

**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 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 of CLEP test cannot be requested if the individual is enrolled in the equivalent course that semester.
- The credit by examination of 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 health occupations program information packets for specific program restrictions.
- "CR" credit or a letter grade must appear on an official college transcript at the application filing deadline for any credit by examination, CLEP, or Advanced Placement credit to be considered for health occupations programs.
- Departmental exam scores/credit for science courses such as anatomy/physiology, chemistry, and physics may be subject to the five year time limit. See the individual health occupations program information packets for specific program restrictions.
- Departmental exam scores/credit, CLEP, and Advanced Placement credit for all other courses is valid for ten years from the date of testing or award or credit.
- The Health Occupations Admissions Office and the Health Sciences 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 EL CENTRO 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 Academic Transfer Division at 214-860-2227.

### BIOL 2401 / BIOL 2402 – 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 or an applicant's anatomy/physiology coursework is not approved for transfer from an institution outside the DCCCD, the student may pursue credit for BIOL 2401 and/or BIOL 2402 through a departmental exam at the El Centro campus. If successful on the exam(s), the student may designate to have the credit awarded as a letter grade or as "CR" credit which is not used in grade point calculation.

**NOTE:** Eligibility to challenge the departmental exams for BIOL 2401 and BIOL 2402 is closely monitored by the STEM Division. Individuals who have never had college-level anatomy/physiology course work should not assume that they will be allowed to take these departmental exams.

To determine eligibility to challenges the anatomy/physiology departmental exams, contact the STEM Division at 214-860-2193.

### **CLEP EXAMINATIONS \***

Test results from a CLEP examination are posted as "CR" credit only. The Dallas County Community College District, El Centro College Health Sciences Division, and the Health Occupations Admissions Office accept only the following CLEP examinations:

CLEP Exam	Credits	DCCCD Equivalent Course
College Algebra	3	MATH 1314
General Chemistry	4	CHEM 1411, 1412
Human Growth & Development	3	PSYC 2314
Introduction to Psychology	3	PSYC 2301
For humanities elective credit:		
American Literature	3	ENGL 2327, 2328
English Literature	3	ENGL 2322, 2323

\* **NOTE:** DCCCD campuses do not offer the CLEP for ENGL 1301. 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 an official 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:

“AP” Credit	Credits	DCCCD Equivalent Course
English – Language and Composition	3	ENGL 1301
Psychology	3	PSYC 2301