

CLEP FAQs

1. Is CLEP testing a good option for me?

Students considering taking CLEP exams should be well versed in the subject area of the test. Having succeeded in taking honors or advanced courses in the subject area or having extensive knowledge of the course material is suggested.

2. How do I know what test to take?

Students interested in taking a CLEP test should first review the RVC/CLEP policy to see what credit is awarded for each exam. Meeting with an Advisor prior to testing is also suggested. The RVC/CLEP policy can be found at www.rockvalleycollege.edu/CLEP

3. How many credits do I get for taking the test?

Students should refer to the CLEP Credit Granting Policy to see what credit will be granted at RVC for corresponding courses. The RVC/CLEP policy can be found at

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4. What is the maximum number of credit hours I can earn with CLEP testing?

Students taking courses at RVC may earn a maximum of 47 credits through CLEP at RVC. No credit will be recorded on a student's transcript until the student has earned at least six (6) credit hours in regular classes at Rock Valley College. The only exceptions to this rule are math and English credits which are applied immediately to a student's transcript. The RVC/CLEP policy can be found at

www.rockvalleycollege.edu/CLEP.

5. Where and when can I take the CLEP tests?

CLEP exams are offered at the RVC Testing Center by appointment only. To see a full listing of testing dates visit www.rockvalleycollege.edu/CLEP, or call 815-921-2380 to speak with a staff member of the Testing Center.

6. Can I take the exam somewhere else?

Yes. Exams are offered at various locations across the nation. To find a testing site near you visit the CollegeBoard website at www.CollegeBoard.com/CLEP
- Under 'Tools', select 'CLEP Test Centers'.

7. How do I prepare to take the CLEP exam?

- To prepare, it is suggested that you visit the CollegeBoard website at www.CollegeBoard.com/CLEP

At the website, you can:

- Read exam descriptions
- Order the 'Official CLEP Study Guide' or Individual Study Guides
- Take the 'CLEP Sampler'

- It is also suggested to check out local libraries and book stores for various CLEP study guides as well as subject-related college-level textbooks.

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8. How is the test administered?

CLEP exams are administered by computer. They are timed at 90 minutes and are comprised of mainly multiple-choice and some fill in the blank questions. (Optional essays are available if requested in advance). Students will receive their scores immediately after testing (with the exception of those completing an essay portion).

9. Does CLEP testing affect my college grade point average?

No. If you earn the score required for credit, you will simply receive the credit for that class- no grade is assigned; therefore, your GPA is not affected. If you do not meet the required score for credit, nothing is added to your transcript.

11. May I use a calculator?

For the exams which allow the use of a calculator, one is built into the test program. Students are NOT allowed to bring their own calculators to the exam.

12. Are there accommodations available for students in need?

Yes. Accommodations should be set up with the testing site prior to the testing date. Any questions about accommodations should be directed to the testing site. For more information regarding this, visit the CollegeBoard website at [www.CollegeBoard.com /CLEP](http://www.CollegeBoard.com/CLEP)

13. Are the essays required for credit?

No- Essays are not required at RVC. However, every institution creates its own credit-granting policy for CLEP exams and may have a different policy. If you plan to take exams for another institution or you plan on transferring, it is vital that you check with their admissions or testing office to verify what their CLEP policy is.

14. Still have questions...?

For more information regarding CLEP testing at Rock Valley College, please see the RVC-CLEP website:

www.RockValleyCollege.edu/CLEP

Call: 815-921-2380 or
Email: RVC-Testing-Center@rockvalleycollege.edu.

****Students planning to attend other institutions** should first check the CLEP and transfer policy of that institution in order to confirm that credit will be awarded. This information is usually found by contacting the Admissions/Records Office (or Testing Office, if applicable) or by visiting the institution's website.