

## ISP 380

# Acceptance of Post-Secondary Credit Policy

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### PURPOSE

Establishes requirements for the acceptance of post-secondary education credits for course equivalency at Clackamas Community College (CCC). Post-secondary education refers to the completion of credits through college, university, military service, apprenticeships, and vocational or trade schools.

### SUMMARY

Credits from regionally accredited colleges or universities recognized by the [Council for Higher Education Accreditation \(CHEA\)](#) may be accepted for course placement, course equivalency, program requirements, and degree completion. Regional accrediting organizations include the following:

- Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) Western Association of Schools and Colleges
- Higher Learning Commission (HLC)
- New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE)
- Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU)
- Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC)
- WASC Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC)

Credits earned through military service/training or professional training may also be accepted when recognized and validated by the American Council on Education (ACE). Credits earned from colleges or universities that are not regionally accredited are not accepted.

### STANDARD

1. Graduation Services will oversee the evaluation and acceptance of transfer credits for course equivalency, ensure fulfillment of program requirements, and manage the degree completion process.
2. Students are required to submit official transcripts from all regionally accredited colleges and universities they wish to have evaluated for transfer credit. Students who are submitting ACE validated training/military service, an official transcript from the validating agency is required.
  - a. Credits from colleges or universities that are not regionally accredited are not accepted for transfer credit.
  - b. If previously earned credits are not accepted for transfer, students may be advised to explore alternative options, such as course substitution, course waivers, or credit for prior learning to satisfy program requirements.
3. Courses are accepted with letter grades of D- or higher, including those graded as pass (P), satisfactory (S), or any equivalent.

4. Courses for which credit is not earned are not accepted, which include grades of F, no pass, withdraw, or audit.
5. Transfer grades are not included in the calculation of the CCC grade point average.
6. Credits earned at an International college or university must be evaluated by a member of the [National Association of Credential Evaluation Services \(NACES\)](#), or [Association of International Credential Evaluators \(AICE\)](#).
  - a. Transcripts from International colleges or universities that are regionally accredited through CHEA do not need evaluation and can be sent directly to Graduation Services for processing.
  - b. An official course-by-course evaluation must be submitted to Graduation Services for consideration of transfer credit.
  - c. The student is responsible for any fees associated with international credit evaluation.

## REVIEW HISTORY

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