

DSST (formerly DANTES)

Credit for Standardized Examinations



DSST, formerly known as DANTES, offers 38 subject level examinations. DANTES is the Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Educational Support, which promotes educational opportunities for service members and veterans. A fact sheet is published for each exam that provides a description of the exam content, sample questions, references, and scoring information. DSST exams use scaled scores and each test has a different scale. For a complete description of DSST exams, visit the website:

<http://getcollegecredit.com/testprep/#courses>.

The Virginia Community College System (VCCS) does not dictate a minimum score for DSST exams. Thomas Nelson Community College awards advanced standing credit for DSST Exams in accordance with the minimum recommended scores provided by the American Council on Education (ACE). Faculty within the subject area review the learning objectives for DSST exams and determine equivalent courses offered at the College. Credits are awarded as follows:

Exam Title	Minimum Score	Thomas Nelson Equivalent Course(s)	Credits Awarded
Art of the Western World	-	No Equivalent Course	0
Astronomy	-	No Equivalent Course	0
Business Ethics and Society	-	No Equivalent Course	0
Business Law II	-	No Equivalent Course	0
Business Mathematics	400	BUS 121	3
Criminal Justice	400	ADJ 100	3
Environment and Humanity	53	BIO 107*	4
Ethics in America	-	No Equivalent Course	0
Foundations of Education	-	No Equivalent Course	0
Fundamentals of College Algebra	400	MTH 158	3
Fundamentals of Counseling	400	HMS 121	0
Here's to Your Health	400	HLT 110	3
History of the Vietnam War	-	No Equivalent Course	0
Human Resource Management	46	BUS 205	3
Human/Cultural Geography	48	GEO 210	3
Introduction to Business	400	BUS 100	3
Introduction to Computing	400	ITE 120	3
Introduction to Law Enforcement	-	No Equivalent Course	0
Introduction to the Modern Middle East	-	No Equivalent Course	0
Introduction to World Religions	-	No Equivalent Course	0
Lifespan Developmental Psychology	46	PSY 230	3
Management Information Systems	400	ITE 120	3
Money and Banking	48	FIN 110	3

Exam Title	Minimum Score	Thomas Nelson Equivalent Course(s)	Credits Awarded
Organizational Behavior	48	BUS 201	3
Personal Finance	400	FIN 107	3
Physical Geology	46	GOL 105	4
Principles of Finance	46	FIN 215	3
Principles of Financial Accounting	47	ACC 211	3
Principles of Physical Science I	-	No Equivalent Course	0
Principles of Public Speaking	47	CST 100	3
Principles of Statistics	400	MTH 240	3
Principles of Supervision	400	BUS 111	3
Rise and Fall of the Soviet Union	-	No Equivalent Course	0
Substance Abuse	-	No Equivalent Course	0
Technical Writing	46	ENG 115	3
The Civil War and Reconstruction	47	HIS EEE (HIS 269)	3
Western Europe since 1945	-	No Equivalent Course	0

* Credit awarded once student enrolls in and completes a laboratory section with a grade of "C" or higher

Students seeking credit for **DSST** exams should complete the following steps:

1. Complete and submit the *Request for Transfer Evaluation* form to Admissions, Records & Registration, Griffin Hall, Room 208 (Hampton campus) or Student Services, Room 117 (Historic Triangle campus). The form can be obtained at these offices or on the College website.
2. Review the options for requesting official score reports on the website:
<http://clep.collegeboard.org/about/score>.
3. Request official score reports be mailed to one of the following addresses:
 - **Hampton Campus:** Thomas Nelson Community College, Admissions, Records & Registration, Griffin Hall, Room 208, 99 Thomas Nelson Drive, Hampton, VA 23666.
 - **Historic Triangle Campus:** Thomas Nelson Community College, Student Services Office, Room 117, 4601 Opportunity Way, Williamsburg, VA 23188.
4. The student will be notified by a representative from Admissions, Records and Registration (Hampton campus) or Student Services (Historic Triangle campus) when the process is complete.