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**CLEP:** The College-Level Examination Program® (CLEP) offers you the opportunity to receive college credit for what you already know. Earn qualifying scores on select subject examinations and earn transferrable credits. The 90-minute exams cost \$89 along with a \$40 NECC registration fee.

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**DSST:** The DANTES Subject Standardized Test is similar to CLEP. The test cost for DSST is \$85 along with a \$40 NECC registration fee.

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**CREDENTIAL EVALUATION:** Credential Evaluation is the process of recognizing and equating to Northern Essex Community College courses learning that has been achieved within a non-collegiate educational program of study conducted by qualified instructors. Credit considerations include: course work and training conducted by the military, business and industry, and other organizations whose primary purpose is not education. The NECC Registration fee is \$40 and a \$50 fee per credit awarded.

[www.necc.mass.edu/engage/testing-services/credit-prior-learning/credit-credential-evaluation](http://www.necc.mass.edu/engage/testing-services/credit-prior-learning/credit-credential-evaluation)

**PORTFOLIO EVALUATIONS:** A Learning Portfolio is an instrument used by students to petition to receive college credit. This student-prepared document outlines, in depth, the learning gained outside the college classroom and shows the relationship to college-level learning. There is a \$40 evaluation fee and \$50 per credit after evaluation.

[www.necc.mass.edu/engage/testing-services/credit-prior-learning/credit-portfolio-evaluation](http://www.necc.mass.edu/engage/testing-services/credit-prior-learning/credit-portfolio-evaluation)

**CHALLENGE EXAM:** If you feel that your background, education, and experience have given you sufficient knowledge in a subject area, you may be eligible to challenge certain courses. Earning course credit through Challenge Examinations is equivalent to passing a cumulative, end-of-the-term examination or a series of comparable exams. Challenge Exam fees are \$50 per credit and a \$40 NECC registration fee.

[www.necc.mass.edu/engage/testing-services/credit-prior-learning/challenge-exam-overview](http://www.necc.mass.edu/engage/testing-services/credit-prior-learning/challenge-exam-overview)

**MILITARY EVALUATIONS:** The Academic Placement & Testing Center evaluates military transcripts and uses the American Council on Education (ACE) "Service Members Opportunity College Guide" and website, [www.militaryguides.acenet.edu](http://www.militaryguides.acenet.edu), for credit recommendations. There is no fee charged for this service. NECC is a military friendly school.

[www.necc.mass.edu/engage/testing-services/credit-prior-learning/military-evaluations](http://www.necc.mass.edu/engage/testing-services/credit-prior-learning/military-evaluations)

**LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY TESTING:** Measure your knowledge in one of 50 languages. Foreign Language Proficiency testing is provided for students that would like an exam proctored at NECC from New York University – NYU or Brigham Young University – BYU.

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**ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) EXAMS:** The College Board Advanced Placement Program (AP) provides participating high schools the opportunity to offer college-level coursework to students in a variety of subject areas. Upon completion of an AP course, the high school student may take an AP examination. AP scores range from 1 to 5 points. AP scores of 3, 4, and 5 are commonly acceptable as the equivalent of college-level course work.

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