

Questions Asked by Webinar Attendees – 11/20/08

Q: Is the smart way to read a textbook taken from the first time you pick up the book?

A: I'm not sure exactly what you mean. The "smart way" to read a textbook covers the whole process of reading a textbook. The first step normally includes skimming through the book or chapters using hand motions, then reading the book in more detail.

Q: Is it possible to take the speed reading and memory skills courses without going through the CollegePlus! program?

A: Absolutely! They are available as a part of the College in the Bag (best value) or purchased separately. See <http://shop.globallearningstrategies.org> for more information. We will be offering a \$50 discount off of College in the Bag at the end of the webinar tonight.

Q: Can I get all three mini courses on www.collegeplus.org/minicourse?

A: Yes, by tomorrow evening all three mini courses will be available to watch or download. As of now, the first two are available.

Q: Can we get the Cambridge Research page e-mailed to us?

A: Yes - I'm not sure exactly what was referred to in the webinar, but this may be what you're looking for: <http://www.mrc-cbu.cam.ac.uk/~matttd/Cmabrigde/>

Q: Are there 5 main CLEP exams or 5 categories each with several CLEP exams?

A: There are 5 main exams called the "five General Education" CLEP exams which cover the following subjects: Math, Science, Social Science and History, English Composition w/ Essay, and Humanities. Please go to <http://www.collegeplus.org/minicourse> to download the session we gave Tuesday called "Credit By Exam." This webinar talks in detail about these subject areas.

Q: Tuesday, you said to study math, English, and science daily. When do you CLEP out of those and do you take the full science CLEP for example or individual parts?

A: I'm not sure if I understand your question, but Natural Sciences, Biology, and Chemistry are separate CLEPs. The Natural Sciences CLEP is a broad overview of all natural sciences - biology, earth science, chemistry, etc. You CLEP out of these tests when you have studied enough to pass a practice test with 60% or more correct answers.

Q: How many tests does a student usually take in one year?

A: Usually 15 to 25, depending on the student's motivation and commitment level.

Q: The webinar Tuesday night said to keep up with taking your science courses, if you CLEP out of the classes why continue to take them? For example: biology.

A: If the student is in high school, he/she would CLEP out of a class after finishing it or CLEP out of a class before finishing if the student feels adequately prepared. There would be no reason to continue the class

unless the student has failed the CLEP or wishes to add to the quality of his/her education (extra-curricular knowledge).

Q: About how many tests total to get a degree?

A: Usually 20 to 35, depending on the degree.

Q: Are their internships for someone who wants to be a writer? What kind would they be?

A: Yes, a coach would help the student in knowing which internships to look at, etc. I am not familiar with writing internships myself, but Shawn (the guy on the webinar) has done an internship with a local newspaper.

Q: Can we print these pages out after the webinar?

A: While we won't have the exact pages of the webinar available to print, we will have a video of the slides and audio from the presentation.

Q: In the last seminar, you mentioned the 5 core CLEP exams. Do you have to take those or can you do others that are more specific?

A: You are typically not required to take the actual 5 core exams. But you are required to earn a certain number of credits in each one of these subjects. We typically find that after studying for other areas related to one of the main CLEP exams, that it only makes sense to go on to take the actual General exam.

Q: What speed reading course do you recommend?

A: Maximum Speed Reading by Howard Berg, which is available at <http://shop.globallearningstrategies.org/product.sc?categoryId=1&productId=5>
Many of the speed reading concepts talked about tonight are taken from that course.

Q: Some of the information tonight is confusing - ie. mind mapping and other memory-building skills. Is this common in the beginning, and then you catch on?

A: Yes. We did our best to explain this tonight, but I totally understand if it's not immediately clicking. You're welcome to call our office tomorrow at 866.989.5432 to ask one of our staff for more pointers. The best suggestion would be purchasing the Memory course off our our sister website – shop.globallearningstrategies.org. This would give you far more information and is a full 4 hour course with workbook.

Q: At what point in the CollegePlus! program do you learn the memory skills and speed reading? Before actually studying for the CLEPs? After the Life Assessment?

A: Study skills happen right up front at the very beginning and go congruently with the Life Purpose Planning assessment phase. This phase typically takes 5-6 weeks. During this period, CP students typically take 1-2 exams to practice their study skills which they are learning.

Q: We have listened in on all three webinars and this approach sounds really intense. Do you have statistics of people who enroll then drop-out because of the work load? If so, what are they compared to people who get their degrees?

A: It's not nearly as difficult as it sounds. Nationally, 54% of college freshman will actually complete their degrees. With CollegePlus!, that number is 75%.

Q: How long does the memory skills and reading comprehension portion take to get through before you can move forward and actually start taking the CLEP tests?

A: The Speed Reading and Memory portion of the CollegePlus! program take roughly 5 weeks to finish. A student may take up to three tests during this period (as a general rule).

Q: Do you provide a test to determine the type of learner a person is - visual, auditory, kinesthetic?

A: That is a very good question. We do not know of a test immediately off hand that addresses this subject. Perhaps a Google search would come up with possible options.

Q: When graduate school needs a GPA, how is that done through Thomas Edison College?

A: Most majors include 1-10 online courses as a part a degree's requirements. These courses count toward a student's overall GPA.

Q: When and how does CollegePlus! determine which coach assigned to a student? Are the coaches themselves closely involved in this process?

A: The coach is determined after a student enrolls, and is usually based upon availability and similarity. We do, however, always match males with male coaches and females with female coaches.

Q: Does the 2-year plan for getting a bachelor's degree through CollegePlus! include vacations, or is the student taking exams and studying throughout the year (summer included)?

A: Yes, and yes.

Q: What is included in the College in the Bag set?

A: Maximum Speed Reading, Dynamic Memory, The Official CLEP Study Guide, Cracking the CLEP, The Advanced Communication Series. See <http://shop.globallearningstrategies.org/product.sc?categoryId=1&productId=16> for more information.

Q: Does CollegePlus! welcome all Christian denominations? Is it possible for a student to request a coach from a similar background?

A: Yes, CollegePlus! welcomes students from all Christian denominations. While we do our best to match a student with a similar coach, we can't guarantee that the "denomination" will match.

Q: If I enroll after November 19th, is it still possible for me to implement the discount from WEB1108?

A: If you enroll in CollegePlus! by 11/26/08, you can get \$150 off of CollegePlus! tuition and a free College in the Bag

Q: How long does the application process generally take?

A: About 3-4 days.

Q: How important is the quality of the essay answer questions in the non-committal CollegePlus! application? I would like to apply quickly to take advantage of the discount and learn more, but don't want to rush if it will be detrimental in some way.

A: The quality of the essay questions is not detrimental to the application process, but gives us an idea of the student's background, etc.

Q: If you're only taking 1 or 2 online courses, and you get lower grades than usual in those classes. Is the GPA going to use only those low scores, or can it factor in high test scores, etc?

A: Unfortunately, or fortunately (depending on how you do in either the courses or tests) your GPA is only factored by the grades from the online courses. So, if you get low grades with your online courses, you will get a low overall GPA.

Q: I understand you are running a special for the month of November if you begin CollegePlus! I'm waiting for my transcripts to be evaluated by Thomas Edison until I make a final decision. When will you run your next special? I've need to go to an appointment but wanted to be sure to log on so that I could review all of this material this weekend. Thank you for putting on this webinar. Great information.

A: We are running two other specials right now with two of our partner organizations - No Greater Joy and Vision Forum. These specials end December 12th. See <http://www.collegeplus.org/howeare/partners> for more information. Our next specials usually happen early spring time.

Q: For Ontario teaching certificate, do you cover all the requirements so that when we are finished your courses, we can go and teach?

A: We do not offer teaching degrees, but primarily work with the degrees you see at <http://www.collegeplus.org/majors>

Q: I'm new to this - what does CLEP stand for?

A: College Level Examination Program.

Q: How does this speed reading work with those dealing with dyslexia?

A: In the few cases we've experienced, we have found Speed Reading to help improve dyslexic students' reading skills. However, it varies depending on the type and level of Dyslexia. This is something we can work with when you apply to CollegePlus! or contact us so that we can get a better picture of the student's situation.

Q: Do you mindmap chapters or whole books?

A: You can do both. Typically, we mindmap a whole book. But if the information is complex and there is a lot of it, we could mindmap a single chapter. Both work.

Q: If you have already completed your high school, is it still possible to complete CollegePlus! in 2 years? Or does the 2 year timeframe automatically mean that high school and college are combined?

A: Absolutely! The two-year time frame covers those that are in high school and those that have already graduated from high school.

Q: Is BJP Algebra 2 a good prep for the College Math CLEP?

A: Yes, that should be adequate.