



# California University of Pennsylvania

## **POLICY: College Level Examination Program (CLEP) and DANTES Subject Standardized Tests (DSST)**

**A. Purpose & Scope:**

**B. Definition(s):**

**C. Policy:**

The university offers the opportunity to earn undergraduate credit through the College Level Examination Program (CLEP), which has two testing categories, the General Examination and the Subject Examination. The General Examination is a series of tests in five separate areas: College Composition, Natural Sciences, Mathematics, Humanities, and Social Science/History. A student may earn up to thirty credits by passing the appropriate tests in these areas. To earn credit for English Composition, the applicant must take the College Composition test with essay and score at the appropriate level. The Subject Examination comprehensively tests a single subject, such as General Psychology, Statistics, etc. A student who passes one of these examinations is awarded credit for a comparable course at the university. The DSST program offers more than 30 different examinations on a single subject, such as Principles of Statistics and Fundamentals of College Algebra. A student who passes one of these examinations is awarded credit for a comparable course at the University. The CLEP and DSST programs are administered by the Placement Testing Center in the Office of Student Retention and Success. The Southpointe Center offers the CLEP program only. In addition to the cost of the examination, there is a one-time fee of \$25.00 for evaluation of the CLEP or DSST results and recording the results on the student's transcripts.

**D. Procedure(s):**

**E. Effective date:** 2005-2006 Undergraduate Catalog

**Updated date:** August 15, 2010

**Amended date:**