

Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges

Academics

POLICY NAME: Transfer of Credits and Degrees

POLICY NUMBER: 4430

A. PURPOSE

To establish the policy and criteria for the transfer of credits and/or degrees to the Nebraska State Colleges.

B. DEFINITIONS

1. **Accredited Institution:** An institution holding accreditation from one of the following accrediting bodies, unless otherwise specified: Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC), Higher Learning Commission (HLC), Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE), New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE), Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU), Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC), and Western Association of Schools and Colleges [WASC] Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC).

C. POLICY

1. General Criteria

- 1.1. All College level courses, carrying a letter grade of "C-" or better, from an accredited institution of higher education as defined above that are applicable toward a baccalaureate degree at any State College will be received and applied by all member institutions of the Nebraska State College System toward the requirements of the baccalaureate degree.
- 1.2. College level courses carrying a grade of P (Pass), CR (Credit), and S (Satisfactory) shall only be accepted on a course-by-course basis upon review and approval of the academic vice president; this process can be suspended by the Chancellor should these grades warrant automatic acceptance for a specific academic term due to extenuating circumstances. Such courses shall not include remedial or developmental courses.
- 1.3. Each college is authorized to determine the applicability of credits earned based on a specific degree, program and/or accreditation requirements.

- 1.4. Each College may give credit for education received from non-collegiate institutions. The Colleges are authorized to use the Guide to the Evaluation of Educational Experiences in the Armed Services and the National Guide to Educational Credit for Training Programs, both published by the American Council on Education, the College Credit Recommendations: The Directory of the National Program on Non-Collegiate Sponsored Instruction published by the State University of New York, and/or College procedures to determine applicability.

2. Transfer of Credit Principles

- 2.1. Courses completed more than seven (7) years prior require special approval by the receiving institution.
- 2.2. A student must earn a minimum of thirty (30) credit hours at the receiving State College to earn an undergraduate degree from that College.
- 2.3. A total of up to sixty six (66) hours of coursework will be accepted from accredited two year institutions for students completing a Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science degree, to be distributed among general education, major and minor programs, and general electives, unless otherwise accepted by agreement.
- 2.4. A total of up to eighty (80) hours of coursework will be accepted from accredited two year institutions for students who hold an Associate of Applied Science degree and are completing a Bachelor of Applied Science degree, to be distributed among general education, major and minor programs, and general electives, unless otherwise accepted by agreement.

3. Transfer of Degree Principles

- 3.1. An Associate of Arts (AA) or Associate of Science (AS) degree completed at an accredited post-secondary institution that includes a minimum of thirty (30) semester hours of general studies coursework or its equivalent will fulfill all requirements of a general studies program established at a Nebraska State College.
- 3.2. The general studies requirements will be fully met with completion of the Associates degree; however, only those courses carrying grades as established above will be applied to the credit hour requirements of the baccalaureate degree.

FORMS/APPENDICES

None

SOURCE:

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