



Challenge for Credits

Holland College

Institute for Adult and
Community Education

Purpose

The purpose of the Challenge for Credits, is to offer an opportunity for individuals to obtain an official recognition of achievement in academic High School credits. This recognition would be in the form of a transcript issued by Holland College Institute for Adult and Community Education (IACE). Students who wish to Challenge for Credit in an IACE program must do so through the protocols described in this manual. Eligibility for Challenge for Credits is limited to students who have home schooled and are under the age of 18. A registration/tuition fee for this service will be charged.

Courses offered via Challenge for Credit

Academic Grade 12 courses can be challenged in this manner. The courses listed here are available courses for Challenge for Credit at this time. This combination of courses provides sufficient credentialing for recognition in most post secondary institutions. It is the student's responsibility to identify specific course requirements necessary to obtain their educational goals.

Course list:

Math 621A
Biology 621A
Chemistry 621A
English 621A
Canadian History 621A

Registration

- To register for a Challenge for Credit Course, students must register with the Holland College Admissions

- office in Charlottetown (Monty Hall) or Marine Center in Summerside.
- Once registered, the student will contact the Adult and Community Education office in Charlottetown to obtain the examination outline and the objectives that will be measured.
 - A timeline for examination will be created in consultation with Adult and Community Education.
 - The student has 2 weeks from the date of registration to complete the skills component and final examination.
 - Where a student has registered for more than one course, a timeline for completion will be created with the student, by Adult and Community Education. The timeline can be extended for reasonable cause such as illness.
 - All credits must be completed within the academic year.
 - It is the responsibility of the student to identify any special considerations eg. learning or physical disability which may impact on their ability to function in an examination setting.

Fee schedule

One Credit	Two credits	Three credits	Four credits	Five credits
\$125	\$250	\$300	\$400	\$500

If a pass mark is not obtained an additional registration fee will be charged for any subsequent evaluation. The same fee schedule is used for subsequent evaluations.

Testing Locations:

Students are required to write the comprehensive final exam at Holland College Montgomery Hall, Charlottetown Center, Charlottetown or Holland College Summerside Adult Education center, 223 Water St. Selection of the location of the exam will be made at the time the student confirms the timeline for writing and receives the exam outline and course objectives.

All comprehensive exams are a maximum of 3 hours in length. Labs are completed after the examination. Students will have a maximum allotment of one hour to complete lab requirements.

Testing Protocols:

- Students will be placed in a quiet area, for the purpose of the examination.
- No books, papers, book bags etc, will be allowed in the room with the student at the time of writing.
- Scrap paper will be provided, but will be collected by the exam proctor at the end of the examination session.
- Students may leave the examination room early but will not be allowed back in once they have chosen to leave the room.

Skills Component

- With the exception of Math, all courses offer a skills component that must be demonstrated as part of the challenge for credits.
- The skills component will be a lab in the case of science credits, an essay or project in the case of an English or Social Studies credit.

- The skills component has a value of 20% of the final mark.

Pass Mark

- A standard pass of 65% as the final mark is expected on all challenge for credits.
- The final mark is the cumulative total of skills component plus final exam.
- The only exception to this is Math, which demonstrates skill level in the exam.

Evaluation

- All exams, labs, essays and/or projects are evaluated by a subject expert, certified as an adult educator in IACE.
- Each subject area has a designated evaluator who will mark all exams in that subject area, regardless of the testing location.
- Evaluators are appointed on a year to year basis.
- The format of the exam is explained after the registration when the student meets with Adult and Community Education, to formulate a timeline.

Subsequent evaluations:

- In the event a student does not successfully challenge for credit [obtain a mark of 65 or higher], it is strongly urged that the student enroll in a course of study for that subject. However, should they wish to pay an additional registration fee, and attempt the challenge again, they may do so.

- There will be a wait period of two months for any subsequent challenges.

Transcripts

- Students will receive a transcript of marks subject to completion of all credits.
- Additional transcripts can be obtained in person or by written request to the Holland College Registrar's office.

To Register: please call 1-800-446-5265 (press 2) or visit our office at Montgomery Hall, First Floor, 305 Kent Street, Charlottetown, PEI

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