## **Academic Affairs**

# AP 4235 CREDIT FOR PRIOR LEARNINGBY EXAMINATION

### Reference:

Education Code Section <u>66025.71</u>, <u>66700</u>, <u>70901</u>, <u>70902</u>, <u>78212</u>, <u>79500</u>; Title 5 Section <u>55002</u>, <u>55021</u>, <u>55023</u>, <u>55025</u>, <u>55050</u> and <u>55052</u>

The District supports the general proposition that the full value of classroom learning experiences cannot be measured by an examination. Students who have achieved an equivalent knowledge, understanding, and experience required by regular college courses may receive units of credit upon successful completion of a discipline approved examination. Credit by Examination is offered under the provisions of the California Administrative Code, Title 5 and the process is included in the Administrative Policy.

Credit for Prior Learning may be awarded for courses listed in the current catalog of Chabot or Las Positas College. Award of credit may be made for general education, program coursework, or electives.

Students may demonstrate proficiency in a course eligible for Credit for Prior Learning and receive college credit through the approved methods for awarding credit listed below: Credit for Prior Learning may be obtained by the following methods:

- AchievmentAchievement of a score of 3 or highersatisfactory score on an Advanced Placement eExamination administered by the College Entrance Examination Board,;
- Achievement of a satisfactory score on a high-level International Baccalaureate (IB) examination;
- Achievement of a satisfactory score that qualifies for credit by examination inon the College Level Examination Program (CLEP);
- Credit by satisfactory completion of an examination administered by the college in lieu of completion of an active course listed in the current college catalog;
- AchievmentAchievement of an examination administered by other agencies approved by the college, such as industry recognized documentation.
- Evaluation of Joint Service Transcripts (JST);

 Assessment approved or conducted by proper authorities of the college, such as evaluation of student experience through documentation or portfolio.

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• Credit by Examination may be obtained through achievement of a score of 3 or higher on an Advanced Placement Examination administered by the College

Entrance Examination Board, and through achievement of a score that qualifies for credit by examination in the College Level Examination Program. The Credit by Examination process may also be used to provide credit for completion of certain coursework at the high school level, where deemed appropriate by faculty of the discipline.

Credit may be awarded for prirprior experience or prior learning only for individually identified courses with subject matter similar to that of the individual's prior learning, and only for a course listed in the catalog of Chabot or Las Positas College. Award of credit may be made to electives for students who do not require additional general education or program credits to meet their goals.

# A. Student Determination of Eligibility to receive for Credit for Prior Learning: by Examination

- The student must be in good standing in the District and have an educational plan on file
- The student must have previously earned credit or noncredit from the District or be currently registered in the District
- The course is listed in the current College Catalog
- The student is not currently enrolled in the course to be challenged
- Credit by Examination: The student is registered in the District and not currently enrolled in nor received credit for a more advanced course in the same subject (may be waived by department)
- 1. Students applying for Credit for Prior Learning-by Examination need to have documented, extensive experiences (such as listed above) that have prepared the student in the subject matter at the time of application.
- 2. Documentation must be presented at the time of application and the similar course must be in the current college catalog.
- 3. The student must be registered at the College and in good academic standing.
- 4. The student may not be enrolled or have previously completed the same course or a more advanced course for which credit by examination is requested.
- The student may challenge a course only once for credit by examination.
- 5. <u>Credits acquired by assessment are not applicable to meeting unit load requirements such as Selective Service deferment, Veteran's Veteran's, or Social Security benefits.</u>

<u>Credits acquired by assessment shall not be counted in determining the 12 semester hours of credit in residence required for an Associate Degree.</u>

# B. Application and Administration of Credit by <u>Discipline/Course\_Examinationfor</u> Prior Learning

- 1. Students, upon completion of their educational plans, shall be referred to the college's appropriate authority for assessment of prior learning if the student is a veteran or an active-duty member of the armed forces, holds industry recognized credentials, or requests credit for a course based on their prior learning.
- The students may apply for Credit by Examination or Prior Learning through the petition process for identified courses listed in the Catalogs.
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  <u>ligible c</u>Courses <u>listed in the catalog as credit by examination</u> must be discipline approved and havewith a developed a commonly accepted assessment tooltool.
- 3.4. ourses available for Credit by Examination for Prior Learning shall be disclosed on the College websites.
- 4.5.

  he petition must be approved by the relevant discipline faculty, Division Dean and Vice President of Academic Services.
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  O nly in the case of Credit by Exam method, a Applicable fees/and or tuition may apply, not to exceed the enrollment fee which would be associated with the course for which the student seeks credit by exam, and must be paid at the Office of Admissions and Records.
- for completing the examination to demonstrate proficiency and meet assessment requirements and the actual administration will be made between the student and the faculty after the petition is approved.
- 7.8. The student must not have previously attempted the course by examinationthrough a Credit for Prior Learning method in any manner and/or failed.
- 9. When the student completes an identified course examination the specified assessment requirements, the administering instructor will determine if the evidence adequately demonstrates mastery of the course content as set forth in the Course Outline of Record.
- 10. The administering instructor has responsibility for verifying the course, the <u>and</u> number of units to be awarded,to be received and will assigning an appropriate grade to be forwarded to the Records Office.
- 11. Grading shall be according to the regular grading system approved by the governing board pursuant to section 55023in accordance with Administrative Procedure 4230 Grading and Academic Record Symbols., except that
- 12. Sstudents shall be offered a "Ppass/-Nno P-pass" option, in accordance with Administrative Procedure 4232 Pass/No Pass, if that option is ordinarily available for the course.
  - \_(Title 5. Article 5, section 55050, f).

### C. Awarding of Credit through Credit for Prior Experienceby Examination Learning

- 1. Upon completion of the examination, the administering instructor will verify the course and number of units to be received and will assign an appropriate grade.
- 2. Grading shall be according to the regular grading system approved by the governing board pursuant to section 55023, except that students shall be offered a "pass-no-pass" option if that option is ordinarily available for the course (Title 5. Article 5, section 55050, f).
- 3. Grades on transcript will reflect "credit by examination," with a faculty issued grade.

### **D. Limitations of Credit by Examination**

Credit by Examination coursework may not be counted as part of the 12-unit residency requirement necessary for graduation from the College.

- 1. The student's academic record will clearly indicate that the credit was earned by assessment of prior learning.
- —The student will not be permitted to receive a certificate or an associate degree using Ceredit by examination for Prior Learning for more than three quarters of the units completed at the District.
- 1. Procedures that require that students, upon completion of their educational plans pursuant to Education Code Section 78212, shall be referred to the college's appropriate authority for assessment of prior learning if the student is a veteran or an active-duty member of the armed forces, holds industry recognized credentials, or requests credit for a course based on their prior learning.
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- 3. Students shall be given the opportunity to accept, decline, or appeal the grade assigned by the faculty, and in cases of Credit by Examination, pursuant to Administrative Procedures 4230 Grading and Academic Record Symbols and 4231 Grade Changes.

An opportunity is available for students to accept, decline, or appeal decisions related to the award of credit, and in the cases of credit by examination pursuant to Title 5 Sections 55021 and 55025.

#### E. Advanced Placement Credit

Any student who passes a College Board Advanced Placement (AP) examination with a minimum score of 3 in a subject matter will be awarded credit in an general education area with a subject matter similar to that of the AP examination. For any AP examination that the District does not offer a course similar in content, the District will award credit in the General Education area show on the California Community College General Education AP List. If there is no General Education area that fits the AP Examination, the District may award elective credit.

The Advanced Placement Credit procedure will be posted on the District's website.

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