

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION\ACADEMIC AND PERSONNEL

January 13, 2021

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

This board policy has been revised to update the definition of "accreditation institution" and to update the principles related to both transfer of credits and transfer of degrees. Of importance is the expansion of automatically accepting the transfer of AA and AS degree programs to fully meet general studies requirements, which was previously limited to degrees from Nebraska institutions. This revised version allows these types of degrees to be automatically accepted from any accredited institution.

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

ATTACHMENTS:

- Revisions to Board Policy 4430 Transfer of Credits (PDF)

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BOARD POLICY

All College level courses, carrying a letter grade of “C-” or better, from ~~an regionally~~ accredited institutions of higher education as defined below 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.

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 WASC Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC).

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 College Credit Recommendations: The Directory of the National 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.a.~~ Courses completed more than seven (7) years prior require special approval by the receiving institution; and
 - b. ~~e.~~ A student must earn a minimum of thirty (30) credit hours at the receiving State College to earn an undergraduate degree from that college.
 - c. ~~The Nebraska State Colleges will accept a~~ A total of 66 hours of coursework will be accepted from accredited two year institutions to be distributed among general education, major and minor programs, and general electives unless otherwise accepted by agreement;
3. With regard to transfer of ~~degrees~~credits policy ~~for Community College students~~, the following principles shall be followed:

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- 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 an accredited a Nebraska Community College or Nebraska Tribal College post-secondary institution 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 grades as established above will be applied to the credit hour requirements of the baccalaureate degree.

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