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Information Regarding College-Level Examination Program (CLEP) and DANTES Subject Standardized Test

Introduction

The South Carolina Commission on Higher Education (CHE) is providing the descriptions below for informational purposes.

College-Level Examination Program (CLEP) Credit Award Information

CLEP is a nationally recognized exam program administered by the College Board allowing exam takers to demonstrate expertise in specific subject areas. The assessments reward students with college credit for high scores on standardized exams.

Many institutions of higher education award credit for minimum qualifying scores on relevant CLEP exams, consistent with national standards such as the ACE recommendations (generally, scores of 50 or higher).

DANTES Subject Standardized Test (DSST) Credit Award Information

DSST is a nationally recognized exam program administered by Prometric. Prior to 2004, the exams were administered by the Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support (DANTES) and limited access to the military community. Today, DSST is a viable pathway for all learners. The assessments reward students with college credit for high scores on standardized exams.

Many institutions of higher education award credit for minimum qualifying scores on relevant DSST exams, consistent with national standards such as the ACE recommendations which provides minimum passing scores to receive credit per exam completed.

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