

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION\ACADEMIC AND PERSONNEL

June 16, 2020

ACTION: **First Round Approval of Revisions to Board Policy 4430:
Transfer of Credits and Degrees**

The revisions to Board Policy 4430 add the option for State Colleges to accept courses with grades of P (Pass), S (Satisfactory), and CR (Credit) under specific conditions.

The System Office recommends approval of the Revisions to Board Policy 4430: Transfer of Credits and Degrees.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Revisions to Board Policy 4430 (PDF)

ACADEMICS, NEBRASKA STATE COLLEGE SYSTEM

POLICY: 4430

Transfer of Credits and Degrees

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BOARD POLICY

All College level courses, carrying a letter grade of “C-” or better, from regionally accredited institutions of higher education 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. 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 NSCS 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.

Each college is authorized to determine the applicability of credits earned based on a specific degree, program and/or accreditation requirements.

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 Program on Non-Collegiate Sponsored Instruction Guide published by the State University of New York, and/or college procedures to determine applicability.

PROCEDURE

1. The Council of Academic Officers shall recommend to the Council of Presidents’ procedures for transfer of credits.
2. With regard to transfer of credits policy, the following principles shall be followed:
 - a. There must be evidence of academic quality in the sending institution, through appropriate accreditation of faculty and program content;
 - b. Courses completed more than seven (7) years prior require special approval by the receiving institution; and
 - c. A student must earn a minimum of thirty (30) credit hours at the receiving State College to earn a degree from that college.
3. With regard to transfer of credits policy for Community College students, the following principles shall be followed:
 - a. The Nebraska State Colleges will accept a total of 66 hours to be distributed among general education, major and minor programs, and general electives unless otherwise accepted by agreement;
 - b. An Associate of Arts (AA) or Associate of Science (AS) degree completed at a Nebraska Community College or Nebraska Tribal College that includes a minimum of 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. Note that while the general studies requirements will be fully met with completion of the associates degree, only those courses carrying ~~a-grades as established above of “C-” or better~~ will be applied to the credit hour requirements of the baccalaureate degree.

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