

CREDIT FOR PRIOR LEARNING (CPL) MANUAL

Credit for Prior Learning Webinar | First Friday of Every Month¹, 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. | Click here (https://vccs.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0qde2srj8vH9UCnc_y9hgBuARHW4eoXJkU/) to register.

¹ Except for January 2, 2026

This Credit for Prior Learning (CPL) Manual outlines the policies and procedures for awarding academic credit for demonstrated college-level learning acquired outside of NOVA. This includes learning from college instruction, standardized exams, industry certifications, military training, and work/life experience. The manual is updated annually in coordination with the college catalog cycle. Students submitting documentation for prior learning will have their materials evaluated according to the most current version of the CPL Manual at the time of submission. Please click on the link below to view the policies and procedures pertaining to your type of learning.

*Disclaimer: The course equivalents listed in this manual are informational only. The credits you receive are based on your program requirements, the documentation you submit, and – where applicable – the age of your credentials.

- CPL: Introduction (<https://catalog.nvcc.edu/cpl-manual/introduction/>)
- CPL: Section 1-Credit from Postsecondary Institutions (<https://catalog.nvcc.edu/cpl-manual/credit-postsecondary-institutions/>)
- CPL: Section 2-Credit from Industry Certifications and Professional Credentials (<https://catalog.nvcc.edu/cpl-manual/credit-industry-certifications-professional-credentials/>)
- CPL: Section 3-Credit through Assessment by Local Exam (ABLE) (<https://catalog.nvcc.edu/cpl-manual/credit-through-able/>)
- CPL: Section 4-Credit by Advanced Placement (AP) Exam (<https://catalog.nvcc.edu/cpl-manual/credit-ap-exam/>)
- CPL: Section 5-Credit by Examination Cambridge (<https://catalog.nvcc.edu/cpl-manual/credit-examination-cambridge/>)
- CPL: Section 6-Credit by Examination College Level Examination Program (CLEP) (<https://catalog.nvcc.edu/cpl-manual/credit-examination-clep/>)
- CPL: Section 7-Credit by Examination International Baccalaureate (IB) (<https://catalog.nvcc.edu/cpl-manual/credit-examination-ib/>)
- CPL: Section 8-Credit Earned from DSST, NYU and Other Exams (<https://catalog.nvcc.edu/cpl-manual/credit-earned-dsst-nyu-exams/>)
- CPL: Section 9-Credit Earned Via Waiver (<https://catalog.nvcc.edu/cpl-manual/credit-earned-via-waiver/>)
- CPL: Section 10-Credit Earned from Military Training and Courses (<https://catalog.nvcc.edu/cpl-manual/credit-earned-military-training-courses/>)
- CPL: Section 11-College Credit for Work/Life Experience (Portfolio Credit or PLACE) (<https://catalog.nvcc.edu/cpl-manual/college-credit-worklife-experience-portfolio-credit-place/>)
- CPL: Additional Notes (<https://catalog.nvcc.edu/cpl-manual/additional-notes/>)
- CPL: Definitions (<https://catalog.nvcc.edu/cpl-manual/definitions/>)