

PRIOR LEARNING ASSESSMENT

Credits for prior college-level learning experiences may be available to students in the College of Professional Studies. These prior learning credits have the potential to fulfill credits required for the degree including those in core or major curriculum, or any additional required courses, up to 80 credit hours in total. Students should work in conjunction with their academic coach to determine if prior learning assessment is applicable to their plan of study and future educational plans. Students can utilize the following options to fulfill some requirements:

1. **Transfer Credits.** Students can transfer credits from other accredited institutions of higher education with a grade of “C minus” or better.
2. **Credit by Examination.** Students can utilize standardized national exams to demonstrate learning objectives and gain credit. Eligible exams include College Level Examination Program (CLEP), DANTES Subject Standardized Test (DSST), Foreign Language Achievement Testing Service (FLATS), Excelsior College Exams, Advanced Placement Exams (AP), and International Baccalaureate Exams (IB).
3. **Military Training and Experience.** Credit will be granted for military training and experience. Official transcripts are available through ACE and respective military branches. The ACE Military Program evaluates courses provided through the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Navy, Marines, and Department of Defense. In addition to ACE transcripts, other evidence for learning may include: Form DD-214, Report of Separation; Form DD-295, Application for the Evaluation of Learning Experiences During Military Service; Community College of the Air Force Transcript; Army/American Council on Education Registry Transcript (AART), or Joint Services Transcript (JST); US Coast Guard Institute Transcript; Sailor-Marine American Council On Education Registry Transcript (SMART).
4. **American Council on Education (ACE) Recommendations.** Students may transfer credits from ACE transcripts. ACE conducts college credit assessments for training courses sponsored by various organizations, including businesses, government, and military.