Credit by Demonstrated Mastery

Credit by Demonstrated Mastery (CDM) is the process in which local education agencies (LEAs) employ a body-of-evidence to award a student credit in a particular course without requiring the student to complete classroom instruction for a certain amount of seat time. The CDM process is open to all NC public school students in grades 9–12 in high school courses and in grades 6–8 for high school courses offered in middle school. Successful completion of CDM is a 2 phase process.

APPLICATION DEADLINE	Anticipated TEST DATES*
September 4	September 10 - 11
January 29	February 3 -4
July 15	July 27-28
*Subject to change due to weather, etc.	

Process to Demonstrate Mastery

Phase I – The student completes the required assessment for the course to demonstrate foundational knowledge.

- End-of-Course (EOC)
- North Carolina Final Exam (NCFE)
- Career and Technical Education (CTE) Post- Assessment, or
- Locally developed final exam
- To successfully complete Phase I, the student must achieve the following scale scores: End of Course (EOC) courses: Math I > 264 Biology > 261 English II > 165
- For **NC Final Exam courses,** students must achieve the minimum score of 90.
- For **Career Technical Education courses,** students must achieve a scale score of 93 to qualify for Phase II.
- For **non-EOC courses**, students must achieve a 94 or higher on the local exam to qualify for Phase II artifact development.

Phase II – The student completes the artifact development process and any other criteria a local school district requires to demonstrate deep understanding and application of course content. The artifact for the tested area will be determined after successful completion of the Phase I.