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About the Community of Practice

This **Community of Practice** supports and shares ideas and insights into how to more effectively plan, implement and engage in career pathways to increase career opportunities for individuals with disabilities.

- Community of Practice members share a common interest or common goal.
- Members engage in joint activities and discussions, help each other, and share information.
- Members build relationships that enable them to learn from each other.
- Members develop a shared repertoire of resources: Experiences, stories, tools and ways of addressing recurring problems.

Join us on the WINTAC website to collect resources, information and to share ideas, challenges and successes in an interactive web-based format at [www.WINTAC.org](http://www.WINTAC.org).
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Expand Opportunities for Career Pathways: “Freshman Year for Free”

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Expanding Options

• For many individuals with disabilities, career options have been limited because of a lack of accessible academic and/or technical training necessary to complete the credentialing requirements of many key high-demand and high-growth career opportunities.

• Access to the post-secondary environment, lack of funding, the need to balance education and a job, transportation concerns and many others make participation in post-secondary education, or career-related training, that would open opportunities for a more financially self-sustaining future career is a challenge that many face.

• One resource that recognizes the need to make college more accessible and affordable for high school students, college students and adult learners with and without disabilities is Modern States.
Modern States Education Alliance

PRESENTED BY DAVID VISE
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Today’s Discussion

• What is Modern States?
• How does it work?
• How can individuals benefit from it?
• What is credit by exam?
• How can individuals get started?
What is Modern States?

• Philanthropic endeavor
• “Freshman Year for Free”
• Dedicated to making a college degree more affordable and accessible for everyone
• Open to all regardless of race, gender, age, background or year of study
• Earn up to one year of college credit completely free
  • Choose to enroll in one course or many
Modern States’ Leadership

Steve Klinsky, Founder and CEO
◦ Active philanthropist
◦ Education reformer

David Vise, Executive Director
◦ Former journalist for *The Washington Post*
◦ Pulitzer Prize winner
In The News

**THE WALL STREET JOURNAL.**

‘Free Freshman Year’ Is Latest Path to Free College Credits
Classes designed by professors add to growing list of programs redefining college

**The Washington Post**

Making a dent in student debt with ‘Freshman Year for Free’

**THE CHRONICLE of Higher Education**

New Venture Will Offer Free Courses That Students Can Take for College Credit
Additional Coverage
Student Success

• **Eleanor Brock**
  • On medical leave from her university
  • Earned free college credit by passing three CLEP exams
  • Runs an education blog to mentor others
  • Plans to pursue a career in chemistry

“Don’t give up. The one thing that cannot be taken from you is your mind.”
How Does “Freshman Year for Free” Work?

- Enroll in free, high quality online courses
- Learn from college professors
- Prepare for a College Board CLEP exam
- Earn college credits & save on tuition

LEARN MORE @ ModernStates.org
A Digital Public Library

• Choose from 30+ courses including, but not limited to:
  • American Government
  • American Literature
  • Biology
  • Chemistry
  • English Literature
  • Information Systems
  • Precalculus
  • Principles of Micro/Macroeconomics
  • Spanish
  • And more …
What Does A Course Look Like?
Credible Professors

• Athena Anderson, Ph.D., of Purdue University
• Ruben M. Savizky, Ph.D., of Columbia University
• James Murphy, Ph.D., of Johns Hopkins
• Tania Hinderberger-Burton, Ph.D., American University
• Paul Schiff Berman, former Dean of The George Washington University Law School
• Emily Restivo, Ph.D., of New York Institute of Technology
• Maria Isabel Castro, Ph.D., of Boston College and Tufts University
What is Credit By Exam?

- A way to earn real college credits
- CLEP: College Level Examination Program
- Pass CLEP exams offered by the College Board
- Modern States provides $87 exam fee voucher
  - Passing rate exceeds national average
Before We Continue ...

Any questions?
Why CLEP?

• Higher education’s best kept secret
• 2017 marked 50th anniversary of the program
• Available at over 2,000 testing centers in the U.S.
• Modern States offers the first CLEP-prep courses
Determining Which Colleges Accept CLEP for Credit

Simply search:

“A COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY NAME” and “CLEP”
How Can Individuals Benefit From Modern States?

• Learn from anywhere, any time
• Save time & minimize student debt
• Learn from professors at top universities
• Earn college credit
Types of Learners

• Professional advancement seekers
• Adult learners
• Veterans
• College students
• High school students
How To Get Started

1. Choose one or many free courses that interest you from great Universities.
   Explore Courses >

2. Courses prepare you for widely accepted Advanced Placement and CLEP exams already accepted for credit by more than 2,900 colleges and universities.
   FAQ >

3. Courses, textbooks and materials are free; all you need are internet access and your own desire to learn. We offer links to tutoring & mentoring.
   Student Resources >

4. Enroll at a college that grants credit for passing well established AP* or CLEP* exams.
   AP/CLEP for-credit Universities >

5. Pass eight exams and potentially earn your “Freshman Year for Free.”
   Learn More >

6. Learn more about AP and CLEP; verify that colleges you may attend grant credit for passing scores.
   FAQ >

- Register and enroll at ModernStates.org
- Select and take course(s)
- Complete practice test(s)
- Apply for exam voucher(s)
- Take CLEP exam(s) at testing center
- Apply for credit at their college or university
Before We Close ...

Questions?
Register and Enroll at ModernStates.org
Thank You!

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Interactive Q&A
Career Pathways Resources

WINTAC Career Pathways Community of Practice:
www.wintac.org

Inclusive Career Pathways Desktop Guide: Information and Resources to Support Inclusive Programs and Services:

Career Pathways Toolkit: A Guide for System Development:
Career Pathways Resources (continued)

Career Pathways Joint Federal Agency Letter:

Career Pathways Checklist:

Day in the Life Videos:
https://www.connectedstudios.org/url-zuF2ha7ENUkhXWnhzOFCGrTn

LINCS Resources on Career Pathways:
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