



TECHNICAL COLLEGE
OF THE LOWCOUNTRY

POLICY: Credit by Examination
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It is the policy of the Technical College of the Lowcountry to provide students with an opportunity to receive Credit by Examination for the demonstration of significant post-secondary achievement through an examination process. Credit by Examination may be earned through two methods: standardized examinations and credit by challenge exam (local).

To qualify, a student must be currently enrolled in the College with a declared major. A student may not pursue Credit by Examination in a course where credit in an equivalent course or a more advanced course has been earned, a course previously audited, or a course successfully completed.

Credit by Examination for a course does not eliminate any existing prerequisite requirements. Credit by Examination shall be recorded on a student's transcript by an "E" and does not affect the student's grade point average (GPA). Credit by Examination shall be limited to a maximum of 30 credit hours applied toward a degree, diploma, or certificate and at least 25 percent of the credit hours for the degree, diploma, or certificate must be earned through instruction at the Technical College of the Lowcountry.

In order to pursue Credit by Examination, a student must follow the College Procedures for approval of the examination process and award of this credit. The fee for Credit by Examination through a local challenge exam will be one half of the current charge per credit hour for the course in question. In the case of standardized tests, the student is responsible for all costs associated with testing and submission of official transcripts.