What is DSST?
DSST (DANTES Subject Standardized Tests) is a nationally recognized computer-based testing program that allows you to receive college credits for learning acquired outside the traditional classroom perhaps from reading, on-the-job training, or independent study. DSSTs offer students a cost effective, time saving way to use their knowledge to accomplish their educational goals. Currently, there are almost 2,000 colleges and universities that recognize the DSST program and award college credit for passing scores. Each participating college or university establishes policies concerning credit awards independently.

Who is eligible to take a DSST exam?
Anyone can take a DSST exam. There are 38 to choose from; take the exams for which you feel you are best prepared. If you are enrolled in college, check their DSST policy before taking any exam.

How do I register?
Seating is limited. Applications will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Applications are available at the Office of Lifelong Learning, or can be downloaded from the main DSST page on the NCC website. Please send your completed registration form along with a $45 check or money order payable to Nassau Community College. Applications and checks should be mailed to:

Nassau Community College
Office of Lifelong Learning - CLEP/DSST
One Education Drive, Garden City, NY 11530
You will pay the DSST testing fee starting at $80 on-line, via credit card, on the day of testing. You will receive a confirmation email. Contact the Office of Lifelong Learning at (516)572-9947 about our registration procedures and schedule.

**Can I register for more than one exam?**
Yes. If you are taking more than one exam you **must** send separate checks and applications for each exam. (Example: If you are taking two DSST exams you may send in 1 check payable to NCC for $90 and then pay $80 per test, on-line to DSST on the examination date).

**How long is the exam?**
It can take up to 2 hours to complete a DSST exam.

**Who accepts the DSST?**
Check with the college of your choice or to find an institution that accepts and/or administers DSST exams, click here:  [http://www.getcollegecredit.com/search.html](http://www.getcollegecredit.com/search.html)

**Can I get a refund if I decide not to take the test?**
No. The $45 service fee is non-refundable and non-exchangeable. If you need to change your test date you must submit another $45 check or money order payable to Nassau Community College.

**Can I retake a DSST exam that I have failed?**
Yes. A student may retake a DSST exam that they have not passed after observing a mandatory 90 day waiting period. It is the responsibility of the student to keep track of their original test date to determine when they are eligible to test again. If you attempt to take the same exam title before 90 days your score will be invalidated. You may, if you wish, take a different DSST exam during the 90 day waiting period.

**How do I decide if DSST exams are right for me?**
Visit [http://www.getcollegecredit.com/](http://www.getcollegecredit.com/) for descriptions of the tests offered. Review the DSST test descriptions as well as the Test Preparation page and exam fact sheets which can be accessed from the link above. You can also take a practice test for a fee of $5.

**Why take the DSST Exam?**
Whether you’re looking to start a new career or advance in your current job, a few more academic credits can make a big difference. And because you’re on your way to a college degree, the extra credits you earn through DSST will free you up to focus your time and energies on the courses you want to take.
What is Nassau's test center number?
8153

How can I get more information?
Contact the DSST information desk at 516. 572.9947 or via email DSST@ncc.edu.
Please allow about 48 hours for a response.