

Jumpstart College with CLEP



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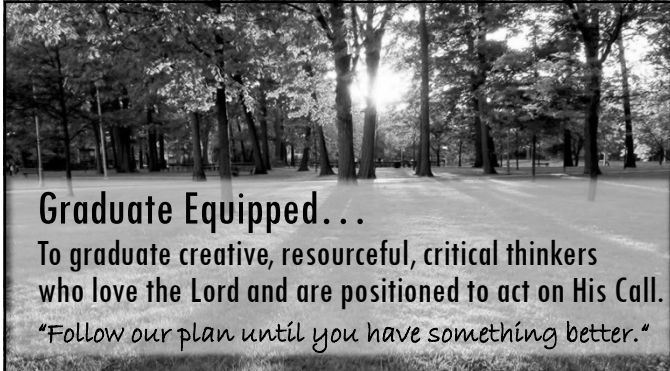

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1. Fast Facts: college costs
2. The Overlap: 7th grade - college
3. Credit-by-Exam: CLEP & DSST

Test Your College Knowledge


1. On average, how long does it take to complete a 4-year degree?
2. What is the minimum number of credits required to earn a 4-year college degree?
3. Average Cost of Attendance: 4 years tuition, fees, room & board? (educationdata.org)
State University? — Private College?



Graduate Equipped...

To graduate creative, resourceful, critical thinkers who love the Lord and are positioned to act on His Call.
"Follow our plan until you have something better."

The (Unhappy) Fast Facts



DEBT

- 7 in 10 Graduate with debt
- Average debt \$39,000 = \$450 month/10 years
- 40% in default

COMPLETION GAP

- Average 5.7 years
- Drop out first year: 1 in 3
- Require remedial course: 1 in 3

Source: National Center for Education Statistics nces.ed.gov

Understand the College [^] Process

Completion Admission

"If your vision is that your grandchildren will not be in daycare, you must plan for it now." ~ College Without Compromise

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College Graduation Requirements

- ① CREDITS: 120+ 4 YEAR DEGREE
 - General Education (40+ credits)
 - Major-Specific (30+ credits)
- ② COURSES: Major's Degree Plan
Contract between the student and college



HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE OVERLAP

Math	Science	English	Social Studies
Algebra I & 2		Grammar, Spelling	
Geometry	Physical	Essay Writing	
Adv. Algebra	Environmental	Composition	History
Pre-Calculus	Biology	Speech	Government
Calculus	Chemistry	Analyzing Lit.	World Religions
Statistics	Physics	English Lit	Psych/ Sociology
	Astronomy	British Lit	Economics

CLEP COLLEGE BOARD College Level Exam Program

➤ CLEP.CollegeBoard.org

DSST PROMETRIC aka Dantes

➤ GetCollegeCredit.com

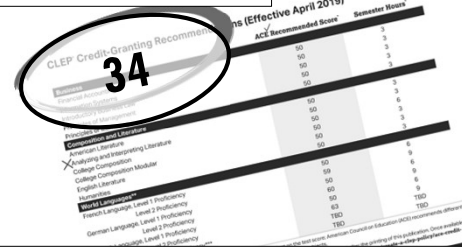
Credit-by-Exam

Exams that enable students to test out of introductory-level college courses.

- Test-out of college course
- Nationally recognized & accepted
- Just a test, no specific curriculum

The Best-Kept Secret in Higher Ed

CLEP Exam Titles



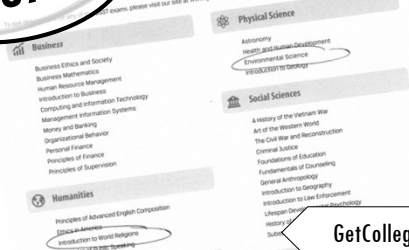
CLEP.CollegeBoard.org

Download complete guide CreditsBeforeCollege.com/clep-guide-16-pages

DSST Exam Titles

Exam List

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Quick Facts

CLEP & DSST

1. Cost: \$93 plus \$20 proctor fee
2. No minimum age requirement
3. Computer-based, multiple-choice, pass/fail
4. Accepted nationally at 2,000+ colleges
5. Test year-round; local test center & CLEP online
6. Immediate score results
7. Scores banked for 20 years
8. Transcripts available upon request
9. Practice exams and study resources available

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5 Steps to CLEP/DSST Exams

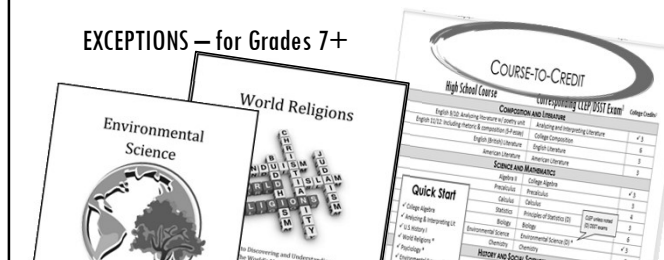
1. Choose exam that overlaps High School-level studies.
Exceptions: World Religions, Environmental Science
2. Complete your course. Include test-specific study resources.
Use CLEP & DSST as final exam.
3. Take a practice exam to assess readiness.
4. Study your wrong answers. Fill in any knowledge gaps.
Target score 60% on two different exams.
5. Schedule exam with a test center.

5 Steps to CLEP/DSST Exams

Step 1

- ❖ Choose exams that overlap High School-level studies.

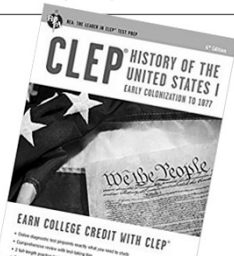
EXCEPTIONS — for Grades 7+



5 Steps to CLEP/DSST Exams

Step 2

- ❖ Use YOUR Curriculum.
- ❖ Complete your high school-level course.
- ❖ Include test-specific study resources.
Examples: REA ♦ Petersons ♦ Quizlet

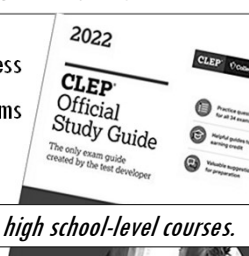


➤ CreditsBeforeCollege.com/resources

5 Steps to CLEP/DSST Exams

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Use CLEP & DSST as final exam to your high school-level courses.

➤ CreditsBeforeCollege.com/resources/practice-exams/

5 Steps to CLEP/DSST Exams

Step 4

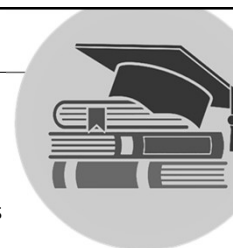
- ❖ Study your wrong answers.
- ❖ Fill in any knowledge gaps.
 - InstantCert Online Flashcards — Use Code 85513 for \$5 discount
 - ModernStates.org — “Freshman Year for Free”

Step 5

- ❖ Schedule and take your exam.
- CreditsBeforeCollege.com/test-centers/

Benefits

1. Saves money
2. Saves time
3. Builds a strong HS transcript
4. Motivates — additional purpose for HS studies
5. Test out and avoid college course bias
6. Prepares for college — solidify study skills
7. Good for varied abilities including accelerated and struggling learners — study at your own pace



Quick Start

- 1 Math: College Algebra CLEP
- 2 English: Analyzing & Interpreting Lit CLEP
- 3 Social: US History I CLEP
- 4 Social: World Religions DSST
- 5 Social: Psychology CLEP
- 6 Science: Environmental Science DSST

Career and College Pathways

STEM (4) Science • Technology Engineering • Math	Liberal Arts (4) Words, ideas, communication
Vo-Tech (2) Doing, fixing, hands-on Specialist or Technician	Other: Talent, Apprenticeship, Military Special talent or training

High School: The FIRST four years of a college and career plan

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Credits	Cost
30 CLEP/DSST	\$1,000
60 Dual Enrollment	\$0
30 University	\$15,000
120 Credits =	\$16,000

3 credits (one exam) = \$100
30 credits (one year) = \$1,000

What is Senior Year Plus?

Serves as an umbrella for a variety of programs designed to provide high school students access to courses that have the potential to generate college credit.

- Postsecondary Enrollment Options (PSEO)
- concurrent enrollment
- Advanced Placement (AP®)
- career academies
- regional academies
- summer college credit program
- Project Lead the Way®.

GOOD to KNOW

- Credits transfer, grades don't.
- Lost credits delay graduation and increase cost.

Transfer Policies vary.

The receiving college determines credit acceptance 1 of 3 ways:

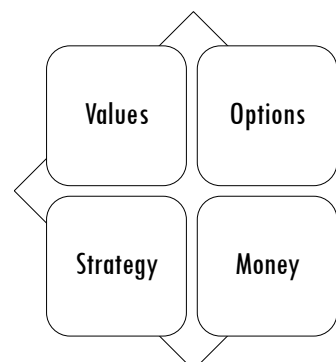
1. Articulation Agreement (I'll take yours; you take mine)
2. Course-by-Course based on Accreditation or Third-party review (ACE)
3. Only sometimes: AA or AS, not an AAS (which has minimal Gen Eds)

Credit Hour Residency Requirement:

The number of credits that must be completed through the degree-granting institution. This may be as few as 25% of the total degree credits (EX: 30 out of 120).

Family Conversation

1. Act: Start Early
2. Answer:
Who will pay for college?
3. Articulate: Your goals



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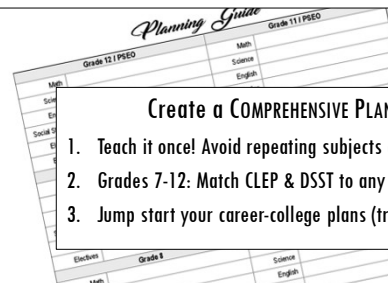
Our Family's Goals

- ❖ Graduate HS with life skills and a direction
- ❖ College attendance requires a completion plan
- ❖ Start adult life without debt
- ❖ Grow in your faith

The NEW Deal

Parents will pay for any college credits you earn while you're in high school.
The day you graduate, college is on your dime.

Revisit Your Plan



Create a COMPREHENSIVE PLAN for gr. 7-12

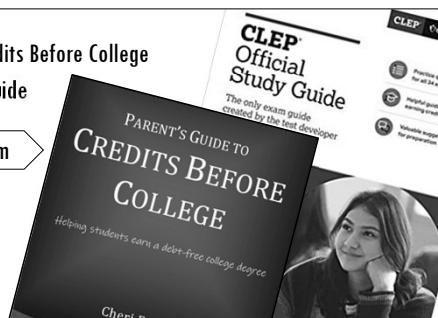
1. Teach it once! Avoid repeating subjects across middle-hs-college
2. Grades 7-12: Match CLEP & DSST to any high school-level courses
3. Jump start your career-college plans (transferology.com)

Ask Me: Academic Planning & Career Assessment/Advising

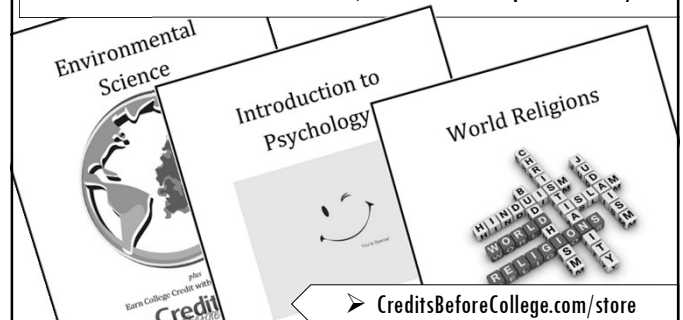
Getting Started RESOURCES

- ◆ Parent's Guide to Credits Before College
- ◆ CLEP Official Study Guide

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Curriculum for Grades 7-12, includes test-specific study



➤ CreditsBeforeCollege.com/store

ONLINE CLEP and DSST-focused CLASSES

with Kristin Lackie

World Religions • Environmental Science • Psychology
Career Explorations • IEW

- CreditsBeforeCollege.com/classes
- WellPlannedDegree.com

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