

Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College

Challenge Exams

You may have already acquired the knowledge and skills that are actually the intended outcomes of a particular course. One way to receive credit for prior learning is to take a challenge exam for the course. The type of exam you take varies depending on the subject. It may be written, verbal, practical, or a combination. Please be aware that WITC is not required to have challenge exams for all courses. A list of current challenge exams is available below.

Understand that Challenge Exams are evaluative, rather than learning experiences. Results indicate only whether you have earned credit for prior learning: pass or fail (no score is available, nor is a report of how you performed on the exam.)

Please Note

- A non-refundable fee of \$50 must be paid prior to taking any exam.
- No letter grade is assigned; CR (credit) is recorded on academic transcripts.
- Credits obtained through challenge exams are not included in your overall grade point average.

Determine whether you are eligible to take a challenge examination.

- You may apply for credit for prior learning after you are admitted to a specific program.
- If you are not enrolled in the course, you may take the exam at any time.
- If you are currently enrolled in the course, you may only take the challenge exam during the first seven calendar days from the course start date. If you are successful, you must request a withdrawal from the course and you will be given a full (100 percent) refund.
- You may retest for the same exam after one year from the date of the first attempt.
- You are ineligible to take a challenge exam for a course in which you have previously received a final grade (A through F, excluding W).

Determine if passing a challenge test will affect your financial aid.

- Credits earned through challenge exams are not included in the active credits for the term and, therefore, cannot be used when determining financial aid eligibility or enrollment status. Contact the Student Services Office for more information.

Determine whether you are likely to pass the examination.

- Information sheets that tell you about the exam and list the competencies it will test are available by clicking on the course link from the challenge exam course list. Your instructors can advise you as well.
- A grade mastery level of 80 percent is required to pass exams.

Schedule a date and time to take a Challenge Exam.

- For more information or to find out how to schedule an appointment, contact Student Services at: Ashland x3188, New Richmond x4145, Rice Lake x5045, Superior x6271.
- Accommodations will be made as required by the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Report for your testing appointment.

- Bring any permitted materials listed on the information sheet and your test fee of \$50.
 - Ashland – Educational Technology Center (ETC)
 - New Richmond – Student Services Office
 - Rice Lake – Student Services Office
 - Superior – Educational Technology Center (ETC)

Results will be e-mailed to your WITC e-mail account within one week of taking the exam.