



PRIOR LEARNING GLOSSARY

<p>AICE (Advanced International Certificate of Education)</p>	<p>An international program for elementary through high school aged students to ultimately earn college credit. Classes and exams are equivalent to British “A-levels”. Florida has 2x the amount of AICE programs in their schools than there are in the rest of the United States! (http://www.cambridgeinternational.org/usa/)</p>
<p>ACE (American Council on Education)</p>	<p>A credit recommendation service. ACE specializes in reviewing third-party programs so that colleges and universities can give their students access to credits for experience and training outside of their degree programs. (http://www.acenet.edu/Pages/default.aspx)</p>
<p>AP (Advanced Placement)</p>	<p>College-level tests run by The College Board for high schoolers. Students take a certified AP class throughout the year and are assessed at the end. Each college sets its own policy on whether they accept AP scores and which scores they accept. (https://apstudent.collegeboard.org/home)</p>
<p>CLEP (College Level Examination Program)</p>	<p>A group of standardized tests run by The College Board to assess college-level knowledge without having to take the course. The tests are available in 36 different subject areas and are widely accepted by colleges and universities. CLEP exams cost \$85.00, and are usually accompanied by a testing fee at the discretion of the testing location. (https://clep.collegeboard.org/)</p>
<p>DSST (DANTES Subject Standardized Tests)</p>	<p>A nationally recognized (ACE certified) examination program that offers exams for credits in many different subject areas. DSST exams cost \$85.00, and are usually accompanied by a testing fee at the discretion of the testing location. (http://getcollegecredit.com/about)</p>
<p>EXCELSIOR</p>	<p>A non-profit online college program that offers both online classes and exams for credit. This college has specific programs for military members and veterans that include consideration of military experience, discounted tuition and tuition deferment. (https://www.excelsior.edu/)</p>

<p>Experiential Learning</p>	<p>Learning from experience. Some colleges and universities will accept credit for real-world experience. Most are done on a case-by-case basis, and must be proposed to a dean or faculty member. Other schools include experiential learning in their degree programs so that students can try out different parts of career before they get their diploma.</p>
<p>IB (International Baccalaureate)</p>	<p>A rigorous diploma program for high schoolers, which then transfers to credits at the discretion of individual colleges and universities. IB programs have specific course requirements and exams which are scored by IB assessors. (http://www.ibo.org/about-the-ib/)</p>
<p>MOOC (Massive Online Open Course)</p>	<p>Courses which are widely available on the internet. MOOCs are mostly for use in high schools, but some universities and programs are using MOOCs to provide college credits. One example of this would be courses for credits offered by EXCELSIOR.</p>
<p>PLA (Prior Learning Assessment)</p>	<p>An evaluation of college-level skills earned by an individual outside of the classroom for college credit. This includes experiential learning, examinations, dual enrollment, and accelerated learning programs.</p> <p><i>Also known as: Accelerated Mechanisms, Credit by Exam</i></p>
<p>UExcel</p>	<p>A part of EXCELSIOR partnered with Pearson, this program offers credits for exams. Most exams cost \$110.00, with an additional testing fee charged by Pearson (\$50/2 hours, \$60/3 hours). Tests are administered at Pearson VUE testing centers.</p> <p>(https://www.excelsior.edu/exams/uexcel-home)</p>