

A Winning Strategy for Personal and Professional Growth

The benefits of completing your college degree are indisputable. In fact, those who have an undergraduate degree earn approximately 65% more than workers who have only a high school diploma.



So what if you could fast-forward your college education and save on tuition, too?

Well, you can – through the DSST Credit by Exam Program. A form of prior learning assessment, DSST exams offer students a way to apply knowledge acquired outside of the classroom to accelerate and realize their educational goals.

The nationally recognized DSST program helps you receive college credits through a suite of more than 30 exams in college subject areas such as Social Sciences, Math, Applied Technology, Business, Physical Sciences and Humanities.

DSST exams may be perfect for you if you:

- need a few classes to complete your degree but don't have time to take the courses
- have tremendous experience and don't want to take courses for material you already know

Inside this brochure, you'll learn how DSST exams **save time, save money,** and help you **graduate sooner.**



DSST Exam Titles Available in a Variety of Subjects:

Business
Humanities
Math

Physical Science
Social Sciences
Technology

The American Council on Education's College Credit Recommendation Service (ACE CREDIT®) has evaluated and recommended college credit for specific exams created and proctored through Prometric. ACE CREDIT helps adults gain academic credit for courses and examinations taken outside traditional degree programs. For more information, visit the ACE CREDIT website at www.acenet.edu/credit.



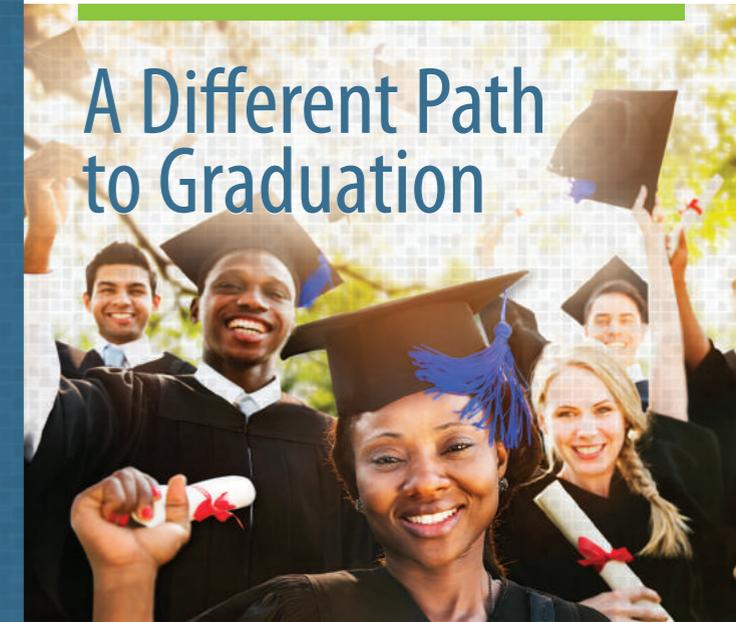
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A Different Path to Graduation



- 🕒 | Save Time
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DSST is for anyone who is:

- Already enrolled in college
- Thinking of going back to school
- Graduating high school

Special Benefits for Active Duty and Veteran Military

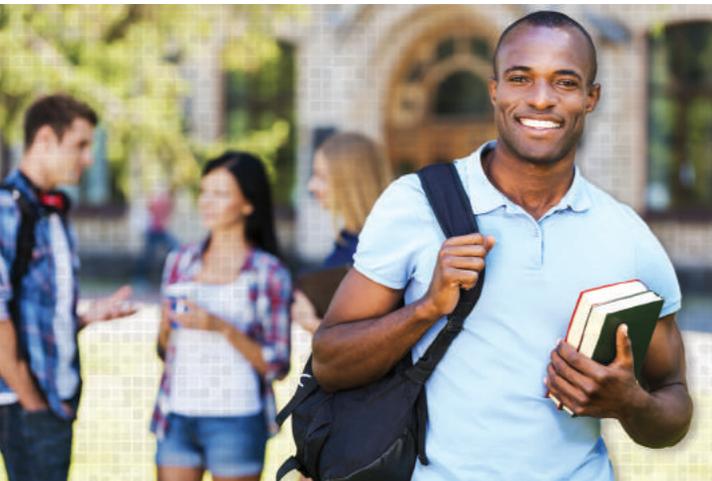
For more than 30 years, DSST exams have helped military personnel advance toward their educational goals – providing an important and reliable head start to post-military life.

Free First Try Exams

What's even better is that first try exams are absolutely free. The exams are funded and paid in advance for eligible military members at test centers that administer Internet-based DSST exams.

Veterans eligible for the Post 9/11 GI Bill can also benefit from free DSST exams. DSST is an approved VA National Testing Program. For more information visit www.benefits.va.gov/gibill

Service members and veterans may personally fund a retest of the same title if they do not receive a passing score.



Save Time

If a college degree is your goal, why not get there as quickly as you can? DSST exams can help.

Get Started Now. It's As Easy As 1-2-3.

Do you have work experience or prior learning experience? Talk to your academic advisor, professor or admissions office and find out your school's policy on credit by examination.

1. Choose and Schedule Your Exams

Look over our exam list and decide which exams you want to take. Find a test center near you at getcollegecredit.com. There are more than 1,200 test centers nationwide – one may be as close as your own college campus.

2. Prepare

To make sure you're ready for your DSST exam, start by downloading the exam "fact sheet" that includes a content outline, sample questions and reference materials. Visit the "Test Preparation" tab at getcollegecredit.com for study guides and practice exams.

3. Take Your Exam and Earn Credit

Don't delay! Take an exam and start earning college credit. Your score will be sent to the academic institution of your choice.

Save Money

It's no secret. The cost to earn a college degree continues to rise. Even at community colleges, often considered a low-cost option, average tuition increased from approximately \$2,300 to \$3,300 in the past seven years.

DSST exams are a cost-effective approach to earning credits toward a college degree.

\$750 or \$85?

The average cost for a three-credit course at a public university is \$750. A DSST exam – which is equivalent to three credits – costs as little as \$85. The savings can add up quickly.

Here's how:

| Method | Cost for Three Credits | Cost for Six Three-Credit Courses |
|-------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Public University | \$750 | \$4,500 |
| Community College | \$750 | \$4,500 |
| DSST Program | \$85 | \$510 |

Graduate Sooner

It is estimated that by 2018 there will be 22 million jobs that require college degrees. It is also estimated that there will be a shortage of 8 million people with degrees to fill them.

There is no better time to finish your degree and finish it fast. DSST can be part of the answer.

A study conducted by The Council for Adult and Experiential Learning (CAEL) reported that students who earned credits for prior learning through programs like DSST reached graduation as much as ten months sooner.

Accelerate Now. Follow These Steps to Earn Your Degree.

- Choose exams relevant to your degree path.
- Contact your college or university to learn about their credit awarding policy.
- Download the *Test Taker Information Bulletin* for complete testing policies and guidelines.
- Find a test center near you and schedule your exam with them. There are more than 1,200 test centers nationwide. Exams are \$85 and the test center may have an additional sitting fee to administer the exam.
- Earn credits for a passing score and spend your time and tuition dollars on courses you really need to take.