

**EL CENTRO COLLEGE
CENTER FOR ALLIED HEALTH AND NURSING
HEALTH OCCUPATIONS ADMISSIONS**

**CREDIT BY EXAMINATION / CLEP
ADVANCED PLACEMENT CREDIT**

Due to the competitiveness of the admission selection to Health Occupations programs which utilizes grade point average in the ranking process, **it is sometimes to the applicant's benefit to enroll in courses in order to earn actual letter grades** for required prerequisite, core, and support courses. However, there are also several options for individuals to earn credit by exam for specific course work. For more information in the official College Catalog on Credit by Examination see the following link: <https://www1.dcccd.edu/cat0910/ss/oep/cbe.cfm?loc=ECC>

General guidelines for health occupations applicants are found below:

- The individual must be enrolled at the college offering the credit by examination or CLEP test at the time the exam is requested and written.
- The credit by examination or CLEP test cannot be requested if the individual is enrolled in the equivalent course that semester.
- The credit by examination or CLEP test can be attempted only one time.
- The Health Occupations Admissions Office limits the number of courses which a student may present credit by examination, CLEP, or Advanced Placement (“AP”) scores or “CR” credit toward application to a health occupations program. See the individual information packets for specific program restrictions.
- “CR” credit or a letter grade must appear on a college transcript for any credit by examination, CLEP, or Advanced Placement credit to be considered for health occupations programs.
- Departmental exam scores/credit for sciences courses such as anatomy/physiology, chemistry, and general biology are subject to the five-year time limit on science courses.
- Departmental exam scores/credit, CLEP, and Advanced Placement credit for all other courses is valid for ten years from the date of testing.
- The Health Occupations Admissions Office and the Health and Legal Studies Division reserve the right to reject any credit by examination, CLEP, or Advanced Placement credit toward application to a health occupations program.

DEPARTMENTAL EXAMS AT ELCENTRO COLLEGE

ENGL 1301 – Composition I

An individual with an extensive writing background who does not already have credit for ENGL 1301 or an equivalent course may pursue the departmental exam for ENGL 1301 credit. This process involves compiling a portfolio of assigned writings (approximately 6,000 words in total) including research notes, drafts, etc. and also a proctored writing assignment.

For more information regarding the ENGL 1301 departmental exam, contact the El Centro College Communication/Math/Developmental Studies Division at 214-860-2227.

SCIT 1407 / SCIT 1408 – Applied Human Anatomy/Physiology I and II

In the event that an applicant’s petition for a five-year time limit waiver for anatomy/physiology courses is denied, the student may pursue credit for SCIT 1407 and/or SCIT 1408 through a departmental exam at the El Centro campus. If successful on the exam(s), the student may be designated to have the credit awarded as a letter grade or as “CR” credit which is not used in grade point average calculation.

NOTE: Eligibility to challenge the departmental exams for anatomy and physiology is closely monitored. Individuals who have never had college-level anatomy and physiology course work should not assume that they will be eligible to take these exams.

To determine eligibility to challenge the departmental exams, the student should contact the Arts and Sciences Division at 214-860-2193.

CLEP EXAMINATIONS *

Test results from a CLEP examination are posted as “CR” credit only. Health occupations programs and the Dallas County Community College District and the Health and Legal Studies Division accept only the following CLEP examinations:

<u>CLEP TEST</u>	<u>Credits</u>	<u>DCCCD Equivalent Course</u>
College Algebra	3	MATH 1314
General Biology	6	BIOL 1406, 1407
General Chemistry	8	CHEM 1411, 1412
Human Growth & Development	3	PSYC 2314
Introductory Psychology	3	PSYC 2301
Principles of Management	3	BMGT 1303
For humanities elective credit:		
American Literature	6	ENGL 2327, 2328
English Literature	6	ENGL 2322, 2323
College Level I French	8	FREN 1411, 1412
College Level II French	14	FREN 1411, 1412, 2311, 2312
College Level I German	8	GERM 1411, 1412
College Level II German	14	GERM 1411, 1412, 2311, 2312
College Level I Spanish	8	SPAN 1411, 1412
College Level II Spanish	14	SPAN 1411, 1412, 2311, 2312

***NOTE:** DCCCD campuses do not offer the CLEP for ENGL 1301 and do not post credit for these CLEP tests to a DCCCD transcript. However, if the CLEP appears on another institution’s transcript, the credit may be considered toward health occupations programs.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT (“AP”) CREDIT

Advanced Placement (“AP”) credit is acceptable if the credit appears on a college transcript and designates the specific course equivalency (i.e. ENGL 1301, MATH 1314, etc.) AP credit is awarded as “CR” credit only and does not count toward grade point average calculation.

Advanced Placement credit is accepted for the following courses toward health occupations programs:

<u>“AP” CREDIT</u>	<u>Credits</u>	<u>DCCCD Equivalent Course</u>
Biology	8	BIOL 1406, 1407
English – Language and Composition	3	ENGL 1301
Psychology	3	PSYC 2301

For humanities elective credit:

French – Language	8	FREN 1411, 1412
German – Language	8	GERM 1411, 1412
Japanese – Language and Culture	8	JAPN 1411, 1412
Spanish – Language	8	SPAN 1411, 1412