

ALTERNATIVE WAYS TO EARN COLLEGE CREDIT

Credit by Exam - Institutional

LSSC provides students with the opportunity to exempt specific courses by testing. Students who pass the exams will receive credit for the course with a grade of P (Passed). Interested students should contact Testing Services (<https://libguides.lssc.edu/testcenter>) for more information.

Students in High School Career Pathways (HSCP) Career and Technical Education programs can earn credit through accelerated mechanisms.

Students enrolled in a HSCP program for which LSSC has a signed articulation agreement with the school district have the opportunity to earn college credit through LSSC's Credit by Exam process or through Industry Certification. Further details can be found on the articulation agreements with the participating school districts.

Credit by Exams cannot be used to forgive a grade previously earned in a course. Students who fail the test will forfeit the exam fee and receive no credit for the course. Per the State of Florida's Articulation Coordinating Committee (ACC) guidelines, students may receive up to a maximum of 45 total credit hours through credit-by-exam programs. Awarded credit may not be transferable.

Credit by Examination – Outside Agencies

Credit will be awarded at LSSC for credit exams in accordance with the State of Florida's Articulation Coordinating Committee (ACC) Credit-By-Exam Guidelines for Post-secondary Institutions. These exams include Advanced Placement (AP), College-Level Examination Program (CLEP), Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE), DSST (DANTES), Defense Language Proficiency Test (DLPT), UExcel (Excelsior College Exams), Florida Advanced Courses and Tests (FACT), and International Baccalaureate (IB). Further details can be found at the Florida Department of Education's Credit-By-Exam Equivalencies list (<https://www.fldoe.org/core/fileparse.php/5421/urlt/0078391-acc-cbe.pdf>).

- Students may earn up to 45 credit hours through the transfer of credit by examination.
- No letter grades or grade point values will be assigned for credit by examination.
- LSSC does not permit a student to use exam credit toward the forgiveness of course credits.
- Students must complete 25% of the total credit hours for each degree or certificate program at LSSC.
- Official copies of these test scores must be submitted directly to LSSC's Registrar's Office from the appropriate issuing agency.

Advanced Placement (AP) Examinations

Advanced Placement exams are taken after students complete the corresponding Advanced Placement course in high school. Advanced Placement courses are challenging, college-level courses that are designed to parallel typical lower-level undergraduate courses. Exams are developed by committees of college and secondary faculty and are administered to student test groups in actual college courses to determine appropriate passing scores. AP program examinations are administered by the College Entrance Examination Board (CEEB).

Consult College Board (<https://www.collegeboard.org/>) for further information.

To obtain credit for AP exams taken, the student must:

- Have taken the exam before enrolling in college
- Have official scores sent to LSSC's Registrar's Office directly from College Board (<https://www.collegeboard.org/>)
- Earn a score of 3, 4, or 5 on an exam
- Be enrolled as a student at LSSC before the credit is awarded for these exams

Other important notes regarding the use of AP scores and credit include the following:

- Credit granted for AP exams is listed on the student's transcript and is transferable to Florida public institutions of higher education and may also be transferable to private institutions
- Credit will not be awarded for AP exams in a course for which credit has already been earned

Advanced Placement (AP) Equivalency Chart

EXAM TITLE	LSSC COURSE	Credit Hours	LSSC COURSE	Credit Hours	LSSC COURSE	Credit Hours
		with a score of 3		with a score of 4		with a score of 5
2-D Art and Design (Previously Studio Art: 2D Design Portfolio)	ART 1201C	3	ART 1201C	3	ART 1201C	3
3-D Art and Design (Previously Studio Art: 3D Design Portfolio)	ART 1203C	3	ART 1203C	3	ART 1203C	3
Art History	ARH 2030	3	ARH 2050 and ARH 2051	3	ARH 2050 and ARH 2051	3
Art History ¹	ARH 2C3	3	ARH 2C3 and ARH 2C or ARH 2C	3	ARH 2C3 and ARH 2C or ARH 2C	3
Biology	BSC 1005C	4	BSC 1040C	4	BSC 1040C and BSC 1011C	4
Calculus AB	MAC 2:4	4	MAC 2:4	4	MAC 2:4	4

Calculus and BC ²	MAC 2311	MAC 2311 and MAC 2312	MAC 2311 and 4 MAC 2312	MAC 2311 and 4 MAC 2312
Capstone Research	IDS 1951	IDS 1951	IDS 1951	IDS 1951
Capstone Seminar	IDS 1350	IDS 1350	IDS 1350	IDS 1350
Chemistry	CHM 1020C	CHM 214	CHM 214 and 4 CHM 214	CHM 214 and 4 CHM 214
Computer Science A ³	CGS 2075	CGS 2075	CGS 2075	CGS 2075
Computer Science AB ³	CGS 2076	CGS 2076	CGS 2076	CGS 2076
Computer Science Principles	COP 1080	COP 1080	COP 1080	COP 1080
Drawing (Previously Studio Art: Drawing Portfolio)	ART 133	ART 133	ART 133	ART 133
Economics Macro	ECO 2033	ECO 2033	ECO 2033	ECO 2033
Economics Micro	ECO 203	ECO 203	ECO 203	ECO 203
English Language/Composition ⁴	ENC 1101	ENC 1101 and 3 ENC 1102	ENC 1101 and 3 ENC 1102	ENC 1101 and 3 ENC 1102
English Literature/Composition	ENC 113	ENC 113 and 3 ENC 113 or LIT 1005 ³	ENC 113 and 3 ENC 113 or LIT 1005 ³	ENC 113 and 3 ENC 113 or LIT 1005 ³
Environmental Science	EVR 1001	EVR 1001	EVR 1001	EVR 1001
European History ³	EUH 1009	EUH 1000 3 and EUH 1001	EUH 1000 3 and EUH 1001	EUH 1000 3 and EUH 1001
Foreign Language Exams	XXX 2200	XXX 2200 4 and XXX 2201	XXX 2200 4 and XXX 2201	XXX 2200 4 and XXX 2201
French Literature	LIT 2933	LIT 2933 and 3 LIT 1951	LIT 2933 and 3 LIT 1951	LIT 2933 and 3 LIT 1951
Government and Politics: Comparative	CPO 2001 or CPO 2002	CPO 2001 or CPO 2002	CPO 2001 or CPO 2002	CPO 2001 or CPO 2002

Government and Politics: United States ⁵	POS 203	POS 203	POS 203	POS 203
Human Geography	GEO 2400	GEO 2400	GEO 2400	GEO 2400
Latin	XXX 1700 or LNW 2321	XXX 1700 or LNW 2321	XXX 1700 or LNW 2321	XXX 1700 or LNW 2321
Music Theory ⁶	MUT 1001	MUT 1001	MUT 1001	MUT 1001
Physics 1	PHY 204	PHY 204	PHY 204	PHY 204
Physics 2	PHY 2054C	PHY 2054C	PHY 2054C	PHY 2054C
Physics B ⁷	PHY 204	PHY 204 and 4 PHY 204	PHY 204 and 4 PHY 204	PHY 204 and 4 PHY 204
Physics C: Electricity/Magnetism	PHY 2054C	PHY 2059C	PHY 2059C	PHY 2059C
Physics C: Mechanics	PHY 204	PHY 205	PHY 205	PHY 205
Precalculus	MAC 1140	MAC 1140 and MAC 1114	MAC 1140 and 3 MAC 1114	MAC 1140 and 3 MAC 1114
Psychology	PSY 203	PSY 203	PSY 203	PSY 203
Spanish Literature	LIT 2930	LIT 2930 and 3 LIT 1951	LIT 2930 and 3 LIT 1951	LIT 2930 and 3 LIT 1951
Statistics	STA 203	STA 203	STA 203	STA 203
United States History ⁵	AMH 1000	AMH 2020 and 3 AMH 2020	AMH 2020 and 3 AMH 2020	AMH 2020 and 3 AMH 2020
World History: Modern	WOH 1022	WOH 1022	WOH 1022	WOH 1022

¹ Effective for exams taken after 2018.
² The BC exam includes a subscore for the AB portion of the exam for Calculus AB credit. Colleges should regard the subscore on the BC exam the same as an AP Calculus AB Exam score.
³ Course unique to this exam
⁴ Award min 3 credits if ENC 1101 College Composition I already satisfied. (LIT 2930 Selected Topics in Literature)
⁵ Students who achieve the passing score for AMH 2010 and AMH 2020 (6 credit hours total) and/or POS 2041 (3 credit hours) will have met the course requirement and assessment requirement for civic literacy.
⁶ MUT 1001 if composite score is 3 or higher. MUT 1111 & MUT 2241 if both aural & non-aural subscores are 3 or higher.
⁷ Exam Discontinued in 2014

College Level Examination Program (CLEP)

The College-Level Examination Program, unlike Advanced Placement, is not built around a curriculum but rather is designed to test students' knowledge across a variety of college-level subjects, regardless of where they learned the material. CLEP exams are developed by committees of college faculty who design questions based on what is typically covered in lower-level college courses and who set passing standards for the exams (scores are no longer based on studies of student performance in college courses). CLEP examinations are administered by the College Entrance Examination Board (CEEB). While LSSC does not charge for CLEP test administration, students must pay CLEP test fees directly through the CEEB website. Consult the website <https://www.collegeboard.org> (<https://www.collegeboard.org/>) for further information.

To obtain credit for CLEP exams taken, the student must:

- Be currently enrolled at LSSC
- Earn a minimum score of 50 or higher on the subject matter examination
- Have official scores sent to LSSC's Registrar's Office directly from the College Board

Other important notes regarding the use of CLEP scores and credit include the following:

- Students are not permitted to take CLEP for courses in which they are currently enrolled, have previously attempted, (regardless of grade earned, including "W" and "I", or in which credit has already been earned); however, if the CLEP exam grants credits for two courses, the student can take the exam to earn credit for the course that has not been attempted (ex. College Composition exam).
- For testing hours and locations, students should contact the Testing Administrator at 352-435-5009 or visit the Testing Center webpage.

College Level Examination Program (CLEP) Equivalency Chart

CLEP EXAM TITLE	With a Minimum Score of	LSSC Awards Course	Credit Hours
Accounting, Principles of ¹	50	ACG 2001	3
Algebra, College	50	MAC 1105	3
Algebra-Trigonometry, College ^{1, 2}	50	MAC 1147	4
American Government ⁷	50	POS 2041	3
American Literature	50	AML 1000	3
Analyzing and Interpreting Literature ³			0
Biology	50	BSC 1005 (no lab credit)	3
Business Law, Introductory	50	BUL 2241	3
Calculus	50	MAC 2233	3

Chemistry	50	CHM 1020 or CHM 1025 (no lab credit)	3
College Composition	50	ENC 1101 and ENC 1102	3 and 3
College Composition Modular ⁴	50	ENC 1101 and ENC 1102	3 and 3
Educational Psychology, Introduction to	50	EDP 2002	3
English Composition with Essay ⁵	50	ENC 1101	3
English Literature	50	ENL 2000	3
Financial Accounting	50	ACG 2001	3
French Language	50	FRE 1121	4
French Language	59 on Level 2	FRE 1120 and FRE 1121	4 and 4
German Language	50	GER 1120	4
German Language	60 on Level 2	GER 1120 and GER 1121	4 and 4
History of the United States I: Early Colonization to 1877 ⁷	50	AMH 2010	3
History of the United States II: 1865 to Present ⁸	50	AMH 2020	3
Human Growth and Development	50	DEP 2004	3
Humanities	50	HUM 2235 or HUM 2250	3
Information Systems ⁶	50	CGS 1077	3
Macroeconomics, Principles of	50	ECO 2013	3
Management, Principles of	50	MAN 2021	3
Marketing, Principles of	50	MAR 2011	3
Mathematics, College	50	MGF 1130	3
Microeconomics, Principles of	50	ECO 2023	3
Natural Science ³			0
Precalculus	50	MAC 1140	4
Psychology, Introductory	50	PSY 2012	3
Social Sciences and History ³			0
Sociology, Introductory ⁹	50	SYG 2000	3

Spanish Language	50	SPN 1120	4
Spanish Language	63 on Level 2	SPN 1120 and SPN 1121	4 and 4
Spanish Language with Writing	50	SPN 1120	4
Spanish Language with Writing	65 on Level 2	SPN 1120 and SPN 1121	4 and 4
Trigonometry ¹	50	MAC 1114	3
Western Civilization I: Ancient Near East to 1648	50	EUH 1000	3
Western Civilization II: 1648 to Present	50	EUH 1001	3

¹ Discontinued

² Can sub for MAC 1140 Precalculus Algebra and MAC 1114 Trigonometry

³ LSSC does not recommend this exam due to no direct course equivalent.

⁴ No guaranteed credit for College Composition Modular without essay portion

⁵ Replaced by College Composition

⁶ Unique course # to this exam

⁷ Students who achieve the passing score will have met the course requirement and assessment requirement for civic literacy

⁸ Students who achieve the passing score will have met the course requirement for civic literacy. These students will still be required to meet the assessment requirement.

⁹ Removed from general education core effective 2024-2025

Cambridge Assessment International Education (AICE)

The Cambridge Assessment International Education (AICE) program is an international, advanced secondary curriculum and assessment program equivalent to the British system of "A-Levels." AS-Level courses comprise a curriculum lasting one academic year. A-Level courses encompass all AS-Level curriculum as well as additional topics. A-Level coursework is completed over two academic years. Consult the Cambridge International (<https://www.cambridgeinternational.org/>) website for further information.

To obtain credit for AICE courses taken, the student must:

- Have taken the course before enrolling in college
- Have official transcripts sent to LSSC's Registrar's Office directly from the Cambridge International website
- Earn a score of "A", "B", "C", "D", or "E". Grades are not based on the American "A" – "F" grading scale

Other important notes regarding the use of AICE scores and credit include the following:

- Credit granted for AICE exams is listed on the student's transcript and is transferable to Florida public institutions of higher education and may also be transferable to private institutions
- Credit will not be awarded for an AICE course for which credit has already been earned

Cambridge Assessment International Education (AICE) Equivalency Chart

Exam Title	LSSC Class	Credit Hours
Accounting (AS-Level)	ACG 2001	3
Accounting (A-Level)	ACG 2001 and ACG 1951	3 and 3
Art and Design (AS-Level)	ART 1951	3
Arts and Design (A-Level)	ART 1951 and ART 1952	3 and 3
Biblical Studies (AS-Level)	REL 1210	3
Biblical Studies (A-Level)	REL 1210 and REL 1240	3 and 3
Biology (AS-Level)	BSC 1005C	4
Biology (A-Level)	BSC 1010C and BSC 1951 (based on optional topics studied)	4 and 3
Business (AS-Level)	GEB 1011	3
Business (A-Level)	GEB 1011 and GEB 1951	3 and 3
Chemistry (AS-Level)	CHM 1020C or CHM 1025C	4
Chemistry (A-Level)	CHM 1020C or CHM 1025C and CHM 2045C	4 and 4
Chinese (A-Level)	CHI 2201	3
Chinese Language (AS-Level)	CHI 2200	3
Chinese Language and Literature (A-Level)	CHI 2200 and CHI 2201	3 and 3
Classical Studies (AS-Level)	CLA 1010	3
Classical Studies (A-Level)	CLA 1100 and CLA 1120	3 and 3
Computing (AS-Level)	CGS 1073	3
Computing (A-Level)	CGS 1073 and CGS 1074	3 and 3
Computer Science (AS-Level)	COP 1000	3
Computer Science (A-Level)	COP 1000 and COP 1220	3 and 3
Design and Technology (AS-Level)	ETI 1482C	3
Design and Technology (A-Level)	ETI 1482C or ETI 1482L/1482L and ETI 1951	3 and 3
Digital Media and Design (AS-Level)	DIG 2000C	3
Digital Media and Design (A-Level)	DIG 1004	3
Drama (AS-Level)	TPP 2100	3
Drama (A-Level)	TPP 2100 and TPP 2951	3 and 3
Economics (AS-Level)	ECO 2000	3
Economics (A-Level)	ECO 2013 and ECO 2023	3 and 3
English (AS-Level) - English Language or Language & Literature in English	ENC 1101	3

English (A-Level)	ENC 1101 and ENC 1102 or LIT 2000 (ENC 1121 or ENC 1122 may be awarded if ENC 1101 or ENC 1102 are awarded)	3 and 3
English (AS-Level) - Literature in English	ENC 1101 or ENC 1102	3
English (A-Level) - Literature in English	ENC 1101 and ENC 1102 or ENC 1102 and LIT 2100	3 and 3
English General Paper	IDS 1110	3
Environmental Management (AS-Level)	EVR 1001C or ISC 1951	3
French Language (AS-Level)	FRE 2220	4
French Literature (AS-Level)	LIT 2930	3
French (A-Level)	FRE 2220 and FRE 2221	4 and 4
Further Mathematics (A-Level)	MAC 2311 and MAC 2312 or STA 2023	4 and 4 or 3
Geography (AS-Level)	GEA 1000	3
Geography (A-Level)	GEO 2200 and GEO 2400	3 and 3
German Language (AS-Level)	GER 2220	4
German (A-Level)	GER 2220 and GER 2221	4 and 4
Global Perspectives and Research (AS-Level)	ISS 1011 or ISS 1013	3
Global Perspectives and Research (A-Level)	ISS 1011 and ISS 1012	3 and 3
History - The History of the USA, c. 1840-1968	AMH 1042	3
History - Modern European History, 1789-1939	EUH 1031 or EUH 1002	3
History - International History, 1945-1991	HIS 1206 or WOH 1040	3
History, US History c. 1820-1941 (AS-Level)	AMH 2029	3
History, US History c. 1840-1992 (A-Level)	AMH 2029 and AMH 2020	3 and 3
History, European History c. 1750-1921 (AS-Level)	EUH 1031	3
History, European History c. 1750-1941 (A-Level)	EUH 1031 and EUH 1951	3 and 3
History, International Relations/History c. 1870-1945 (AS-Level)	WOH 1040	3
History, International Relations/History c. 1870-1992 (A-Level)	WOH 1040 and WOH 1043	3 and 3
Information Technology (AS-Level)	CIS 1000	3
Information Technology (A-Level)	CIS 1000 and CIS 2354 and CGS 1105	3 and 3
Latin (AS-Level)	LAT 1110	3
Marine Science (AS-Level)	OCE 1001	3
Marine Science (A-Level)	OCE 1001 and OCB 1000	3 and 3
Mathematics (AS-Level)	MAC 1140 and MAC 1114	4 and 3
Mathematics (A-Level)	MAC 2311 and MAC 1114	4 and 3
Media Studies (AS-Level)	DIG 2000C	3

Media Studies (A-Level)	DIG 2000C and DIG 2030C or DIG 2001	3 and 3
Music (AS-Level)	MUH 1001	3
Music (A-Level)	MUH 1001 and MUH 2011 or MUH 2012	3 and 3
Physical Education (AS-Level)	PET 1005	3
Physical Education (A-Level)	PET 1005 and PET 1951	3 and 3
Physics (AS-Level)	PHY 1020C	3
Physics (A-Level)	PHY 2053C and PHY 2054C	4 and 4
Portuguese Language (AS-Level)	POR 2220	4
Portuguese (A-Level)	POR 2220 and POR 2221	4 and 4
Psychology (AS-Level)	PSY 2012	3
Psychology (A-Level)	PSY 2012 and PSY 2951	3 and 3
Sociology (AS-Level)	SYG 2000	3
Sociology (A-Level)	SYG 2000	3
Spanish First Language (AS-Level)	SPN 1340 or SPN 2200 or SPN 2210	4
Spanish Language (AS-Level)	SPN 2220	4
Spanish Literature (AS-Level)	LIT 2930	3
Spanish (A-Level)	SPN 2200 and SPN 2201	4 and 4
Sport and Physical Education (AS-Level)	PET 1000 or PET 1005 or APK 1000	3
Thinking Skills (AS-Level)	PHI 1103 or PHI 1401	3
Thinking Skills (A-Level)	PHI 1103 or PHI 1401 and PHI 1951	3 and 3
Travel and Tourism (AS-Level)	HFT 1000 or HFT 1700	3
Travel and Tourism (A-Level)	HFT 1000 or HFT 1700 and HFT 1951	3 and 3

Defense Activity Non-Traditional Education Support (DANTES/DSST)

The Defense Activity Non-Traditional Education Support (DANTES) program is a test conducted by the Educational Testing Services (ETS). DANTES Subject Standardized Tests (DSSTs) measure earned achievement in specific college courses. The DSST exams, unlike Advanced Placement, are not built around a curriculum, but rather are designed to test students' knowledge on a variety of college-level subjects, regardless of where they may have learned the material. Exams are developed by college faculty committees. More information about DSSTs, including descriptions of test content and sample examination questions, is available at <https://getcollegecredit.com/>.

To obtain credit for DSST courses taken, the student must:

- Have official transcripts sent to LSSC's Registrar's Office directly from DANTES
- Earn a passing score on the exam

Excelsior College Examinations

UExcel; Excelsior College Examinations (formerly known as Regents College Exams or the Proficiency Examination Program) are developed by Excelsior College using national committees of faculty consultants

and national studies to assess how well the tests measure student performance in actual college courses. Excelsior College Examinations are approved by the American Council on Education, and Excelsior College itself is accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools (MSACS).

- UExcel exams will not be offered after August 21, 2022.
- LSSC will award credit in accordance with state guidelines for exams taken before the program's discontinuation.
- Consult the Excelsior website (<https://www.excelsior.edu/>) for more information and to request transcripts.

Florida Advanced Courses and Tests (FACT)

The Florida Advanced Courses and Tests are based on competencies and outcomes identified in the course curricula for postsecondary general education core courses and are aligned with state academic standards in grades 9-12. The assessment will be offered during normal spring (March – May) K-12 testing windows. Students who pass a FACT course assessment will receive credit for the corresponding college course upon enrollment at any public college or university in the State of Florida.

To obtain credit for the FACT course, the student must:

- Have taken the course before enrolling in college
- Have official high school transcripts sent to LSSC's Registrar's Office
- Earn a minimum score of 66% on the FACT College Algebra

International Baccalaureate (IB)

The International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Program is a rigorous two-year, pre-university liberal arts program of study for highly motivated, academically oriented secondary students. The IB Diploma is awarded only to students who meet curricular, service, and thesis requirements and score at the prescribed level on internationally standardized subject examinations. Consult the International Baccalaureate Program (<https://www.ibo.org/>) for further information.

To obtain credit for IB courses taken, the student must:

- Have taken the program before enrolling in college
- Have official transcripts sent to LSSC's Registrar's Office directly from IB
- Earn a minimum score of 4 on an IB exam

Other important notes regarding the use of IB scores and credit include the following:

- Students may be awarded up to 30 college-level credit hours
- Credit will not be awarded for IB courses that duplicate credit already earned for previously completed courses or through other accelerated programs (e.g., AP, CLEP, or credit by examination)

Defense Language Proficiency Test (DLPT)

The Defense Language Proficiency Test (DLPT) is a 26-64-week foreign language course offered to members of the Armed Forces or sponsored by a government agency. Course equivalencies and related information are available on the Florida Department of Education's Credit-By-Exam

Equivalencies list (<https://www.fldoe.org/core/fileparse.php/5421/urlt/0078391-acc-cbe.pdf>).

Independent Study

Under certain circumstances, a student may be permitted to enroll in a college credit course offered through independent study.

To discuss possible enrollment in an independent study course:

- The student must receive approval from the appropriate academic dean
- The instructor must make arrangements with his or her dean to create the independent study section
- The instructor/dean will provide the student with the CRN needed for registration purposes
- The student will register for the course in myLSSC using the CRN provided by the instructor

Note: Dual enrollment students are not permitted to enroll in independent study sections.

Career Pathways Articulation

Through the Career Pathways Articulation Program partnership, LSSC offers qualified high school students the opportunity to advance into a postsecondary education program. The student who has completed a Career and Technical Education (CTE) program in a partner school district may be eligible to receive articulated college credits intended to meet requirements in specific programs of study toward an Associate in Science degree or Technical Certificate. The Career Pathways Articulation agreements are updated regularly and include detailed information on participation requirements and the credit opportunities available for completing a related high school program.

Please contact the Prior Learning Assessment team (pla@lssc.edu) for any questions.

Award of Credit for Licensure or Certification

LSSC may award college credit toward an Associate in Science degree or College Credit Certificate to students based on earned licensure or industry certification. To be eligible, the certification or licensure must qualify under the Gold Standard Career Pathways Industry Certification Articulation Agreements identified in State Board of Education rule 6A-10.0401, appear on the Master Credentials List, as defined by the Credentials Review Committee, or be recognized through established LSSC agreements.

Please contact the Office of Prior Learning Assessment (<https://lssc-public.courseleaf.com/academic-information/alternative-college-credit/pla@lssc.edu>) for any questions.

Competency Based Credit

Competency Based Credit (CBC) is one of the ways a Lake-Sumter State College student may be awarded appropriate credit for demonstration of knowledge gained from previous learning experiences outside the classroom. This learning may result from an industry certification, in-service training, or experience acquired during employment. Credit awarded through existing articulation agreements will be excluded from this process.

Competency Based Credit (CBC) Guidelines:

- A student must be enrolled in one of LSSC's Baccalaureate Programs, Associate in Science (A.S.), or College Credit Certificate Programs, and the credits sought through CBC must be applicable to that degree or certificate program. CBC credit cannot be used toward an Associate in Arts (A.A.) degree.
- A student who transfers to a university or another college should understand that credit earned through CBC may not transfer.
- A student may earn a maximum of 25% of the required credit hours required for a degree or certificate program through CBC.
- Credits awarded through CBC can only be awarded for courses listed in the current LSSC Catalog and Student Handbook.
- Credits awarded through CBC will appear on the student's official transcript as credit only; no individual grades or grade point values will be assigned to CBC.
- A student cannot earn CBC for a course in which credit has already been attempted. CBC cannot be used to forgive a grade previously earned in a credit course.
- A student must pay a \$30 per credit hour non-refundable fee prior to the evaluation.
- A student must complete 25% of the total credit hours for each degree or certificate program at LSSC.

Steps to request Competency Based Credit. The student will:

- Meet with an LSSC Academic Advisor to discuss the possibility of being awarded Competency Based Credit for a program course(s).
- Meet with the Dean of Workforce Programs or their designee to identify applicable course(s).
- The student will receive the Competency Based Credit Request form as well as a copy of the syllabus for the class(es) the student wishes to earn Competency Based Credit.
- Complete the Competency Based Credit Request form and assemble the portfolio (one per course).
- Pay the required fee.
- Submit the completed form and portfolio to the Prior Learning Assessment team (pla@lssc.edu).
- Notification of the portfolio review outcome will only be communicated via Lakehawk email.