



CHALLENGE EXAM FAQs

- A challenge exam may only be attempted once.
- A challenge exam cannot be given if the student has already taken the course and has received a letter or a P/F grade for the course.
- Students must be registered at VWCC in the semester that they want the challenge exam credit to be awarded.
- If a CLEP or DSST exam is available, the student cannot request a challenge exam in its place. If there is a financial need, have the student speak with the CPL Coordinator.
- A challenge exam grade will not affect a student's GPA.
- A passing grade on a challenge exam is 70% or higher.
- Credit from a challenge exam will not count toward our residency requirement.
- Credit awarded from prior learning may satisfy VWCC's curricular requirements but may not necessarily transfer to or be accepted by another institution. Student's desiring to transfer CPL should contact the post-secondary institution of interest to determine its policy on CPL.
- CPL credits will be recorded on the student's permanent record, with the source of the credit clearly identified by a T on the transcript and can be found in the OTHER section. Unsuccessful attempts at CPL will not be recorded.
- There is no limit to the number of CPL credits that can be awarded; however, a minimum of 25% of the credit required in the graduation curriculum must be earned at VWCC.
- Financial Aid cannot be used to pay for CPL. If there is a financial need, have the student reach out to the CPL Coordinator.
- Evaluation of CPL is based up on the recommendation of appropriately qualified teaching faculty at VWCC to ensure that the learning gained from experience is equal to the course outcomes required.
- A student can appeal a CPL award decision by submitting a request in writing to the CPL Coordinator, including the reason for the appeal and new documentation to support it.