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Figure I.2 Acceleration and Remediation: A Comparison

	ACCELERATION	REMEDIATION
Self- efficacy	 Self-confidence and engagement increase. Academic progress is evident. 	 Students perceive they're in the "slow class," and self-confidence and engagement decrease. Backward movement leads to a sense of futility and lack of progress.
Basic skills	 Skills are hand-picked just in time for new concepts. Students apply skills immediately. 	 Instruction attempts to reteach every missing skill. Skills are taught in isolation and not applied to current learning.
Prior knowledge	Key prior knowledge is provided ahead of time, enabling students to connect to new information.	Prior knowledge that connects to new learning is typically not introduced.
Relevance	Relevance is treated as a critical component of student motivation and memory.	Relevance is not seen as a priority.
Connection to core class	Instruction is connected to core class; ongoing collaboration is emphasized.	Instruction is typically isolated from the core class.
Pacing and direction	 The pacing and direction are active, fast-paced, hands-on. There is forward movement; the goal is for students to learn on time with peers. 	 The pacing and direction are passive, with a focus on worksheets or basic software programs. There is backward movement; the goal is for students to catch up to peers.

Source: Rollins (2014).