



## College-Level Examination Program ® Policy

### Introduction

The College-Level Examination Program® (CLEP) is a testing program developed by the College Board, which allows students to receive college credit by examination. CLEP credits are widely accepted by colleges and universities. Currently there are 33 CLEP exams offered.

Source: <https://clep.collegeboard.org/>

### Policy

As a post-baccalaureate certificate program, Augusta Health School of Clinical Laboratory Science does not accept transfer credits in the sense that colleges and universities may. However, CLEP credits may be useful to the student seeking admission to the program by helping the student who already holds a baccalaureate degree achieve the minimum pre-requisite credit hours in Biology and Chemistry. Students who have already obtained their baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited college/university, and who are applying to the program in a 4+1 capacity, are required to complete the program's prerequisite coursework prior to admission. If a student has completed all other required coursework but lacks enough general credits in biology or chemistry to meet the sixteen semester hour requirement, the student may be allowed to utilize CLEP credit to meet that requirement.

The Augusta Health School of Clinical Laboratory Science recognizes two CLEP examinations: Biology and Chemistry. CLEP credit is only accepted upon successful completion of the exam, and the exam must have been taken within the previous seven years to count towards the semester hour requirement. A passing score on either exam is 50. The Biology exam is counted as six semester hours in Biology and is considered to be equivalent to Introductory College-Level Biology (Biology 101, 102). The Chemistry exam is counted as six semester hours in Chemistry and is considered to be equivalent to Introductory College-Level Chemistry (Chemistry 101, 102). Students may not duplicate credits already earned with CLEP credits. For example, if a student has already taken introductory Biology and/or introductory Chemistry and received college credit for it, he/she may not also take the CLEP exam and count those hours toward the sixteen required semester hours.

For all applicants, if CLEP credit is being used as credit for any courses obtained as part of the student's baccalaureate degree, the CLEP score must be included in order to appropriately calculate the overall and science grade point average (GPA). It is acceptable to include the CLEP score on the official transcript. If the CLEP score is not present on the official transcript, then an official score report from CLEP will need to be submitted in addition to all other official college/university transcripts. The following scale will be used to calculate the overall and science GPA for students utilizing CLEP examinations to complete the sixteen semester hour requirement: Biology A = 64-80, B = 57-63, C = 50-56, No Credit = <50; Chemistry A = 73-80, B = 65-72, C = 50-64, No Credit = <50.

## **CLEP® Policy Frequently Asked Questions**

- Which exams does your institution recognize for credit?
  - Biology
  - Chemistry
- For each exam, what is the minimum credit-granting score?
  - Biology = 50
  - Chemistry = 50
- How much credit is granted for each exam?
  - Biology = 6 semester hours
  - Chemistry = 6 semester hours
- What are the equivalent courses for each exam?
  - Biology = Introductory College-Level Biology (Biology 101, 102)
  - Chemistry = Introductory College-Level Chemistry (Chemistry 101, 102)
- Are there any time restrictions for accepting this credit?
  - The exams must have been taken within the past seven years.
- How will overall and science GPAs be calculated if CLEP scores are used for pre-requisite coursework?
  - Biology
    - A = 64-80
    - B = 57-63
    - C = 50-56
    - No Credit = <50
  - Chemistry
    - A = 73-80
    - B = 65-72
    - C = 50-64
    - No Credit = <50
- What must be submitted for documentation of CLEP credit?
  - An official college/university transcript showing the CLEP score  
OR
  - An official score report from CLEP