

Advanced Standing Credit Practices

Programs at Carolinas College of Health Sciences (CCHS) do not require college-level classes as prerequisites. (The LPN-to ADN and Medical Technology programs are the only exceptions.) Many students choose to take classes in advance of starting a program, thus reducing their academic load and their tuition once enrolled.

To facilitate this choice, CCHS recognizes knowledge and competence attained through formal, non-traditional approaches to learning and awards advanced standing credit appropriately. Advanced standing credit is considered transfer credit, does not earn a grade and is not computed with the CCHS grade point average. Comparable courses taken at other post-secondary institutions, advanced placement examinations (AP), SAT scores, CLEP examinations and challenge exams may be considered for credit. Officially documented credit must be obtained by registration day prior to the beginning of the semester in which the course is offered. Total credit awards for any combination of the above may not exceed 75 percent of the program's total semester credit requirements.

A. Transfer Courses

Courses for transfer are reviewed and credit is awarded on a course-by-course basis by the admissions officer, registrar, or dean of student services. An official transcript reflecting course(s) to be transferred is required. Additional information such as catalog course description or course syllabus may be requested. Classes for which transfer credit is desired must have been completed and documentation submitted prior to the beginning of the semester during which the course falls in the student's master curriculum plan.

1. Courses must be college level and comparable in content and credit. (To convert a quarter-hour to semester credits, multiply the credits earned by .667.)
2. Courses must have been taken at an accredited degree-granting institution.
3. Science courses must have been taken within five years of desired admission date.
4. Healthcare classes must generally have been taken within two years of admission.
5. Grade earned must be a "C" or better.

Advanced English composition classes will not be awarded credit as literature classes.

B. Advanced Placement Programs (AP)

A score of 3 or better on an AP examination will be considered for credit for appropriate general education or support courses.

C. Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT)

An SAT verbal component of 650 or higher will be eligible for credit for ENG 101. An SAT math component of 600 or higher will be eligible for credit for MAT 101.

D. College Level Examination Program (CLEP)

Credit for some CCHS courses may be earned through CLEP testing. CLEP tests allow you to demonstrate that you've already mastered the course content. Many 4-year colleges and some community colleges offer CLEP testing. (Consult www.collegeboard.com/clep.) Official CLEP scores must be sent to CCHS.

<u>Test</u>	<u>Minimum</u>	<u>CCHS Course</u>	<u>Credits</u>
English composition (with essay)	50	ENG 101	3
Freshman English	50	ENG 101	3
College Composition	50	ENG 101	3
American Literature	50	ENG 201	3
Analysis/Interp. of Lit.	50	ENG 201	3
English Literature	50	ENG 201	3
Introductory Psychology	50	PSY 101	3
Human Growth & Development	50	PSY 102	3
Introductory Sociology	50	SOC 101	3
College Algebra	50	MAT 101	3
Other	50	Elective	3

High school-level prerequisites for any program (algebra, biology, chemistry) may be satisfied by scoring 45 or better on the equivalent CLEP test.

E. Challenge Examinations

Faculty-designed challenge examinations are similar to course final exams and may be used to earn credit for most general education courses, principally for classes for which there is no CLEP test available. A request including a description of how the course competencies were obtained must be submitted to the Dean of General Education and Allied Health. The \$50 challenge exam fee is paid to the Business Officer prior to scheduling the administration of the challenge exam. A grade of "C" or better must be achieved to receive course credit.

Students who are currently enrolled in the course, or students who have taken the course unsuccessfully at CCHS within the past 2 years are not eligible for challenge testing the course.

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CLEP Testing
Challenge Testing**

