



PRIOR LEARNING ASSESSMENT

Get Credit for What You Know

York County Community College recognizes several pathways for the assessment of prior learning, which includes learning that was not obtained in the traditional classroom setting such as work and volunteer experience, military training, workshops, professional certifications, etc. We encourage our students to explore all of the options available to them. You may already be eligible to receive academic credit for what you already know.

Transfer

- I attended another college before YCCC and earned C's or higher.
- In addition to YCCC, I'm attending classes at another college.

Request an official copy of your transcript from the accredited college/university and send it to Office of Admissions, York County Community College, 112 College Drive, Wells, ME 04090.

High School, Tech Centers, Adult Education

- I took Advanced Placement (AP) exams or International Baccalaureate (IB) exams at my high school.
- I participated in Early College for ME at my high school.
- I participated in Concurrent Enrollment classes for college credit.
- I took college courses while I was in high school.
- I took vocational classes at a Tech Center or at my school.
- I participated in a College Transitions course through an Adult Education program.

If you've checked some of these, you may already have earned college credit. For more information, contact the Office of Admissions 800-580-3820 or visit <http://virtual.yccc.edu/priorlearning> for more information.

Proficiency Credit

- I have attended work-related trainings such as computer workshops or interpersonal skills trainings.
- I have taken some exams so that I could get a certification or a license in my field.
- I have earned certifications that keep me up-to-date in my job and have helped me to get promotions.
- I have participated in corporate training programs.
- I am a Registered Apprentice.

*Check out our **Prior Learning Pathways** at <http://virtual.yccc.edu/priorlearning> to view a list of pre-qualified certifications. Also check out **ACE Credit Guide** to see if your training has been evaluated.*

National Subject Exams

- I have studied on my own by reading and practicing new skills in very specific areas, such as psychology, Spanish, etc.
- I have taken classes and workshops in subject areas such as government, history, or computers.
- I can speak language(s) other than English.
- I do well on tests if given proper preparation.
- There are a few college courses I don't think I need to take because I already know the material.

*If you've checked a few of these, a national exam such as CLEP or DSST may be a good option for you. For a list of exams accepted, visit <http://virtual.yccc.edu/priorlearning> and look at our **Prior Learning Pathways**.*

Military Review

- I took correspondence courses through U.S. Armed Forces Institute, the Community College of the Air Force or Air University.
- I have certifications for trainings I completed while in the military.

*If you've selected any of these options, you may already have earned college credit. **DANTES** offers help to military service members. Request a Joint Services Transcript for evaluation and contact the Office of Admissions at 800-580-3820.*

Portfolio Review

- I have worked as a professional in my field for at least three to five years.
- I have learned many different things during my many years of working and involvement in the community.
- I have taught others what I know or coached colleagues.
- I perform as well as other people who have college degrees.
- I have knowledge in my field that is quite extensive in certain areas.

If you've checked several of these, the portfolio option might be a good option for you. Visit <http://virtual.yccc.edu/priorlearning/portfolio> for more information.