

# DANTES Credit-By-Exam Program

The DANTES "Credit-By-Exam" program is based on the premise that some individuals enrolling in college have already learned part of what is taught there. By passing these exams, you can earn one-third or more credits towards a college degree. This can help you accelerate your degree path and save you valuable time and money.

Each of the programs below differs in subject matter, price, and where they are accepted. Colleges will usually grant the same amount of credit to students earning a satisfactory score on these exams as they would to students successfully completing that course. Check with your school about their credit awarding policy before taking an exam.

## **CLEP – College Level Examination Program**

CLEP consists of examinations that test an individual's introductory college-level knowledge gained through military service schools, course work, independent study, cultural pursuits, special interests and professional development. The American Council on Education (ACE) has recommended the minimum score for awarding credit, but each individual school has its own acceptable score and will decide the amount of credit granted.

CLEP examinations use a multiple choice format and are timed at 90 minutes. The exams cover materials most students encounter in their first two years of college. Examinations are broken down into two categories - general and subject. General exams cover broader topics and test your general knowledge on a given area. Subject exams are much more specific and test your knowledge on particular topics. There are 34 CLEP exams available within the areas of business, composition and literature, history, languages, math, science, and social sciences.

For a complete list of exams: visit [www.clep.collegeboard.org/students/exams](http://www.clep.collegeboard.org/students/exams).

For detailed info, test preparation tools and official study guides: visit [www.clep.collegeboard.org/students](http://www.clep.collegeboard.org/students). For more specific info for military personnel from DANTES (Education Support to the Department of Defense): visit [www.dantes.doded.mil/dantes\\_web/examinations/CLEP.htm](http://www.dantes.doded.mil/dantes_web/examinations/CLEP.htm)

## **DSST – DANTES Subject Standardized Tests**

DSSTs are a series of examinations in college subjects that are comparable to the final or end-of-course examinations in undergraduate courses and some upper-level courses. Like CLEP exams, DSSTs are an effective method to provide your college with evidence of prior learning from military service schools, professional development, etc. It can maximize your means of tuition assistance by allowing you to enroll in an advanced-level course. ACE has recommended an amount of college credits for each exam, but each individual school has its own acceptable score and decides the amount of credit granted.

DSST exams use a multiple choice format, but unlike CLEP tests, they are not timed. Exams are offered in 38 subjects within the areas of applied technology, business, humanities, math, physical sciences and social sciences. For a complete list of DSSTs: visit [www.getcollegecredit.com/downloads/examlist.pdf](http://www.getcollegecredit.com/downloads/examlist.pdf)

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## **ECE – Excelsior College Examinations**

Formerly the ACT Proficiency Examination Program, these examinations are used to meet specific college degree requirements and are accepted for college credit at 900 colleges and universities. The majority of tests cover work typical of undergraduate-level courses. All the tests examine not only facts and terminology, but also the application of essential concepts and skills. ACE has recommended the amount of college credit you can earn, but each college or university will have its own acceptable score and decide the amount of credit granted.

There are three types of exams: ECE Objective Tests (multiple-choice exams), ECE Extended Response (essay exams) and ECE Mixed Format (multiple choice and free response questions). Exams are offered in areas such as business, English, history, nursing, psychology, science and sociology.

For detailed info, visit: [www.excelsior.edu/ecapps/exams/creditByExam.jsf](http://www.excelsior.edu/ecapps/exams/creditByExam.jsf) to access test preparation tools, and a complete list of exams. For specific military info: visit [www.dantes.doded.mil/Dantes\\_web/examinations/ECE.htm](http://www.dantes.doded.mil/Dantes_web/examinations/ECE.htm).

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