

Tidewater Community College
Norfolk Campus and Portsmouth Campus

DSST (DANTES Subject Standardized Tests)

General Information
Test Center Code: 8188 or 9341

The DSST Program (formerly DANTE Program) is a credit by examination testing service provided by Thomson Prometric. Colleges and universities use DSST exams to measure a student's knowledge in a particular subject area and may choose to award college credit based on the achievement of a passing examination score. Each institution determines its passing scores for each DSST it offers. All tests are approved by the American Council on Education.

DSST's are untimed; however, they are designed to be completed within 90 minutes. The Principles of Public Speaking examination requires a minimum score of 47 on the multiple choice test in addition to a passing grade on the speech. The Technical Writing and Ethics in America examination consists of an optional essay portion. Check with your college or university to determine if the essay is required. Thomson Prometric, will not score the essay section. It will be forwarded to colleges and universities for their use in determining the award of credit.

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1. DSST's are administered **by appointment only**. Call the Test Center (757-822-1310) on the Norfolk Campus or (757-822-2208) on the Portsmouth Campus to schedule your appointment.
2. Thomson Prometric, testing fee for each DSST test is \$60.00 payable with a certified check, money order or credit card only. Certified checks and /or money orders are to be made payable to The DSST Program.
3. Tidewater Community College's administrative fee for each is \$25.00. This fee is nonrefundable. Proof of payment must be provided before you can take any of these tests. Payment must be made at the Portsmouth Campus' business office.
4. If you have a documented learning or a physical disability that would prevent you from taking a DSST examination, you may request special accommodations and arrangements. For specific details, call the Assessment Lab at (757) 822-1310. **(Note: In order to allow sufficient time for the Thomson Prometric, and Tidewater Community College to review your request and arrange appropriate accommodations, you must submit requested documentation at least 30 days prior to your desired test date.)**
5. Prior to testing, all students must present a form of picture identification such as a driver's license, passport, or picture student identification card. Students will not be able to test without appropriate identification. Only test takers are permitted in the testing room.
6. The only materials allowed in the testing room are number 2 pencils and erasers. If the test requires an essay, students may use a black ballpoint pen. Books, dictionaries, programmable calculators, cell phones, pagers, and other communications equipment **are not permitted** in the testing room.

7. Score reports will be mailed approximately four weeks after the examinations have been scanned and scored. The reports are sent directly to the student and the institution of their choice.
8. To order a transcript, send a \$20 certified check or money order made payable to The DSST Program to:

The DSST (DANTES Subject Standardized Tests) Program
Thomson Prometric
2000 Lenox Dr.
Lawrenceville, NJ 08648

Be sure to include your name, address, social security number, titles of the exams you took, when the test was administered and where you took the exam (name of the institution and code number) as well as which school to send the transcript.

9. You may not repeat the same DSST title(s) within a six-month period. Any attempt to re-test on the same test title in less than the specialized time will generate an “invalid” score report. This will cause you to wait an additional 180 calendar days to re-test.
10. DSST policies vary from college to college. Before you take one or more DSST exams, find out which exams your college recognizes as well as its requirements for earning credit. Make certain that you know the test center code of the receiving institution. The website address for the DSST Directory of Colleges is www.getcollegecredit.com
11. Tidewater Community College’s Central Records office evaluates DSST test results. To receive credit for any DSST exam, you must complete the **Evaluation of Previous Educational Experiences** form and mail it to the address below:

Central Records office
Tidewater Community College
Portsmouth Campus
7000 College Drive
Portsmouth, VA 23703

DSST Title & Test Form Number	TCC Equivalent Course	Required Score	Credit Awarded
Applied Technology			
SF/SG/820 Technical Writing (TWE Technical Writing Essay)	ENG 115	46	3
Business			
SF/SG 524 Principles of Finance	BUS Elective	46	3
SF 525 Principles of Financial Accounting ***	ACC 211	49	3
SG/SH 530 Human Resources Management	BUS Elective	48	3
SF/SG/SH/SL 531 Organizational Behavior ***	BUS 115	48	3
SE/SF 532 Principles of Supervision	BUS Elective	46	3
SE 534 Business Law II	BUS 242	52	3
SE/SF 543 Introduction to Business ***	BUS 100	46	3
SE/SF 548 Money and Banking	ECO 231	48	3
SE 550 Personal Finance	FIN 107	46	3
SF/SG 812 Business Mathematics	BUS 125	48	3
Humanities			
SF/SG 474 Ethics in America (SF 474 Ethics in America Essay)	PHI Elective	46	3
SF 496 Introduction to World Religions ***	REL 230	48	3
SE/SF 815 Principles of Public Speaking	SPD 100	47	3
Mathematics			
SF/SG/SH/SL 424 Principles of College Algebra	MTH 158	47	3
SF/SH/SL/SM 450 Principles of Statistics	Math 241	48	3
Physical Science			
SF/SG 500 Astronomy	NAS 130 & 131	48	4
SF/SG/SH/SL 508 Here's to Your Health ***	HLT Elective	48	3
SF/SG 511 Environment and Humanity: The Race to Save the Planet ***	ENV Elective	46	3
SE/SF 512 Principles of Physical Science I	NAS 111	47	4
SF/SG 519 Physical Geology	GOL 104	46	4
Social Science			
SE 461 Art of the Western World	ART Elective	48	3
SF 465 Contemporary Western Europe: 1946-1990	HIS 102 or HIS Elective	48	3
SF/SG/SH/SL 469 Introduction to the Modern Middle East	HIS Elective	47	3
SF/SG/SH/SL 470 Human and Cultural Geography	GEO 200	48	3
SF 473 A History of the Vietnam War	HIS Elective	49	3
SF/SG/SH 483 The Civil War and Reconstruction	HIS 269	47	3
SE 489 Foundations of Education	EDU Elective	46	3
SF/SG/SH/SL 490 Lifespan Developmental Psychology	PSY 231	46	3
SF 494 General Anthology	SOC 211	47	3
SG/SH 497 Introduction to Law Enforcement	ADU 110	45	3
SF/SG/SH/SL 498 Criminal Justice ***	ADU 100	49	3
SG/SH 562 Fundamentals of Counseling	EDU Elective	45	3

*** IBT (Internet Based Test)