

Prior Learning Credit

The following provides information regarding proficiency credit that may be applicable for students who have professional certifications, who have completed external standardized exams and/or who have submitted a portfolio for prior learning assessment at DVU.

Professional Certifications

A student may qualify to receive proficiency credit for a specific course by presenting proof of a current, valid professional certification in a particular field. Proficiency credit granted is subject to applicability of the certification to the student's program of study. Contact your admissions representative/academic advisor for more information regarding requesting an evaluation of your professional certifications.

The pages below provide information regarding the following professional certifications:

- Cisco certifications
- Information Technology certifications
- Microsoft certifications
- Health Information Technology certifications

External Standardized Exams

A student may qualify to receive proficiency credit for a specific course, course area or elective requirement by successfully completing a nationally recognized exam assessing knowledge in a particular subject. Proficiency credit granted is subject to applicability of the exam to the student's program of study. Contact your admissions representative/academic advisor for more information regarding requesting an evaluation of your exams.

The pages below provide information regarding the following external standardized exams:

- Advanced Placement (AP) test
- College Level Examination Program (CLEP) test
- DANTES Subject Standardized Tests (DSST)
- International Baccalaureate (IB) exam
- American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA) course or exam

Prior Learning Assessment (PLA)

A student may qualify to receive prior learning credit for a specific course through evaluation of a portfolio submitted for prior learning assessment.

The pages below provide information regarding the following:

- PLA Eligibility
- PLA Policies

Cisco Certifications

Cisco entry, associate, and professional (CCENT, CCNA R/S, CCNP) certifications are valid for three years, while CCIE certifications are valid for two years. To receive credit, a student's certification must be current and must be validated. Certifications that are not current or cannot be validated cannot be used for credit.

Students are responsible for providing one of the following in order to validate their certifications:

- A 16-digit certificate code for each certification
- A temporary, single-use certification verification email that lists each valid certification. The email must be sent to the appropriate DeVry staff member. Contact your admission representative or academic advisor for more information.

Certification	DVU Course(s) Receiving Credit
Cisco Certified Entry Networking Technician (CCENT)	NETW203 and NETW205 OR NETW202
Cisco Certified Network Associate (CCNA)	May receive credit for ONE of three options: The Cisco Networking Academy courses: NETW203, NETW205, NETW207 and NETW209 OR The Networking Fundamentals courses (without Cisco content): NETW202, NETW204, NETW206, and NETW208 OR ECET375
Cisco Certified Network Associate (CCNA) Routing and Switching	May receive credit for ONE of three options: The Cisco Networking Academy courses: NETW203, NETW205, NETW207 and NETW209 OR The Networking Fundamentals courses (without Cisco content): NETW202, NETW204, NETW206, and NETW208 OR ECET375

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Certification	DVU Course(s) Receiving Credit
Cisco Certified Network Professional (CCNP)	May receive credit for ONE of three options: The Cisco Networking Academy courses: NETW203, NETW205, NETW207 and NETW209 OR The Networking Fundamentals courses (without Cisco content): NETW202, NETW204, NETW206, and NETW208 OR ECET375
Cisco Certified Internetwork Expert (CCIE)	
CCNA Service Provider Operations	NETW420
CCNA-Security	SEC280 AND (SEC450 OR SEC453)
CCNP-Security	SEC280 AND (SEC450 OR SEC453)
CCNA Video	NETW320
CCNA Voice	NETW250
CCNP Voice	
CCNA Wireless	NETW360
CCNP Wireless	
Cisco Certified Design Associate (CCDA)	NETW410
CCNA Data Center	(NETW203 AND NETW205) OR NETW202 AND NETW430

Information Technology Certifications

Certifications must be current and must be validated to receive credit. Students must provide verification information for each certification.

Certification	DVU Course(s) Receiving Credit
Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP)	For Information Systems Security Specialty SEC280 AND SEC340 AND SEC360 AND SEC440 AND CCSI330 For Security Management Specialty SEC310 AND SEC320 AND SEC330 AND SEC410 AND CCSI330
Certified Wireless Network Administrator (CWNA) OR Certified Wireless Security Professional (CWSP) OR Certified Wireless Network Expert (CWNE)	NETW360
CompTIA A+	COMP129
CompTIA Network+	NETW202 OR CIS246
CompTIA Linux+	NETW240
CompTIA Security+	SEC280 OR SEC310
CompTIA Storage+	NETW430

Microsoft Certifications

Certification must have been obtained within the past three years. Students must provide the transcript ID and access code for validation.

Certification	DVU Course(s) Receiving Credit
Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer or Microsoft Certified Solutions Expert (MCSE)	NETW230
Microsoft Certified IT Professional (MCITP)	

Health Information Technology Certifications

Certified Coding Specialist (CCS) Certification

Students must present their certificate and AHIMA website report entitled “CEU Reporting Validation Certificate” demonstrating that the certificate is valid and the date through which it is valid.

Certification	DVU Course(s) Receiving Credit
CCS	HIT111 BIOS105
	HIT202A BIOS260
	HIT204A BIOS275

Certified Professional Coder (CPC) Certification

Students must provide the member ID and last name associated with the AAPC credentials verification website.

Certification	DVU Course(s) Receiving Credit
CPC	HIT111 BIOS105
	HIT211 BIOS260
	BIOS275

Registered Health Information Technician (RHIT) Certification

Students must present their certificate and AHIMA website report entitled “CEU Reporting Validation Certificate” demonstrating that the certificate is valid and the date through which it is valid.

Certification	DVU Course(s) Receiving Credit
RHIT	HIT111 HIT202A HIT226
	HIT120 HIT204A HIT230
	HIT141 HIT211 HIT272
	HIT170 HIT220 HIT272L

Advanced Placement (AP) Tests

A student may qualify to receive proficiency credit for a specific course, course area or elective requirement by achieving a minimum score of 3 on any of the following AP tests, subject to applicability of the test to the student's program of study:

AP Examination	Course Equivalency	Course Area
Art History	N/A	Humanities
Biology	BIOS140	Natural Sciences
Calculus AB	MATH260	Mathematics
Calculus BC	MATH270	Mathematics
Chemistry	CHEM120	Natural Sciences
Chinese Language and Culture	N/A	General Elective
Comparative Government and Politics	POLI330	Social Sciences
Computer Science A	COMP122	N/A
Computer Science AB (May 2009)	COMP129	N/A
English Language and Composition	ENGL112	N/A
English Literature and Composition	N/A	Humanities
Environmental Science	N/A	Natural Sciences
European History	N/A	Humanities
French Language and Culture	N/A	General Elective
French Literature	N/A	Humanities
German Language and Culture	N/A	General Elective
Human Geography	N/A	Social Sciences
Italian Language and Culture	N/A	General Elective
Japanese Language and Culture	N/A	General Elective
Latin	N/A	Humanities
Latin: Vergil (May 2010)	N/A	Humanities
Latin Literature (May 2009)	N/A	Humanities
Macroeconomics	ECON312	N/A
Microeconomics	ECON315	N/A
Music Theory	N/A	General Elective
Physics 1	PHYS216	N/A
Physics 2	N/A	Natural Sciences
Physics B	PHYS216	N/A
Physics C – Mechanics	PHYS310	N/A
Physics C – Electricity and Magnetism	PHYS320	N/A
Psychology	PSYC110	N/A
Research	N/A	General Elective
Seminar	N/A	General Elective
Spanish Language and Culture	N/A	General Elective
Spanish Literature	N/A	Humanities
Statistics	MATH221	N/A
Studio Art: 2-D Design	N/A	Humanities
Studio Art: 3-D Design	N/A	Humanities
Studio Art: Drawing	N/A	Humanities
U.S. Government and Politics	POLI330 or POLI332	N/A



Advanced Placement (AP) Tests (continued)

A student may qualify to receive proficiency credit for a specific course, course area or elective requirement by achieving a minimum score of 3 on any of the following AP tests, subject to applicability of the test to the student's program of study:

AP Examination	Course Equivalency	Course Area
U.S. History	HIST225 or HIST405	N/A
World History	N/A	Humanities

College Level Examination Program (CLEP) Tests

A student may qualify to receive proficiency credit for a specific course, course area or elective requirement by achieving a minimum score of 50 on any of the following CLEP tests taken after July 1, 2001, subject to applicability of the tests to the student's program of study:

CLEP Tests	Course Equivalency	Course Area
American Government	POLI330 or POLI332	Social Sciences
American Literature	N/A	Humanities
Analyzing / Interpreting Literature	N/A	Humanities
Biology	BIOS140	Natural Sciences
Calculus	MATH260	Mathematics
Chemistry	CHEM120	Natural Sciences
College Algebra	MATH114	Mathematics
College Composition	ENGL112	N/A
College Mathematics	N/A	General Elective
English Composition with Essay	ENGL112	N/A
English Literature	N/A	Humanities
Financial Accounting	ACCT212	N/A
Financial Accounting (with a score of 70)	ACCT212 & ACCT216	N/A
French Language – Level 1	N/A	General Elective
German Language – Level 1	N/A	General Elective
History of the U.S. I: Early Colonization to 1877	N/A	Humanities
History of the U.S. II: 1865 to Present	N/A	Humanities
Human Growth and Development	PSYC290	Social Sciences
Humanities	N/A	General Elective
Information Systems/Computer Applications	COMP129	N/A
Introduction to Educational Psychology	PSYC110	Social Sciences
Introductory Business Law	BUSN420	N/A
Introductory Psychology	PSYC110	Social Sciences
Introductory Sociology	SOCS185 or SOCS190	Social Sciences
Natural Sciences	N/A	General Elective
Precalculus	MATH190	Mathematics
Principles of Macroeconomics	ECON312	Social Sciences
Principles of Management	MGMT303	N/A
Principles of Marketing	BUSN319	N/A
Principles of Microeconomics	ECON315	Social Sciences
Spanish Language – Level 1	N/A	General Elective
Western Civilization I: Ancient Near East to 1648	N/A	Humanities
Western Civilization II: 1648 to Present	N/A	Humanities

A student may qualify to receive proficiency credit for a specific course, course area or elective requirement based on American Council on Education (ACE) recommendations for CLEP tests taken prior to July 1, 2001, subject to applicability of the test to the student's program of study.

DSST Tests

A student may qualify to receive proficiency credit for a specific course, course area or elective requirement by achieving a minimum score as shown in the table below on any of the following DSST tests, subject to applicability of the test to the student's program of study:

DSST Test	Minimum Score*	Course Equivalency	Course Area
A History of the Vietnam War	44	N/A	Humanities
Art of the Western World	48	N/A	Humanities
Astronomy	48	SCI224	Natural Sciences
Business Ethics and Society	400	N/A	General Elective
Business Law II	44	BUSN420	N/A
Business Mathematics	48/400	N/A	General Elective
Criminal Justice	49/400	CRMJ300	General Elective
Environment and Humanity	46	SCI204	Natural Sciences
Ethics in America	46/400	N/A	Humanities
Foundations of Education	46	N/A	General Elective
Fundamentals of College Algebra	47/400	MATH114	Mathematics
Fundamentals of Counseling	45	N/A	300-level Social Sciences
Fundamentals of Cybersecurity	400	SEC280	N/A
General Anthropology	47	N/A	100-level Social Sciences
Here's to Your Health	48/400	N/A	General Elective
Human Resource Management	46	MGMT410	N/A
Human/Cultural Geography	48	N/A	300-level Social Sciences
Introduction to Business	46/400	BUSN115	N/A
Introduction to Computing	45/400	COMP129	N/A
Introduction to Law Enforcement	45	CRMJ300	General Elective
Introduction to the Modern Middle East	47	N/A	Humanities
Introduction to World Religions	48/400	N/A	Humanities
Lifespan Developmental Psychology	46	N/A	300-level Social Sciences
Management Information Systems	46/400	N/A	General Elective
Money and Banking	48	N/A	General Elective
Organizational Behavior	48	N/A	General Elective
Personal Finance	46/400	BUSN380	N/A
Physical Geology	46	N/A	General Elective
Principles of Finance	46/400	BUSN379	N/A
Principles of Financial Accounting	47	ACCT212	N/A
Principles of Physical Science I	47	PHYS216	Natural Sciences
Principles of Public Speaking	47	SPCH275	Communication Skills
Principles of Statistics	48/400	MATH221	N/A
Principles of Supervision	46/400	MGMT303	N/A
Rise and Fall of the Soviet Union	45	N/A	Humanities
Substance Abuse (formerly Drug and Alcohol Abuse)	49/400	N/A	General Elective
Technical Writing (with essay)	46	ENGL206 or ENGL216 or ENGL227	Communication Skills
The Civil War and Reconstruction	47	N/A	Humanities
Western Europe Since 1945	45	N/A	Humanities

***Note:** Two minimum scores are provided (e.g., 47/400) if a different scale was used based on when the test was administered.

International Baccalaureate (IB) Exams

A student may qualify to receive proficiency credit for a specific course, course area or elective requirement by achieving a minimum score of 5 on any of the following IB exams, subject to applicability of the exam to the student's program of study:

IB Exam	Course Equivalency	Course Area
Biology	BIOS140	Natural Sciences
Biology & Chemistry (5 for each exam)	BIOS135	Natural Sciences
Chemistry	CHEM120	Natural Sciences
Economics	ECON312	Social Sciences
Global Politics	POLI330	Social Sciences
History	HIST410	Humanities
Further Mathematics SL	MATH104 or MATH114	Mathematics
Mathematics HL	MATH104 or MATH114	Mathematics
Physics	PHYS204 or PHYS216	Natural Sciences
Psychology	PSYC110	Social Sciences
Social and Cultural Anthropology	SOCS185 and SOCS190	Social Sciences
World Religion	RELI448	Humanities

American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA) Courses or Exams

A student may qualify to receive proficiency credit for a specific course, course area or elective requirement by successfully completing the AHIMA course or by achieving the appropriate minimum score on the AHIMA exam for the following, subject to applicability of the course/exam to the student's program of study:

AHIMA Course/Exam	Course Equivalency
Anatomy and Physiology	BIOS105
Medical Terminology	HIT111
Basic Pathology and Disease Processes	BIOS260
Basic ICD-9-CM Coding	HIT202A
Basic ICD-9-CM Coding, Pt 2	HIT204A
Basic CPT Coding	HIT211
Basic CPT Coding, Pt 2	HIT211
Computer Basics in Healthcare	COMP100
Healthcare Delivery Systems	HIT120
Health Statistics	HIT226
Numbering and Filing Systems	HIT141
Quality Assurance	HIT226
Nomenclatures, Classification System and Coding for Reimbursement	HIT230
Pathophysiology/Disease Processes/Pharmacology	BIOS260
Directed Clinical Practice	HIT272
Professional Practice Experience	HIT272
Common Procedural Terminology: Beyond the Basics	HIM355

Prior Learning Assessment (PLA)

DeVry University offers students the opportunity to earn college credit for prior learning by means of a Prior Learning Assessment, or PLA, submitted by the student in the form of a PLA portfolio. Credit is awarded for demonstrated knowledge and application of that knowledge (not for experience alone). Submission, evaluation and documentation is administered by the Council for Adult and Experiential Learning (CAEL) as part of its LearningCounts program. All PLA portfolios must be submitted through the LearningCounts program. Students can access resources and guidance for submitting a PLA portfolio at www.learningcounts.org.

Prior to submitting a PLA portfolio, eligible students must register for and complete an online, self-paced, non-credit portfolio development course administered through LearningCounts. The portfolio development course guides students through the preparation, compilation and submission of a PLA portfolio. The non-refundable course fee includes the evaluation of the student's first portfolio. After completion of the one-time portfolio development course, future portfolio submissions are subject only to a portfolio assessment fee, paid per submission.

PLA Eligibility

To be eligible for PLA credit, students must:

- Demonstrate basic English proficiency in one of the following ways:
 - Standard placement in English by means of DVU-administered testing, eligible ACT or SAT English scores or acceptable grades in qualifying college-level coursework;
 - Transfer of academic credit equivalent to ENGL112; or
 - Successful completion of ENGL112.
- Reside in the U.S. (This includes international students on an F-1 visa; however, PLA hours do not count toward the required minimum number of credit hours to be considered as full-time.)
- Submit a PLA application to their student support or academic advisor while enrolled and attending classes as a matriculating student in undergraduate coursework for the current session and prior to the final term of enrollment.
- Submit transcripts from all previously attended postsecondary institutions and request transfer credit prior to submitting the PLA application.
- Verify with an academic advisor that the course(s) for which PLA credit is being sought applies to their program requirements.
- Have satisfied DeVry University residency requirements or have enough required DVU coursework remaining to satisfy the residency requirements after PLA credit has been awarded.

PLA Policies

Students pursuing prior learning assessment credit must adhere to the following University policies:

- The first portfolio must be submitted no later than six months from the date of payment for the portfolio development class.
- Prior to submitting each additional portfolio, students must submit a PLA Portfolio Request form to their student support or academic advisor; students pay an additional portfolio assessment fee for each subsequent portfolio submitted and have six months from the date of payment to submit the portfolio.
- Students may not seek PLA credit for:
 - A DeVry University course a student has previously attempted, regardless of the grade or designator assigned to the attempt.
 - A DeVry University course in which the student is currently enrolled.
 - A course which is equivalent to one for which they have already earned credit.
- PLA credit does not waive any prerequisite or corequisite requirements associated with the credited course; prerequisite and corequisite course credits must be earned independently.
- PLA portfolio credit is treated as proficiency credit and does not count toward the residency requirement; the maximum allowable number of PLA credits is determined by the program residency requirement.
- Partial credit will not be awarded for portfolio submissions.
- The maximum number of allowable PLA portfolio submissions for a given course is two.
- PLA fees are non-refundable, paid directly to LearningCounts, and are as follows:
 - Portfolio development course and first portfolio assessment — \$254
 - Each additional portfolio assessment — \$125
- Students may not use financial assistance to cover the LearningCounts cost associated with PLA portfolio submissions.
- It is the student's responsibility to ensure that they are not enrolled in a course for which they intend to seek PLA credit. If a student pays for such a course, DeVry University will not refund the tuition at a later date.