...maybe even write them down, creating an ‘after the assessment’ list for yourself. What do you think? Are these the ones you expected to see?

Then to help determine if the errors were ‘small or careless’ errors versus ‘bigger conceptual’ errors, tackle each topic WITHOUT looking at notes or getting help. If you get it correct, then it may have been just a careless error...and you need to watch out for those....and adding it to your MyPie will be quick. If you get it incorrect, then you need to find out EXACTLY where you are making a mistake. You can either do this using the ALEKS explanations or asking a tutor to point out where you went wrong. I would also put a STAR next to this topic on my ‘after the assessment’ list. Then work on the topic to get it added to your MyPie with an ‘extra practice’ beyond what ALEKS offers you to add it to your mastery. Remember, you have learned this topic before, but not enough to show mastery on a proctored assessment. So, work it one extra time before moving on. Then for a few days, I’d review those STAR topics – just to be certain you’ve got them.

After you’ve completed the required topics for the module, you should be ready for another proctored assessment.

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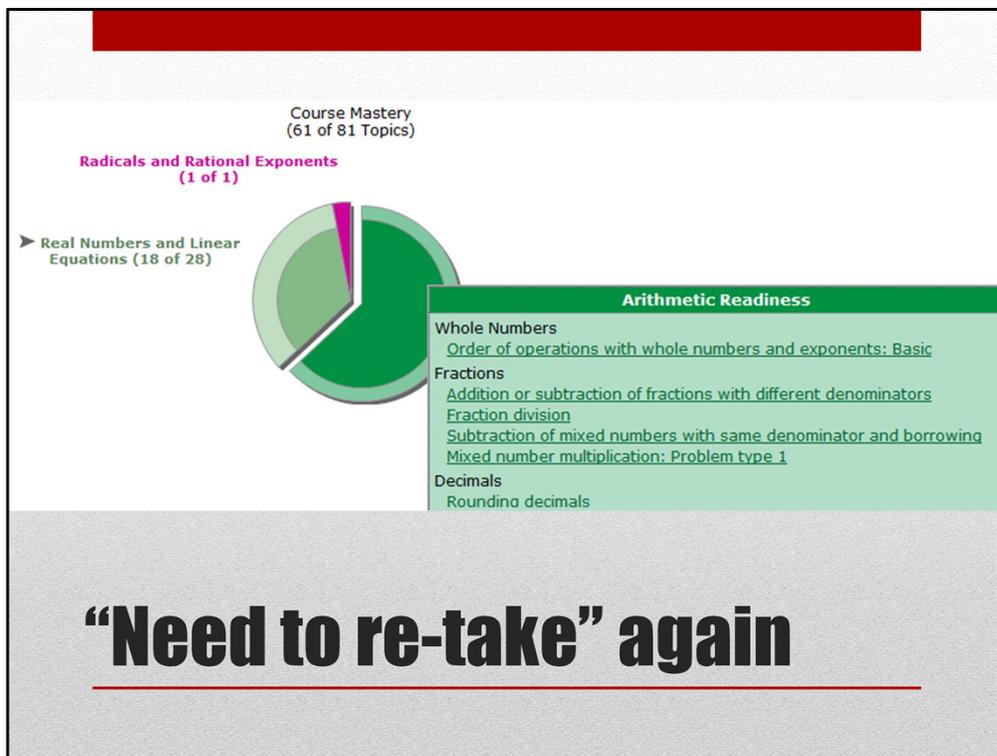
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Name	Type	Time Limit	Times Taken	Start Date/Time	Due Date/Time
Module 8 - Proctored Assessment #3	Assessment	unlimited	0 of 1	08/20/2013 6:00 AM	12/14/2013 11:59 PM
Module 8 - Proctored Assessment #2	Assessment	unlimited	0 of 1	08/20/2013 6:00 AM	12/14/2013 11:59 PM
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Practice Module Assessment

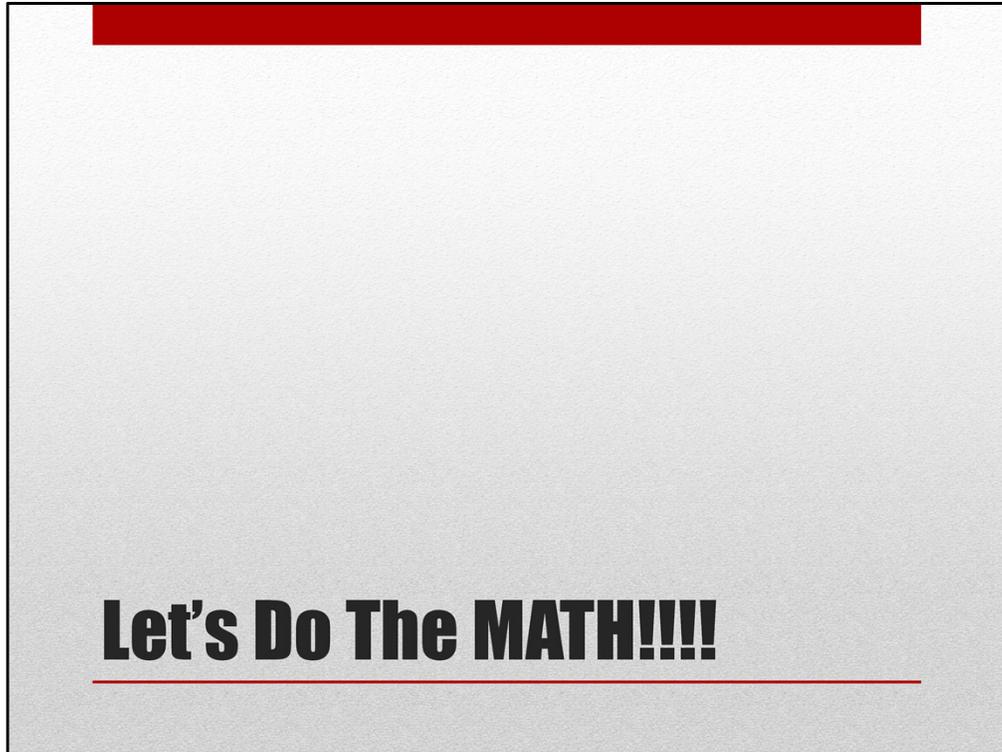
If you still feel unsure, then why not take a practice module assessment. If you go to the ASSIGNMENTS area and SHOW only Assessments, you will see the proctored assessments that are locked, but also PRACTICE ONLY Module Assessments. These are created exactly like the proctored assessments except they aren't password protected. You can't use them to earn credit for a module, but it will help you know if you are ready to earn credit for a module or not. Be sure to take it WITHOUT NOTES OR HELP. I can't stress this enough...even getting help on one problem can give a false sense of knowledge to ALEKS.



But what if you get the “need to re-take” on the second attempt?

Again, I’d create an “after the assessment” topic list and compare it to the last one. Do you see any repeaters?! If so, then you should try learning the topic differently this time. Maybe ask a tutor to explain it to you a different way...but you’ll need to show them how you’ve been doing it. Maybe explain your method to them, and they’ll be able to see where you are going wrong. Or they may have a very different approach that will work more consistently for you.

Complete your module topics again....but then REVIEW, REVIEW, REVIEW. You want to be sure that the third time is the last time. So, practice each problem ONCE without using your notes or getting help. If you are having to get help, then you don’t know it yet...practice, practice, practice.



Unfortunately, there is no magic formula. We each learn differently, but there are different strategies. If the third time isn't successful, then you will ask to meet with the PCM coordinator to 'find another approach' to make sure the fourth time is it! The goal is success, and we will work with you to get there.

Now, it's time to back to "Doing the Math!"