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College Level Examination Program (CLEP®)

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College-Level Examination Program (CLEP®)

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What is CLEP®?

✓ [CLEP®](#) is a computer-based **credit by exam** opportunity that offers the chance for students to be awarded college credit for knowledge gained through dual enrollment coursework.

✓ CLEP recognizes the value of prior learning and validates a student's experience and knowledge acquired inside and outside of the classroom, such as knowledge gained through dual enrollment coursework or workforce training and life experiences.

✓ 33 introductory college-level exams in:
  • Foreign Languages, Science & Mathematics, Business, English Language and Literature, and Social Sciences & History

✓ CLEP is the most widely accepted credit-by-examination programs, available at more than [2,900 colleges and universities](#).

✓ 200,000+ CLEP exam administered each year.

CLEP® Examinations

History & Social Sciences	Composition & Literature	Science & Mathematics	Business	World Languages
American Government	American Literature	Biology	Financial Accounting	French Language
History of the United States I	Analyzing and Interpreting Literature	Calculus	Information Systems	German Language
History of the United States II	College Composition	Chemistry	Introductory Business Law	Spanish Language
Human Growth and Development	College Composition Modular	College Algebra	Principles of Management	
Introduction to Education Psychology	English Literature	College Mathematics	Principales of Marketing	
Introduction to Psychology	Humanities	Natural Sciences		
Introduction to Sociology		Precalculus		
Principles of Macroeconomics				
Principles of Microeconomics				
Social Sciences and History				
Western Civilization I				
Western Civilization II				

A score of 50% or better correlates closely with college readiness.

Benefits of CLEP®

Research shows that

CLEP helps Institutions and Students Succeed - By accurately placing prepared, engaged and motivated students, CLEP helps create a more dynamic classroom experience and increase retention rates.

✓ **Rigor** — All aspects of the CLEP test development process are informed by the belief that the exams must be rigorous and relevant to their respective disciplines.

✓ **Success** - A 2010 study by the Council for Adult and Experiential Learning (CAEL) showed that students with prior-learning assessment (PLA), such as CLEP, had better academic outcomes than students without prior learning assessment.

✓ **Access** — CLEP exams help open up space in introductory classes and place students in the courses that are right for them. CLEP also improves affordability for those students who may find rising college costs increasingly challenging.

✓ **Completion** - Students who earn credits through CLEP tend to complete their degrees at a higher rate than student who don't earn credit-by-examination. 91% of CLEP test-takers reported that CLEP made a difference in helping them complete their degrees.

CLEP® and College Credit

Learn About CLEP® Policy

2,900 colleges and universities grant credit for CLEP®, with each institution setting its own CLEP® policy.

How Much Credit Can Be Earned?

Passing CLEP® can earn a student up to 12 college credit hours. The amount of credit earned on an individual CLEP® exam varies with each college.

Minimum Qualifying Score

Most colleges publish the required scores for earning CLEP® credit in their general catalog. The required score for earning CLEP® credit may vary by exam.

Getting Credit for General Requirements

At some colleges, students may be able to apply a CLEP® credit to the college's core curriculum requirements. For example, CLEP® credit may be given as "6 hrs English Credit" or "3 hrs Math Credit", and can be used for any English or mathematics course.

Seeking Rewards with CLEP®

The [graduation index](#) in the accountability system is the core measure for the extent to which high schools have prepared students for college or a career – with both treated as equally valuable. The table below indicates how [CLEP®](#) is rewarded in the accountability system for [college](#) and [career](#) pathway students.

High School Accountability Formula

- End-of-Course Assessment/Tests (25%)
- ACT® Composite (25%)
- Graduation Rate (25%)
- Quality of Diploma (25%)
- Progress Points

GRADUATION INDEX POINTS AWARDED	STUDENT RESULT
150 pts.	Four-year graduate with any diploma achieving an advanced statewide Jump Start credential OR having at least one test score at the following levels: AP® score of 3 or higher, IB® score of 4 or higher, or CLEP® score of 50
	Four-year graduates achieving both an advanced statewide Jump Start credential and a qualifying test score listed above will generate 160 points

The CLEP® Exam – Nuts and Bolts

CLEP Exam Fee: $80
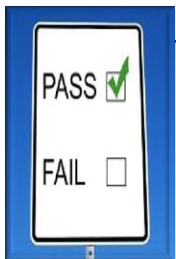
Computer-based, linear exams

Multiple choice, an essay for composition exams, and listening sections for foreign language exams

90-minutes in length

"Rights-only" scoring (no deduction for wrong answers)

Immediate score reports (except English Composition with Essay – score reports mailed 2 - 3 weeks later)

Exams scored on a scale of 20 – 80; The recommended credit-granting score for all exams is 50+

How to Register for a CLEP® Exam

1 — Decide which [CLEP exam(s)](#) to take based on current dual enrollment coursework

2 — Register for the desired CLEP exam via the College Board My Account [Registration Portal](#) and pay the $80 exam administration fee

3 — Complete the registration process by scheduling an appointment to test with an authorized [CLEP Test Center](#)

Authorized CLEP® Testing Centers

- **Bossier Parish Community College**
- **Louisiana Technical University**
- **Northwestern State University**
- **Louisiana State University at Alexandria**
- **McNeese State University**
- **The University of Louisiana at Monroe**
- **Delgado Community College**
- **Southeastern Louisiana University**
- **University of New Orleans**
- **Nicholls State University**
- **Our Lady of Holy Cross**
- **South Louisiana Community College**
- **Louisiana State University at Alexandria**
- **Louisiana State University at Shreveport**

How To Become an Authorized CLEP® Test Center

CLEP test centers may be established with two computers or with 50 — as long as you have a designated room for testing and proctors and your computers meet the iBT (Internet-based testing) Test Delivery Requirements (.pdf/102KB)

On-campus test centers provide an immediate benefit to an institution, offering a way of attracting potential high-achieving students and a source of revenue. Test centers also function as advocates for CLEP, making students, faculty and other administrators aware of CLEP's value as an educational resource.

How to Open a CLEP® Test Center

STEP 1:

Request a username and password to the CLEP Resource Center

As part of the application process, you'll need to access password-protected forms and documents in the CLEP Resource Center.

To request a username and password, send an e-mail to clep@collegeboard.org; include "CLEP Resource Center password" in the subject line.

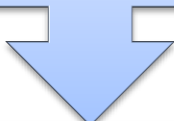Once you have received your log-in information, you can access the required forms and documents.

How to Open a CLEP® Test Center

STEP 2:
Complete and Submit an Online Application

Before filling out an application, you must first identify a Primary Test Center Administrator (PTCA) for your testing location.

The PTCA actively manages the overall testing program and procedures, although not necessarily acting as an on-site supervisor or administering the exams. The PTCA should have a bachelor's degree and experience administering standardized tests.
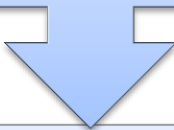
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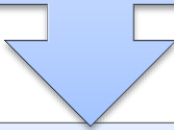
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STEP 3:

Complete the Required Documentation

If your application meets all of the requirements, your site will be assigned a four-digit test center code, which will be emailed to you along with instructions for completing the following additional documentation. Please keep a paper copy of all documents for your records.

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Return the documents listed below by mail or fax, as indicated in the document instructions.

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Print, fill out and mail the CLEP iBT Agreement and the Test Center Security Compliance Checklist documents, with the appropriate signatures. You must log into the password-protected CLEP Resource Center to access both documents.

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STEP 4:
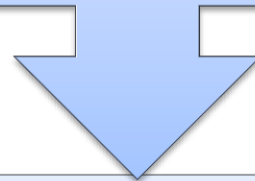### Schedule Test Center CLEP iBT Implementation

Once [CLEP](#) receives the documents described above you will receive an email requesting completion of an online form to specify PTCA contact information and selection of your Test Center's CLEP iBT implementation date.

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STEP 5:
Train Test Center Staff

A few weeks prior to your test center's CLEP iBT implementation date, your Primary TCA will receive an email with information and instructions on accessing the online CLEP iBT eLearning System for training and certification of test center staff.
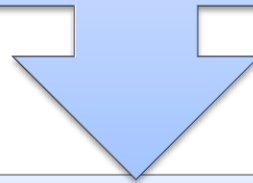
When all TCAs at your test center have completed their eLearning certification, your site will be ready to move forward to the certification process for your computers.

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STEP 6:
Review iBT Technical Requirements

When you have been certified in the CLEP eLearning training, you will receive an email containing your credentials for the iBT CLEP application and instructions on how to access the iBT Bundler software package.
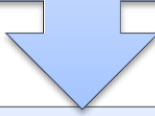
Once you have received your log-in information, you can access the required forms and documents.
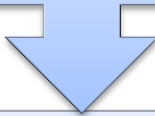
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STEP 7:
Implement CLE iBT

On the date confirmed for your test center's iBT implementation and activation, follow the steps outlined in communications from ETS for downloading and executing the iBT Bundle.

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Work with ETS Technical Support as needed. Upon completion of the installation of all test center components, run the Round Trip and demo tests as described in the iBT Handbook.
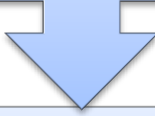
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Contact ETS Technical Support to activate your test center for CLEP exam administration.

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STEP 8:
Promote and Open Test Center

Let your students and parents know about CLEP by featuring your testing schedule and credit-granting policy on your institution's website and in other printed resources.

Update your institution's policy information by completing the Policy Form.

You can also download free promotional materials such as posters, brochures and advising kits. Learn more about promoting your test center.

Next Steps

STEP 1
- **Research CLEP credit acceptance policy**

STEP 2
- **Decide which CLEP exam(s) are applicable to which students**

STEP 3
- **Guide students through the CLEP exam registration process**

STEP 4
- **Assist students in preparing for exam day**

More CLEP® Resources

For more CLEP resources visit
www.clep.collegeboard.org

✓**Exam descriptions**

✓**List of CLEP colleges and test centers**

✓**Test preparation materials**

Q & A

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