

Non-Traditional Students

Validated Learning Alternatives for General Education & Elective Credits

Up to 60 credits can be earned through Validated Learning including:

- Eastern's Computer Skills Test Out Exams (4)
- CLEP Exams
- DSST Exams
- Excelsior College UExcel Exams
- Certifications/Licenses
- AP (from high school)
- IB (International Baccalaureate – up to 30 credits)
- Military Training: www.acenet.edu/news-room/Pages/Military-Guide-Online.aspx

The American Council on Education (ACE) “is the major coordinating body for the nation’s colleges and universities” (<http://www.acenet.edu>). ACE provides a list of approved institutions and courses for taking low-cost, online courses. See: www.alternativecreditproject.com.

All Validated Learning Alternatives **MUST** be approved by the Registrar.

The last 32 credits must be completed at Eastern

COMPUTER TESTOUT DESCRIPTIONS

Validated Learning Assessment (Testout) Procedure

Overview:

Eastern University's Validated Learning Assessment is designed as a validation for the student who has prior knowledge and expertise in computer software. These one (1) credit instruments are designed to allow students to demonstrate their expertise in the following areas: Spreadsheets, Presentation Software, Word Processing and Internet.

Process: Prior to receiving the testouts the student must:

- (1) Receive approval from advisor to complete the selected computer testout
- (2) Complete the "Validated University-Level Learning Assessment" form
 - (2a) Please complete one (1) form per test
- (3) Pay the Assessment fee (\$145 per Testout)
- (4) Upon email receipt of the instrument, the student has sixty (60) days in which to complete the instrument.
- (5) If returned after sixty (60) days, the Assessment fee will be charged again
- (6) Upon receipt of the completed instrument, if the Evaluator returns the testout to the student for corrections, the student has thirty days (30) days in which to complete the corrections

Description of Tests:

Spreadsheets: Assesses the student's knowledge in spreadsheets. The student produces a project designed to demonstrate computer proficiency in this area using Excel.

Presentation Software: Student produces a demonstration project thereby demonstrating ability to use PowerPoint presentation software.

Word Processing: Student produces a project demonstrating ability of word processing using Microsoft Word.

Internet: Student demonstrates proficiency in using the Internet by searching for, downloading, saving, defining a glossary of terms and outputting information from the Internet.

CLEP Examinations
(www.collegeboard.com/clep)

“The College-Level Examination Program® (CLEP) helps you receive college credit for what you already know, for a fraction of the cost of a college course. Developed by the College Board, CLEP is the most widely accepted credit-by-examination program, available at more than 2,900 colleges and universities. Pass any of the 33 CLEP exams and achieve your college and career goals.”

“CLEP offers 33 exams in five subject areas, covering material taught in courses that you may generally take in your first two years of college. By passing a CLEP exam, you can earn 3 or more college credits. Exams cost \$80.” (Text copied from <https://clep.collegeboard.org/> on Nov 3, 2016.)

Additional CLEP Exams may also fulfill credits for major subject areas and electives upon approval by the department chair.

CLEP credits may not be applied to total semester hours for the purpose of financial aid (see EU Course Catalog, pg. 98).

DSST Standardized Tests
(www.getcollegecredit.com)

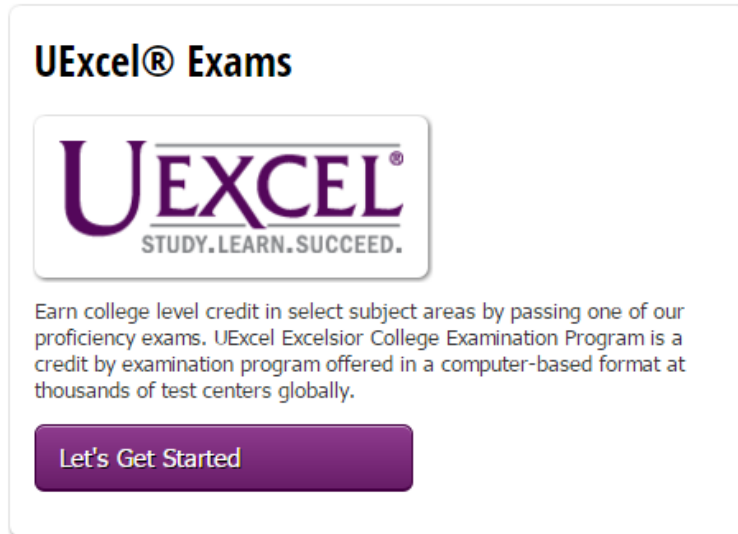
“DSST...are credit-by-examination tests originated by the United States Department of Defense's Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support (DANTES) program.”

“If experience is the world's greatest teacher, then your experiences may well qualify you for college credit. The nationally recognized DSST Program helps you receive college credits for learning acquired outside the traditional classroom through a suite of more than 30 exams in college subject areas such as Social Sciences, Math, Applied Technology, Business, Physical Sciences and Humanities. A form of prior learning assessment, DSSTs offer students a cost effective, time saving way to use their knowledge acquired outside of the classroom (perhaps from reading, on-the-job training, or independent study) to accomplish their educational goals.”

(Text copied from <http://getcollegecredit.com/> on Nov 3, 2016.)

DSST offers 30 Exams for \$80 per test for 3 credits (may be an additional small sitting fee from the host institution).

Excelsior College UExcel Exams
(<http://www.excelsior.edu>)



UExcel® Exams

UExcel®
STUDY. LEARN. SUCCEED.

Earn college level credit in select subject areas by passing one of our proficiency exams. UExcel Excelsior College Examination Program is a credit by examination program offered in a computer-based format at thousands of test centers globally.

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(Graphic copied from <http://www.excelsior.edu> on Nov 10, 2016.)

UExcel Exams are offered in the following subject areas:

Business & Technical
Education
Humanities
Natural Sciences & Health
Nursing
Social Sciences & History

The cost per UExcel Exam is \$110.

[Certifications/License/Training](#)

Computer Certificates:

Cisco CNA - 2 professional electives

Cisco CCNP - 10 professional electives

Cisco CCIE – 12 professional electives (Total of 12 credits can be awarded from Cisco)

Microsoft MCSA – 6 professional electives

Microsoft MCSE – 12 professional electives

(Maximum of 12 credits will be awarded from Microsoft for MCSA/MCSE)

Firefighter Training:

Firefighter I & II – 3 professional electives each

Health Certificates: (Must be through Red Cross or AHA. NO ONLINE CERTS)

Lifeguard Training Basic & Instructor - 1 credit each

Water Safety Instructor - 2 credits

Standard First Aid - .5 credits

Advanced First Aid - 1 credit

Instructor for Lay Responder First Aid/CPR - 1 credit

HIV/AIDS Instructor - 1 credit

Basic Life Support Instructor - 1 credit

Basic Cardiac Life Support (BCLS) Instructor - 1 credit

Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) Provider Certification & Instructor - 1 credit each

Emergency Medical Technician - 4 credits

Emergency Medical Technician Instructor - 4.5 credits

Emergency Medical Technician, Paramedic I - 5 credits

Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) - .5 credits

Insurance:

PA General Insurance or Brokers for Property & Casualty - 8 credits

PA Life and Annuity - 2 credits

PA Health and Accident - 1 credit

Nursing:

LPN (Transcript required) - 3 credits

Police Training:

Basic Training for Municipal and State Police (PA, NY, NJ, DE) - 16 credits

Real Estate: (may not duplicate coursework)

Sales License - 3 credits

Brokers License - 6 credits (maximum of 6 for both)

Securities:

Series 7 - 6 credits

Series 6 and 63 (must have both) - 3 credits (not to duplicate a college course in Investment Management)