



WCCA Board of Governors' Policy

Title:	Transfer Credit
Division:	Student Services
Category:	Admissions, Registration, and Student Records
Reference:	Nebraska Revised Statutes §§85-962 and 85-963 Nebraska Transfer Initiative
Number:	BP-511
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Approval:	John P. Stinner, President, WCCA Board of Governors

Purpose

To establish a policy, as per statute, to provide general academic transfer programs and accept credit from other colleges or universities within the statewide transfer-of-credit guidelines published by the “Nebraska Transfer Initiative.”

Scope

This policy shall pertain to all general academic transfer coursework that is provided by Western Nebraska Community College (WNCC) or accepted by WNCC.

Definitions

Nebraska Transfer Initiative: An agreement signed on November 2, 1995, that has led to increased cooperation in the transfer of courses between Nebraska's community colleges and its state four-year institutions. The intention of the common core curriculum is to ensure consistency, continuity, and quality in academic transfer programs. Courses included as a part of the Nebraska Transfer Initiative are reviewed on a three-year rotation by community college faculty and chief academic officers.

Policy

WNCC, pursuant to state statute, shall provide general academic transfer programs to meet the needs of its service area. As per the Nebraska Transfer Initiative, WNCC shall provide a common core curriculum in general education for the Associate of Arts degree as developed and adopted by the Nebraska community colleges and state four-year colleges and universities.

The WNCC core curriculum shall be based on:

- a philosophical rationale for the common curriculum.
- general education categories for the common core curriculum, and
- credit hour requirements for each category.

WNCC shall evaluate all transfer of credit from all colleges and universities to:

- validate that the coursework is similar and relevant to the coursework within the program of study to which the student is applying for admittance.
- review that all transfer credit is at a “C-” or above.
- ensure that the content is not outdated or obsolete. Certain courses that are more than ten (10) years old may not be transferable. The Registrar will consult with academic departments, as necessary.
- validate that the coursework was earned at a regionally accredited postsecondary institution. Note: Transfer of career and technical education (CTE) coursework from non-accredited institutions is subject to division approval.

In addition, WNCC will develop processes to evaluate and accept, as merited, credit for non-traditional or experiential learning credit as determined to be appropriate to the role and mission of the College.

Procedures

The College President shall promulgate such procedures as may be necessary for the implementation of this policy.

Revising this Policy

This Board Policy supersedes any prior WNCC policy, procedure, guideline, or handbook on this subject matter.

If statutory provisions, regulatory guidance, or court interpretations change or conflict with this Board Policy, the Board retains the right to revise accordingly and for the changes to take effect immediately.

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Schedule for Review:

Divisions/Department Responsible for Review and Update: Student Services

Sponsoring Division/Department: Student Services

Repeal Date:

Cross Reference:

Procedure(s) for Policy:

511.01 (Transfer and Experiential Learning Credit Procedure)

511.02 (Credit-by-Examination)

Related Policies/References: