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MEMORANDUM

TO: Public Postsecondary Registrars and Admissions Officers

FROM: Heather R. Sherry, Ph.D.

SUBJECT: CLEP Level 2 Foreign-Language Scores Updated on the ACC Credit-by-Exam List

The Department of Education has identified eight strategic priorities in its agency strategic planning process. One of these priorities specifically addresses the need to set, align, and apply academic curricular and testing standards. In an attempt to standardize the award of postsecondary credit awarded for accelerated examinations, the Articulation Coordinating Committee developed Credit-By-Examination equivalents and associated guidelines in 2001.

Effective July 2001, the American Council on Education (ACE) recommended a uniform credit-granting score of 50 across all CLEP subjects (with the exception of Level 2 French, German, and Spanish). The Articulation Coordinating Committee (ACC) adopted these guidelines in September 2001. Effective February 1, 2003, ACE recommended the following scores for Level 2 foreign-language exams: 63 for German language, 62 for French language, and 66 for Spanish language.

Because the ACC reviews the credit-by-exam list on a 5-year cycle, the 2003 recommendations for Level 2 foreign-language were not included on the ACC list. However, in response to requests from several institutions, we have updated the CLEP level 2 foreign-language scores on the credit-by-exam list, and it is available online at www.FACTS.org, under *Advising Manuals*. This update should eliminate the extra step involved in referencing the College Board Web site for these updated scores. The entire ACC credit-by-exam list will be reviewed in the coming year as part of the regular 5-year cycle. We welcome input related to the upcoming review.

HRS/da

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