The DSST™ credit by exam program gives students the opportunity to receive college credit for life experience as a form of prior learning assessment. Recommended for credit by the American Council on Education, the 38 exams are offered in diverse subject areas such as health, ethics, finance and technology. The DSST program is owned by Prometric, the global leader in testing and assessment, and has been placing students on the fast track to college degrees since 1986. To obtain more information go to www.getcollegecredit.com/test_takers

All 38 exams are offered, but visit the Boise State Registrar’s Prior Learning Credit page to see which exams fulfill specific Boise State University degree requirements, check with the Base Education Center about CCAF requirements. These requirements vary depending on the program or degree you are pursuing. Please meet with your academic advisor to determine which exam is right for you. Testing Services staff is unable to advise regarding which tests to take or what will meet degree requirements.

Fees and Instructions

- There are two non-refundable fees associated with this test which must be made in two separate payments
- The Prometric/DSST™ fee is $80. This fee is payable by Visa®, MasterCard® or American Express®. Cash or personal checks are not accepted
- The Boise State administrative fee is $20. This fee is payable by Visa®, MasterCard®, or Discover®
- Unofficial results will be available immediately after the test
- If you are planning on taking DSST™ to get credit for prerequisite courses or credits needed for graduation, please plan ahead. It takes approximately four to six weeks for the official scores to be sent to the Registrar’s office
- If you do not pass the exam the first time, you must wait 90 days before you can retest. You will have to pay the full testing fees.
- A valid government issued ID with a signature is required. Examples include a passport, driver's license, or other state issued ID.

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Test Preparation

There are multiple resources available to help you prepare for your DSST™ exam:

- Go to the official College Board website to find test prep tips. http://clep.collegeboard.org/test-preparation
- Base Library for CLEP/DSST study materials
- Peterson’s Online Tools at www.my.af.mil > library - for free practice tests