



DSST (DANTES Subject Standardized Tests)

DSST (DANTES Subject Standardized Tests) are credit-by-examination tests originated by the United States Department of Defense's Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support (DANTES) program. Delgado Community College is a designated testing center for DSST.

In accordance with the College's [Credit for Prior Learning \(Non-Traditional Credit\)](#) policy, specific policies and procedures have been established for the granting of college credit from non-traditional sources, including DSST.

DSST Policy:

1. The general policies concerning credit from non-traditional sources are applicable.
2. Prior to taking a DSST examination, the student must check with the Division Dean or academic counselor of his/her major to confirm that the credit is applicable to the student's major.
3. The awarding of credit through DSST is based upon the standard scores recommended by the Commission on Educational Credit for the American Council on Education.
4. Specific course credit (course title and credit hours) is awarded by the Registrar's Office.
5. Semester hours of credit earned by the DSST examination are assigned a "P" grade. No quality points are earned. Such credit does not enter into the student's grade point average computation.
6. Students who wish to transfer DSST credits to Delgado must request that official score reports be sent to the Director of the Office of Advising and Testing.

Application for DSST Credit Procedures:

NOTE: The student requests the DSST test score(s) be sent to the Director of the Office of Office of Advising and Testing.

STEP 1. The student requests an [Application for DSST Credit \(Form 1432/004\)](#) at the Office of Office of Advising and Testing. The approved list of courses for DSST is checked to verify that DSST credit may be used for the course(s). If the course is on the list, current enrollment of the student is verified.

STEP 2. The student takes the application for DSST credit to the Bursar's Office and pays the required fee. The Bursar's Office, upon payment, completes Part 2 and stamps the application "PAID."

STEP 3. The student returns the paid application to the Director of the Office of Advising and Testing. The Director of Advising and Testing completes Part 3. If score requirements are met, the application is then forwarded to the Division Dean for approval or denial of credit.

STEP 5. The Division Dean forwards the application to the Registrar's Office who verifies the student's enrollment and processes the application.

Policy Reference:

Academic Procedures, [Credit for Prior Learning \(Non-Traditional Credit\)](#)
Louisiana Community and Technical College System [Policy #1.023, Credit for Prior Learning](#)

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