



CLEP Exams FAQ

What are the benefits of CLEP Testing?

Because CLEP tests replace college credits, students can “fast track” college, which saves money, requires fewer courses, and allows them to move into a career faster. It also presents the opportunity to take additional electives while on campus.

How long are the tests?

Exams last between 90-120 minutes, depending on the subject (unless the test taker has an additional time accommodation).

When can I schedule the test?

West Chester’s Professional Testing Center offers CLEP tests nearly every weekday. The first two weeks of the month, we offer testing spots at 1:30, 2:00, and 2:30 pm. The second two weeks of the month, testing is offered from 8:30 am to 2:30 pm. Please note that if you have an additional time accommodation, your time options will be different. You should schedule as early as possible to assure your seat and give yourself time to prepare.

How do I prepare for a CLEP test?

It’s always good to start with the CLEP website and follow resources from there. Pay attention to the cost of resources if you are trying to save money. Study experts suggest studying for about 30 minutes a few days a week in the weeks/months leading up to the test.

How much does the CLEP test cost?

There are two fees for the CLEP exam. \$90 is paid to Collegeboard for the test and \$25 is paid to West Chester University.

What can I bring into the testing room?

The only items that are allowed in the testing room are your primary ID and the locker key we will give you when you arrive. All other belongings, including keys, cell phones, wallets, watches, backpacks, water bottles, etc. will be stored in a locker. We do allow sweaters or sweatshirts, but they will be checked by the staff.

What should I expect on testing day?

You should expect to arrive 15-30 minutes early, so you can be checked in and your test set up. As many as seven other people can be testing at the same time, but each station is set up with noise cancelling headphones and earplugs to help reduce distractions. Each station also receives scrap paper and pencils to take notes, which will be collected by the staff at the end of the test. When you are finished, you will receive a score report that shows your score in relation to the passing score.

What if I don’t pass the test?

Collegeboard allows exam retakes 90 days after the initial test. The first score is replaced by the second, so institutions will have record of the second test. Be sure to check your intended institution for their policies regarding how many times you can retake an exam and which courses you can test out of with CLEP exams.