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Title: **Advanced Standing and Credit for Prior Learning**
Type: An introduction has been added to ensure catalog alignment with VCCS Policy on advanced standing and credit by standardized examination. Specifically, PDCCC will evaluate course equivalency for scores from External examinations used for this purpose to include (but not limited to): College Level Examination Program (CLEP), DANTES Subject Standardized Test (DSST) of the Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Educational Support (DANTES), Excelsior Credit by Exam (ECE), the College Entrance Examination Board (CEEB), Advanced Placement (AP) program, Cambridge Advanced (A/AS) examinations, the International Baccalaureate (IB) program, and the Defense Language Proficiency Test (DLPT).
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Advanced Standing and Credit for Prior Learning

Introduction

Advanced standing is the administrative placement of a student that awards credit for subject matter competency based upon previous academic study or acquired through nontraditional means. This may include, but is not limited to college credit and advancement based upon the administration and evaluation of locally-developed examinations, individual college participation in nationally recognized standardized examinations; experiential learning; and training provided by non-collegiate institutions, such as armed forces and service schools. Paul D. Camp Community College awards credit and advanced standing for prior learning based upon scores and equivalences established by nationally accepted tests and evaluations, faculty assessment of locally developed examinations (credit by exam); locally developed articulation agreements with area public school divisions and colleges and universities; and articulation agreements with state agencies.

College credit is a means of achieving Advanced Standing through an administrative determination by the college that equivalent course coverage has been satisfactorily completed at a regionally accredited postsecondary institution. Credit through this means must be verified through receipt of an official transcript.

Credit by Local Examination is a means of achieving Advanced Standing through satisfactorily demonstrating subject-matter competency by means of an examination developed, and evaluated by college faculty. Examinations are comprehensive and based on established course learning outcomes.

Credit by Standardized Examinations is a means of achieving Advanced Standing through a nationally recognized or college-approved external agency. External examinations used for this purpose include but are not limited to the College Level Examination Program (CLEP), DANTES Subject Standardized Test (DSST) of the Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Educational Support (DANTES), Excelsior Credit by Exam

(ECE), the College Entrance Examination Board (CEEB), Advanced Placement (AP) program, Cambridge Advanced (A/AS) examinations, the International Baccalaureate (IB) program, and the Defense Language Proficiency Test (DLPT).

Upon receipt of official test scores, PDCCC will accept a score of three (3) and higher for Advanced Placement (AP) courses, a score of four (4) or higher for higher level International Baccalaureate (IB) courses, a score of five (5) or higher for standard level International Baccalaureate (IB) courses, a score of fifty (50) or higher on CLEP courses, and scores of C or better for Cambridge Advanced (A/AS) examinations *when the equivalent course is offered by the college*. PDCCC assumes no responsibility regarding the acceptance of Advanced Standing credit by other institutions to which the student may transfer.

Credit by Experiential Learning is a means of achieving Advanced Standing through an administrative determination by faculty of the college or by a college-approved learning assessment service that the occupational experience of an individual is at least equivalent to the course(s) to be exempted. Credit may be awarded based upon an individualized portfolio evaluation, which may be conducted by faculty or by using the Council for Adult and Experiential Learning's (CAEL) guidelines, and/or CAEL's LearningCounts.org prior learning assessment service.

Credit may be granted for **prior learning for non-collegiate education**, training, and/or occupational experiences as recommended by college faculty, the American Council on Education (ACE), the National College Credit Recommendation Service, or another college-approved organization.

PDCCC's also awards academic credit to students who have successfully completed a **military training course or program as part of the student's military service** that is applicable to the certificate or degree requirements and is: recommended for academic credit by a national higher education association that provides academic credit recommendations for military training courses or programs; noted on the student's military transcript issued by any of the armed forces of the United States or; otherwise documented in writing by any of the armed forces of the United States.