

## About CLEP/DSST



The College Level Examination Program (CLEP) **helps students earn credit for what they already know**, regardless of how that knowledge was acquired. By receiving a satisfactory score on a CLEP exam, students can earn up to 12 college credits toward a college degree, depending on the exam subject and the policy of the college.

NECC Registration Fee is \$35 by money order payable to NECC. CLEP Fee is \$77.00.

Military Examinees (*CLEP/DSST fee is waived but NECC registration fee is not*)

Registration Forms:

[www.necc.mass.edu/academics/testing/clep-dsst/](http://www.necc.mass.edu/academics/testing/clep-dsst/)

Credit Examination Chart:

[www.necc.mass.edu/academics/testing/clep-dsst/lep-generalsubject-exams/](http://www.necc.mass.edu/academics/testing/clep-dsst/lep-generalsubject-exams/)

Please Mail CLEP/DSST Registrations to:

Northern Essex Community College  
Attn: Donna Felisberto, CLEP/DSST  
100 Elliott Street  
Haverhill, MA 01830

**All examinees who need to reschedule or who do not arrive for their scheduled exam must re-submit the \$35.00 registration fee and a new registration form. All exam dates are subject to cancellation if there are low numbers of examinees. (Please note that this rarely happens.) Students will be notified within 3 business days of the exam if there is a need to cancel.**

Study Resources for CLEP exams:

[www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/lep/lep\\_prep\\_r.html](http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/lep/lep_prep_r.html)

[www.necc.mass.edu/academics/testing/lep-dsst/](http://www.necc.mass.edu/academics/testing/lep-dsst/)

**What to bring on exam day:** Please bring two forms of identification to the test center. Your primary ID must include your photo and signature; e.g. a driver's license or passport. Your secondary ID must have a signature and/or photo; e.g. a social security card or student ID card. Note: Student/college ID cards are acceptable only as a secondary form of ID. Cell phones, calculators, PDAs of any kind, beepers, alarm watches, books, papers, and food are not allowed in the testing room. A calculator is provided if your exam requires you to use one. Each exam lasts approximately two hours. Please plan accordingly. Candidates with disabilities who require accommodations must make arrangements well in advance of the test date.

For more information about CLEP/DSST call our Academic Placement & Testing Center at **978-556-3872** or visit us at [www.necc.mass.edu/academics/testing/lep-dsst/](http://www.necc.mass.edu/academics/testing/lep-dsst/)

## About GED



### General Educational Development

#### General Information for 2002 GED Series

The Massachusetts Department of Education issues a Massachusetts State High School Equivalency Diploma to adults who successfully complete the General Educational Development (GED) Test Battery. The battery consists of five (5) timed multiple-choice tests: Language Arts: Writing, Social Studies, Science, Language Arts: Reading, and Mathematics.

The GED test is designed to measure your ability to understand and use information or ideas. In many cases you are asked to use the information provided to solve a problem, and to analyze and evaluate information. The test does not require you to answer questions about narrow definitions or specific facts. Instead, the questions focus on the major and lasting skills and knowledge expected of high school graduates.

Registration Procedures:

All applicants must apply in person by attending a Registration Session at the Haverhill campus of Northern Essex Community College. In order to register, all applicants must:

- **Bring a photo identification and social security number.**
- Bring payment of \$65.00 or a Department of Transitional Assistance Voucher.

Payment may be made by personal check, money or postal order (made out to NECC). Please do not bring cash. *IMPORTANT: the \$65.00 application fee is non-refundable and non-transferable.*

#### Under 18 Years Old

- Applicants ages 16 & 17 must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian, and Applicants 16 & 17 must present an **official letter of withdrawal from the last high school attended**. The letter must be on high school letterhead and must be signed by the Headmaster, Principal, Head of Guidance or the "Keeper of the Records". No other signatures are acceptable.

An appointment is necessary to attend the GED Registration Session. Please contact Mona Savastano, Chief Examiner, 978-556-3733, [msavastano@necc.mass.edu](mailto:msavastano@necc.mass.edu) or Nancy Carroll, Examiner: 978-556-3458, [ncarroll@necc.mass.edu](mailto:ncarroll@necc.mass.edu) to schedule an appointment.

GED Practice Tests are available on-line at:

[www.gedpractice.com](http://www.gedpractice.com)

[www.gedmath.com](http://www.gedmath.com)

[www.gedwriting.com](http://www.gedwriting.com)

[www.gedreading.com](http://www.gedreading.com)

[www.gedscience.com](http://www.gedscience.com)

[www.gedsocialstudies.com](http://www.gedsocialstudies.com)

For more information about GED visit us at [www.necc.mass.edu/academics/resources/caas/ged/](http://www.necc.mass.edu/academics/resources/caas/ged/)



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## Academic Placement & Testing Center

Haverhill Campus, Technology Center, TC-128

Phone: 978-556-3872

Fax: 978-556-3169

Lawrence Campus, Dimitry Building, L-200

Phone: 978-738-7426

Fax: 978-738-7116

Northern Essex Community College is committed to students' success by ensuring that every student is assessed and placed in courses which are appropriate to their level of academic skills

## About ACCUPLACER



The Massachusetts Department of Higher Education requires that all students entering state colleges must complete an academic skills assessment for course placement. Based on assessment results, a student may be required to enroll in one or more developmental or ESL courses in order to prepare for college level course work.

### Assessment is required for:

- Students enrolling in a degree or certificate program (matriculated students).
- Students enrolling in the following courses: English Composition I, college level math, developmental reading, writing and math; ESL; all courses with numbers beginning with zero; and all other courses with entrance level skills requirements.

### Assessment Methods:

- Reading, math, writing and sentence skills assessments are administered with ACCUPLACER, which is a web-based assessment and placement system. Writing assessments are administered with ACCUPLACER through a type written essay on an assigned topic.

The following ACCUPLACER results are valid for one year; all math placements (both college level & developmental), developmental Reading, developmental Writing & all ESL. The following placements will be valid for 3 years; College Reading Skills OK & English Composition I.

If you have applied to the English as a Second Language Program, you will be tested in reading, writing, grammar and communication.

Students with documented disabilities should contact the Learning Accommodations Center before testing:

- Applicants with Physical, Learning or Psychiatric Disabilities: Call (978) 556-3654
- Deaf and Hard of Hearing applicants: Call (978) 556-3673 (TTY) or (978) 556-3658 (Voice)

### What to bring on test day:

A photo ID. You will also need to know your social security number. Calculators, dictionaries, and text books of any kind are not allowed to be used during testing.

*For more information about ACCUPLACER testing, call our Academic Placement & Testing Center at 978-556-3872 or visit us at: [www.necc.mass.edu/academics/testing/assessment/](http://www.necc.mass.edu/academics/testing/assessment/)*

## About TEAS/HOBET/ LPN STEP Testing



**What is the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) and the Health Occupations Basic Entrance Test (HOBET)?** This test is an assessment of an applicant's scholastic aptitude. It is designed to predict academic readiness of an applicant prior to admission into certain NECC Health Programs. The test consists of four content areas: Math, Reading, English and Science.

**How long will it take for me to complete this test?** This test will take approximately four hours.

**Is there any way that I can prepare for this test?** Yes. There is a Pre-Test Study Manual which you may purchase to assist you in preparing for this test. The study manual provides sample questions and general information in the areas of Reading, Math, Science and English. You may purchase this manual at the NECC Bookstore or online [www.atitesting.com](http://www.atitesting.com). You may also purchase and take an Online Practice Assessment by going to [www.atitesting.com/ati\\_store/](http://www.atitesting.com/ati_store/). Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) SkillBuilder Review are available at: [www.necc.mass.edu/wp-content/uploads/2010/02/TEAS-Flyer-pdf.pdf](http://www.necc.mass.edu/wp-content/uploads/2010/02/TEAS-Flyer-pdf.pdf).

**When will I take the TEAS/HOBET/LPN STEP and how do I sign up for it?** It is recommended that applicants prepare for the exam early and register to take the test as soon as they feel prepared. Testing is offered several times per month in Haverhill to provide ample opportunity for applicants to test and submit applications to Enrollment Services. Registration and payment for the test are done online. To view available testing dates, register and pay, go to [www.atitesting.com](http://www.atitesting.com).

To Register for **TEAS**:

Click on the "Register for TEAS" link.

To Register for **LPN STEP**:

Click "Shop Online"

Under Registration for, Click "LPN STEP" link

To Register for **HOBET**:

Click "Shop Online"

Under Registration for, Click "HOBET"

Select **Massachusetts**, Select **Haverhill** or **Lawrence**, Choose a date for testing, Click **Learn More** for test session information and Click **Register** to sign up.

If you have an existing account, log-in to register and pay.

If you don't have an existing account, create an ATI account with a username and password.

Once you have created your account, you will need to sign in to register and pay for the test.

- The required test for Nursing is TEAS V and the college is Northern Essex CC ADN (Associate Degree in Nursing)
- The required test for Practical Nursing is TEAS V and the college is Northern Essex CC PN (Practical Nursing).
- The required test for Radiologic Technology, Respiratory Care Essex CC AH (Allied Health).

The required test for Advanced Placement Nursing is LPN STEP and the college is Northern Essex CC LPN STEP (LPN to Associate Degree in Nursing).

You will receive an ATI email confirmation of your testing appointment. Bring this confirmation and your ATI Username and Password with you on the date of testing along with a Photo ID (valid drivers license or school ID with a photo),

Credit card payment is due online at the time of registration. The fee is \$70 per test. **Payment is NON REFUNDABLE** so be sure that you have read the admissions packet thoroughly and that you are ready to test on the date scheduled.

If you need help registering for testing, call ATI at 1-800-667-7531.

An applicant may take the admission test two times during an admission cycle; however, there must be an interval of six months between the two tests. The most recent test results will be used for that admission cycle only. (ATI recommends that there be an interval of six months between the two tests. A student will not be blocked from registering prior to the six months; however, if the student attempts to take the test they will be locked out.)

*For more information about TEAS/HOBET/LPN STEP testing, call our Academic Placement & Testing Center at 978-556-3872. or visit us at [www.necc.mass.edu/academics/testing/teashobetlpn-step](http://www.necc.mass.edu/academics/testing/teashobetlpn-step)*

## About CHALLENGE Exams

### What is a Challenge Exam?

If you feel that your background, education, and experience have given you sufficient knowledge in a subject area, you may challenge certain courses. Earning course credit through Challenge Examinations is equivalent to passing a cumulative, end-of-the-term examination or a series of comparable exams. Examinations will vary depending on the type of course challenged. Each academic area selects which courses are available for challenge and may have academic area-specific screening procedures to determine a student's eligibility to take the Challenge exam. Challenge exams are not available as an option if other proficiency examinations such as CLEP are available.

### To register for the Challenge Exam you must:

Complete the Challenge Exam application (applications available in the CPAC located on the 2nd floor of the Orania Student Center in Haverhill, the CPAC in Lawrence or on our website. If necessary, indicate which course you are challenging.

A \$10 non-refundable registration fee is due in advance of scheduling. The Challenge Exam Fee is \$50.00 per credit hour (\$150 for 3 credits or \$200 for 4 credits).

Mail application and payment to:

Northern Essex Community College Attn: Mona Savastano,  
100 Elliott Street Haverhill, MA 01830.

(Mail at least 5 business days prior to the test date).

See Challenge Exam overview page on this web site for links to the syllabus for each of the computer exams.

*For more information about CHALLENGE Exams, call 978-556-3733 or visit us at [www.necc.mass.edu/academics/testing/challenge/](http://www.necc.mass.edu/academics/testing/challenge/)*