



Memorandum

To: Provosts and Chief Academic Officers, CLEP Coordinators

From: Dr. Paula Compton, Associate Vice Chancellor

Date: July 9, 2020

Subject: New Spanish with Writing CLEP Exam

With support of the OATN oversight board, the official statewide CLEP policy was fully implemented on May 1, 2018. Since the implementation date there have only been a few minor revisions in exam scores done by CollegeBoard, which had to be amended in our statewide policy. However, in the fall of 2019 a completely new CLEP exam was released. “Spanish with Writing” was the new exam and required us at the OATN to handle its inclusion into the statewide CLEP policy. When the original policy was created, the OATN Oversight Board recommend the use of a faculty review process to make score and alignment recommendations for all of the CLEP exams. This same process was utilized for this new exam. Since the potential alignment impacted our Spanish TAG courses, the Spanish TAG faculty review panel took on the task of evaluating the new CLEP exam. The Spanish faculty panels has decided on the below credit recommendations for the new “Spanish with Writing” exam:

*A score of **50-57** (a score which reflects a student doing C work in the equivalent classes) for Spanish Beginning I and II TAG courses OFL019 and OFL020. (6-8 semester hours Total)*

*A score of **58-64** (a score which reflects a student doing C work in the equivalent classes) for Beginning I and II and Intermediate Spanish I TAG courses OFL019, 020, and 021. (9-12 semester hours)*

*A score of **65 or greater** (a score which reflects a student doing C work in the equivalent classes) for Beginning and Intermediate Spanish I and II TAG courses OFL019, 020, 021, and 022. (12- 16 semester hours)*

The range of these scores is different from the “Spanish Language” CLEP exam because the faculty were pleased to see the addition of a writing component, which makes this exam more comprehensive. The OATN will update each institutions CLEP documents to reflect your

approved TAG matched courses. For institutions who do not offer Spanish courses or any foreign language coursework the following should be applied:

***Spanish Language Not Offered:** General Elective Credit should be awarded in hours equal to the course or sequence noted above of a foreign language that is offered.

***No Foreign Language Offered:** General Elective Credit hours within the range above should be awarded. The exact number of hours within this range should be determined by how the institution awards credit for a typical year-long course sequence.

Should you have any questions about the statewide CLEP policy or these changes please contact Jared Shank at Jshank@highered.ohio.gov