



How Does CLEP® Work for Your Students?

Research has shown that students who take prior learning assessments such as CLEP® earn more institutional credits in college than those who don't and are more likely to complete college. Students who can get ahead with CLEP include:

- ▶ high school students/recent high school graduates
- ▶ those enrolled in a college or university
- ▶ those transferring from one institution to another
- ▶ returning adult learners
- ▶ military service members

FACTS ABOUT CLEP

- ▶ Proven retention, persistence, and college completion tool
- ▶ Most widely accepted credit-by-examination program available
- ▶ A chance for students to get credit for what they already know
- ▶ Exams in 33 subject areas
- ▶ Available at more than 2,900 colleges and universities

How Can You Identify a Candidate for CLEP?

ENTERING FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS

Talk to students during orientation or initial advising sessions to give them the best chance to make CLEP part of their educational plans. Consider the following:

- ▶ Does the student have high SAT®, SAT Subject Test, or ACT scores?
- ▶ Did the student take honors or other higher-level courses in high school?
- ▶ Did the student perform exceptionally well in a specific high school course?
- ▶ Does the student speak Spanish, French, or German fluently?

FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS AND SOPHOMORES IN GOOD ACADEMIC STANDING

Talk to these students about CLEP at the beginning of each semester or at each advising session. Their needs may have changed since your last discussion.

JUNIORS

Students who missed meeting lower-division requirements may be able to meet them by passing CLEP exams.

SENIORS

Students who need additional course credit to graduate may be able to use CLEP to help them complete on time.

STUDENTS WHO ARE THINKING OF LEAVING COLLEGE OR TAKING A SEMESTER OFF

If these students are facing financial or personal challenges, they may be able to stay enrolled by earning credit through CLEP exams.

TRANSFER STUDENTS

Students who lose credits by transferring from one institution to another may benefit from taking CLEP exams.

RETURNING ADULT STUDENTS

Talk to these students during early advising sessions. They often have knowledge and skills from work or life experience that can translate into college credit through CLEP. And the flexibility CLEP offers can be a great fit for students with lots of responsibilities outside of school.

MILITARY SERVICE MEMBERS

The Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support (DANTES) funds CLEP exams for eligible military service members, as well as some spouses and civilian employees. DANTES funds the first attempt at a CLEP exam in each of the 33 subject areas. For more information visit: collegeboard.com/clepmilitary.

HIGH SCHOOL AND HOME-SCHOOLED STUDENTS

Work with local high schools or home-school organizations to help students get a head start on college. Invite students onto your campus to take a CLEP exam while the content from a related high school course is still fresh in their minds. Your institution's CLEP policy can be used as a recruitment tool.