

"Get Ready, Get Credit"

Legislation funds up to six **free** CLEP® exams for Minnesota high school students



The College-Level Examination Program® (CLEP) offers you the opportunity to receive college credit by earning qualifying scores on any of 34 exams.

CLEP Benefits:

- **Save time and money.** You and your family can save money with each CLEP® exam you pass; the credit you acquire through CLEP requires no tuition, fees, residence hall rent, or food expenses.
- **Accelerate your education.** By skipping introductory-level courses in subjects you have already mastered, you can move into more challenging and interesting advanced course work. Research indicates that students who earn credit via CLEP are more likely than their peers to complete a bachelor's degree in four years.
- **Enhance your educational opportunities.** The hours you save by taking a CLEP exam can be used to pursue either a second major or an advanced degree.

CLEP Facts:

- All 34 CLEP exams are administered on computer, offering instant score reports (with the exception of English Composition with Essay).
- The 90-minute exams are administered at over 1,400 test centers across the country. Visit www.collegeboard.com/CLEPtestcenters for a list of Minnesota test centers.
- Each CLEP exam is scored on a scale of 20–80, with a recommended passing score of 50.
- CLEP exams do not relate to specifically designed college-level courses taught in high school. They test mastery of college-level material acquired through general academic instruction, significant independent study, or extracurricular work. Typically, CLEP candidates study on their own for the examinations.
- All Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnSCU) grant credit for a CLEP score of 50 or higher. Visit the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) Web site to view credit-by-exam policies for MnSCU, University of Minnesota, and MN private colleges: http://education.state.mn.us/mde/Academic_Excellence/Postsecondary_College_Prep/CLEP/index.html. Check with the college you plan to attend to confirm its CLEP credit-granting policy.

"Thanks to CLEP exams, I will be able to add a minor to my college curriculum. I took Principles of Management while in high school and two more exams when I got to college. Without those credits, I would not have had room in my schedule to take the courses necessary for a minor."

—**Angela Isker**, 2006 Graduate of Waseca High School

Take the next step.

Visit **www.collegeboard.com/CLEPMN** for more information.

Information for Students

Step 1

Decide which exam(s) to take. CLEP exams provide an opportunity for high school students to earn college credit in subject areas for which no Advanced Placement Program® (AP®) Exams are available—sociology, college algebra, accounting, or precalculus—or for which your high school does not yet offer an AP course. Your high school counselor can help you decide which exams to take.

Step 2

Ask your school counselor to complete a CLEP Student Authorization Form, available on the Minnesota Department of Education Web site. Submit a separate signed and stamped form to the test center for each exam you intend to take.

Step 3

Prepare to take your exam. Use the *CLEP Official Study Guide*, available in your library or counseling office, to review the test specifications and answer sample test questions. You can also purchase the guide on the CLEP Web site, www.collegeboard.com/clep.

- Study a textbook and other resource materials used in comparable college courses. Are you familiar with most of the topics and terminology?
- Become familiar with the computer-based exam format by downloading the CLEP Sampler from the CLEP Web site.

Step 4

Locate and contact a test center to schedule the exam and discuss registration procedures, including ID requirements. The state will fund the $65 CLEP exam fee, but students are responsible for paying the test center administration fee (usually $15–25). Students may take funded CLEP exams through June 30, 2008.

CLEP Exams

Business
Financial Accounting
Information Systems and Computer Applications
Introductory Business Law
Principles of Accounting
Principles of Management
Principles of Marketing

Composition and Literature
American Literature
Analyzing and Interpreting Literature
English Composition with Essay
English Composition Without Essay
English Literature
Freshman College Composition
Humanities

Foreign Languages
French Language
German Language
Spanish Language

History and Social Sciences
American Government
History of the United States I: Early Colonization to 1877
History of the United States II: 1865 to Present
Human Growth and Development
Introduction to Educational Psychology
Introductory Psychology
Introductory Sociology
Principles of Macroeconomics
Principles of Microeconomics
Social Sciences and History
Western Civilization I: Ancient Near East to 1648
Western Civilization II: 1648 to Present

Science and Mathematics
Biology
Calculus
Chemistry
College Algebra
College Mathematics
Natural Sciences
Precalculus

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