

College Credit for Training/Certifications Transcript

Presented by the Transfer Credit Evaluation (TCE) team

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Military Service & Education

Professional & Government Certifications

Public Safety Training

APUS accepts many forms for professional military education, non-academic experience, and training.]

Greetings. Have you ever wondered if a particular training or certification could receive college level transfer credit? Or maybe you're curious why you've received transfer credit for some training but not others? In this video, we're going to provide an overview of the APUS transfer credit policies for training and certifications completed elsewhere.

What Trainings/Certificates are Eligible for Transfer Credit?

Generally speaking, training or certifications completed outside of a standard academic classroom will not automatically receive college-level credit. These types of experiences will often provide continuing education units, or CEUs, which are not considered the same as college-level credit. In order to be considered for transfer credit, the training or certification must have approved credit recommendations via an existing internal policy established by our Academics department or through the American Council on Education. We use these two sources to determine the level and credit, amount of credit, that can be awarded for training and certifications.

Transfer Credit Recommendations

If our Academics department is approved transfer credit for a particular training or certification, they will create an internal policy which we refer to as a Transfer Credit Recommendation, or TCR for short. All TCRs are developed during a collaborative process with a specific point of contact from the hosting organization and our Academics department. It involves a thorough comparison of the curriculum, assignments, and learning objectives to determine if APUS offers a matching course and/or if transfer credits

can be applied to a particular degree program. At this time, APUS has over 40 TCRs with approved transfer credits for undergraduate level programs and over 20 TCRs with approved transfer credits per graduate level programs.

Transfer Credit Website

[On the screen is the TCE webpage: amu.apus.edu/transfer-credit/undergraduate]

On our Transfer Credit website, there are TCRs for various types of trainings and certifications, including government, military, professional, and public safety trainings. Within each of these categories, you can open a new page to view the list of approved hosting organizations or certification titles. From there, you can review the details of each specific TCR, [clicks on Basic Law Enforcement Training Policy and a new window opens, displaying the information explained next] including effective date ranges, specific course numbers or titles that are approved, and the amount and level of transfer credit that can be awarded. It's important to note that to be considered a match to a TCR, the training or certification must be completed within the effective date range and have matching course numbers and titles.

Some TCRs may also require other specifics, such as verification of expiration dates, the number of hours completed, or rank level achieved. This information can be found in the eligibility section of each TCR page on our website.

One of the most commonly utilized TCRs is the Basic Law Enforcement Training Policy. This requires a minimum of 300 hours for a completed Basic Training Academy. For students who have completed a longer Basic Training Academy an incrementally increasing amount of transfer credit can be awarded. Typically, credit from this policy is maximized within the Associate or Bachelor of Criminal Justice degree programs at APUS.

Academic Plan Examples

When credit from a TCR is applied on a student's degree plan, it will be labeled using the name of the original institution or source of credit, and the course title completed. This information is typically preceded by "IR/MOU," which stands for Internal Recommendation Memorandum of Understanding.

American Council on Education

For training or certifications that are not eligible for an approved TCR, we can refer to the American Council on Education's database to see if they've provided college level credit

recommendations. The American Council on Education, or ACE, evaluates and makes recommendations on the amount, type, and level of transfer credit that a university should consider when evaluating an individual's prior military or professional training. They have two separate databases to search for evaluated trainings: Ace Military Guide and Ace National Guide. Both of which can be utilized during an official transfer credit evaluation. Similar to TCRS, in order to be considered a match within the ACE Guide, the training certification must be completed through the approved host or organization, have been completed within the effective date range, and have matching course numbers and titles.

ACE Credit Recommendations, Academic Plan Examples

When credit from ACE is applied on a student's degree plan, it will be labeled using the name of the original institution, or source of credit, and the title of the ACE Credit Recommendation or course title.

Conferred Degree, General Education Policies

In addition to TCR and ACE credit, we have a variety of other policies that may allow for transfer credit to be awarded. For instance, students who have previously received an associate or bachelor's degree and then continue into a new undergraduate degree, they're eligible for one of the three following conferred degree policies: Transfer Credit Junior Advantage, General Education Block Credit, or General Education Substitutions. These policies allow for block credit, or course subs, to fulfill some or all of the general education requirements, if not already fulfilled.

There are a few specific differences between the three conferred degree policies, but the two biggest influencing factors are the program that was previously completed and the new program that is being pursued. And it is important to note that the amount of credit awarded from these policies can vary based on specific program requirements and additionally some Gen. Ed requirements cannot be fulfilled by a conferred degree policy, such as within the computer science bachelor's degree, calculus for general education mathematics must be fulfilled by a direct match. This is sometimes due to specialty accreditation requirements or an Academics department policy.

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Transfer Credit Junior Advantage: Only open to specific undergraduate APUS programs, requires conferred associate or bachelor's degree.

General Education Block Credit: Open to numerous undergraduate APUS programs, requires conferred associate or bachelor's degree.

General Education Substitutions: Open to some undergraduate APUS programs, requires conferred associate of applied science degree.]

Conclusion

Oh, now I know that was a lot of information, and you may be asking yourself, what does this mean for me? The biggest takeaway we want you to have from this overview is that there are numerous opportunities to receive transfer credit at APUS, and our team is dedicated to maximizing every student's prior coursework and training. Our transfer credit website houses all of this information for you to reference, so feel free to take a look around. And please do not hesitate to reach out to us if you have any questions regarding your awarded or potential transfer credit. Thanks again for listening. We hope you found this helpful.

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