The Composition 1 Challenge Exam at North Shore Community College (NSCC) is geared toward students who have acquired and wish to document their research and advanced writing skills in order to become exempt from a Composition 1 requirement. Because of the complexity of required essays in Composition 1 at NSCC, involving researched and formal analytical writing as well as personal, informal writing, the English Department requires students seeking credit for Composition 1 to provide evidence of their diverse writing skills by doing the following:

1. **Provide proof of Communications Proficiency** (CPT, SAT, C-NET, TEAS, etc.)
2. **Submit a Supplemental Writing Portfolio** to CAS that consists of three types of writing:
   - **Personal essay** – narrative or descriptive  
     (Approximate length: 2 pages)
   - **Critical or analytical essay** – literary criticism, review or argument paper  
     (Approximate length: 2 pages)
   - **Researched writing in the formal MLA or APA style**. For information about the MLA and APS styles, visit the tutoring center.  (Approximate length: 6 pages)
   - **Write an on-site essay*** in the testing center at CAS on either campus. The topic of this essay will be chosen by the English Department and provided when the student comes to write. The essay should be 300 words or more in length.

CAS will submit all four of the above documents as one package to the English Department for evaluation.

3. **Take and pass the Freshman College Composition CLEP exam**  
   [MINIMUM SCORE = 50]

**COST:**
- **On Site Essay Fee** = $50.00 NSCC testing fee
- **CLEP Exam Fee** = $72.00 CLEP testing fee  
  $25.00 NSCC testing fee

**“NO-SHOW” Fee:** $10.00 - Students who fail to attend their scheduled testing session without notifying the testing center 24 hours in advance will be considered a "no show" and must pay a $10.00 “no show” fee to reschedule (money order only).

**EVALUATION**

English Department faculty evaluate the Supplemental Writing Portfolio and supplemental essay according to the criteria noted on the back of this page. If the evaluator considers the student’s writing "Proficient", the student may take the Freshmen College Composition CLEP exam. If the student’s writing is considered “proficient” by the English department and the student achieves a score of 50 on the CLEP exam, credit is transcripted by CAS with a grade of "T" ("Transfer") for CMP 101 Composition 1.
Center for Alternative Studies and Educational Testing

CMP101 Composition 1 Challenge Examination
CLEP Exam + Supplemental Writing Portfolio

A $50.00 fee payable to NSCC by Money Order Only is required for scoring of Supplemental Essays

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Student ___________________________________________ Student ID # ____________
Address ___________________________________________ Telephone _____________________
Matriculated: Yes ____ No ____ Program of Study _______________________________________
Student Signature ___________________________ Date _____________________

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Communications Proficiency Score: _____________________________
Verification of Payment of Fees to CAS: ___________________________
CAS Staff Signature/Date: ______________________________________

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Writing Sample Result (evaluation sheet attached):

1. Personal paper -- Proficient: _____ Not Proficient: ______
2. Critical and analytical paper -- Proficient: ______ Not Proficient: ______
3. Research paper in formal MLA or APA style -- Proficient: ______ Not Proficient: ______

OVERALL WRITING: Proficient: ______ Not Proficient: ______

The student has met the writing proficiency standard for Composition 1 and is eligible to take the CLEP exam for course credit: YES: _____ NO: _____

Evaluator’s Signature: ___________________________________ DATE: __________________