

# CP 4-8: Prior Learning Assessment

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COLLEGE POLICY CP 4-8

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Dawson Community College recognizes students' prior learning by creating and documenting pathways for students to receive credit for learning that was completed prior to enrollment. From transfer credit to advanced placement and credit by examination, DCC develops standard methodologies to ensure consistency as we recognize students for their prior learning.

## **College Level Exam Program (CLEP)**

Dawson Community College awards credit toward graduation for successful performance in certain Subject Examinations of the College Level Examination Program conducted by the College Entrance Examination Board. Students may arrange to take these examinations on campus or at designated centers throughout the country. Passing grades are determined by Montana State University. These students receive credit and a P grade on the transcript for scores above the passing level; scores below the passing level are not entered on the transcript. CLEP examinations may not be used to replace a grade of a course previously taken. Core requirements cannot be satisfied by the CLEP procedures. In general, a department will not give a challenge examination if a CLEP examination is available for the same course.

## **International Baccalaureate (IB)**

International Baccalaureate courses can count toward Core courses at Dawson Community College. Core courses are specific, general education courses that are required to complete an Associate of Arts or Science degree. Most exams require a score of 4 or better to count toward college credit.

## **Military**

Military service credit can be earned based on learning obtained through courses completed and military occupations held during one's service. Articulation of credits is provided through a Joint Service Transcript (JST).

## **Challenging a course/Credit by Examination**

The policy on challenging a course provides the opportunity to earn college credit and quality points without formal course enrollment.

Under certain circumstances, a currently registered student may receive credit by examination for a course in which they have not been regularly enrolled. The student must have a minimum cumulative grades average of 2.0 and an entering freshman must present a high school scholastic record equivalent to a 2.0 GPA to be eligible to earn credit by examination in any course. The Dean of Academics must approve any arrangements prior to testing for such credit. On the successful completion of an examination, the Dean of Academics will notify the Registrar's Office.

Dawson Community College will not accept courses as transfer credit from non-regionally accredited institutions.

**Transferability**

- Credits granted for PLA at DCC may transfer to other institutions in the Montana University System (MUS) according to Board of Regents Policy 301.19 and outside the MUS and subject to limitations imposed by the receiving institution.
- Students should check with the transfer institution regarding transferability.
- Credits earned at other MUS institutions via PLA are eligible for transfer to DCC subject to institutional policies and procedures for the evaluation of transfer credit.

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SCOPE            This policy applies to Dawson Community College.

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