TESTING

NKU accepts an array of credit-by-examinations. From Advanced Placement to College Level Examination Program (CLEP), we have over 60 course equivalencies in areas like Informatics, Construction Management, Business, Foreign Language, History, English, and Natural Sciences. For more information on each testing option, please visit our website at inside.nku.edu/testing/CBE.html. Listed below are the available Credit-By-Exams accepted at NKU:

- CLEP
- DSST
- Credit for Prior Learning Exam (CLEE)
- Advanced Placement (AP)
- International Baccalaureate (IB)

WORLD LANGUAGE INCENTIVE PROGRAM (WLIP)

The World Language Incentive Program (WLIP) is intended to attract superior foreign language students and potential foreign language majors to Northern Kentucky University. We will reward those highly qualified students who are able and willing to begin their language study at NKU at a level beyond the initial (101) course in the language sequence. Students who enroll at NKU in their first world language course at the 102 level or higher and who complete one course in the language with a grade of C- or better may receive credit for the 101 level in that language. Students who enroll at NKU at the 201 level or higher and who complete two courses in the language at the equivalent level or higher in the same language with a grade of B- or better are eligible to receive up to 12 hours of retroactive lower-division credit in the same language (courses 101, 102, 201, 202).

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

If examinees have a disability that would prevent them from taking a test under standard conditions, they may request special accommodations by calling NKU Disability Services at (859) 572-5401.

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CREDIT FOR PRIOR LEARNING

LIFE LEARNING = CREDIT AT NKU

NKU recognizes what you've learned through your job, military, and life experiences. Turn these experiences into credit at NKU.

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WHAT IS PRIOR LEARNING?
College-level learning acquired through non-college experience is called prior learning. Credit is not granted for the experiences you have had, but rather for the learning that has resulted from those experiences. Students cannot use Prior Learning Assessment credit to replace an unsatisfactory grade in their GPA. However, students who attempt and pass a form of Prior Learning Assessment credit may still use this satisfactory credit to meet program, degree, and graduation requirements. NKU Prior Learning Assessment credit will only be granted for students who have enrolled at NKU.

AMERICAN COUNCIL ON EDUCATION NON-COLLEGIATE SPONSORED INSTRUCTION (ACE)
Credit may be awarded based on educational programs offered by many large corporations or nonacademic institutes. Only programs approved and recommended by the American Council on Education will be considered for credit. Students may request evaluation of credit by sending the ACE transcript “Registry of Credit Recommendations” and appropriate course outline(s) to Adult Learner Programs and Services.

INDUSTRY CREDENTIALS
NKU awards credit for the passage of certain professional licensure examinations in fields like nursing, respiratory care, business, and radiology. The list below shows the current industry credentials accepted at NKU. Please visit our website at inside.nku.edu/alps/cpl to view the certifications accepted.
- Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA)
- The American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT)
- American Registry for Diagnostic Medical Sonography (ARDMS)
- National Board for Respiratory Care (NBRC)
- Nuclear Medicine Technology Certification Board (NMTCB)
- National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX)
- State Insurance License as issued by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC)
- Computer Information System Company (CISCO)
- Computing Technology Industry Association (CompTIA)
- Oracle

MILITARY CREDIT
Courses approved and recommended by the American Council of Education’s publication, Guide to Evaluation of Educational Experiences in the Armed Forces, will be considered for credit at NKU.

A maximum of 32 semester hours may be earned upon submission of an official military transcript. All military transcripts including the Community College of the Air Force transcripts should be sent to: Office of Admissions, AC 400, Northern Kentucky University, Highland Heights, KY 41099.

PORTFOLIO CREDIT
The NKU portfolio program is course specific. If you have prior learning that is equivalent to the learning outcomes for a specific undergraduate course, you may apply for credit for that course by developing a portfolio. A portfolio is a set of written documents (and in some cases, oral supplements) that demonstrate experiential learning equivalent to the learning objectives of a specific course. For each portfolio attempted, the student will work with a faculty evaluator who will determine whether the portfolio and the student’s experience meet the learning objectives of a specific course. Credit is granted upon recommendation of the faculty evaluator with approval from the appropriate department chair and dean.

To determine a student’s candidacy for Portfolio, a writing sample will need to be collected, as well as a current resume. The writing sample should be a 2 page document that details how the student believes they have the experience that has led to learning in this area and can produce documents and research to prove that they have met the learning outcomes for the course. Please submit both the writing sample and most current resume in the portfolio application, which can be accessed at inside.nku.edu/alps/cpl.html.