

Transfer Credit Standards and Credit for Prior Learning Processes

Credits from other institutions may be accepted toward degree requirements if the course is evaluated as being equivalent to OCCC coursework, and the course was completed with a passing grade. Some programs or disciplines may have limits on the age of transfer credits accepted for evaluation.

For application to limited entry programs (Nursing and Aquarium Science), evaluation of transfer credits is restricted to those completed at a regionally accredited college or university.

The college evaluates coursework for Lower Division Collegiate (LDC) and Upper Division Collegiate (UDC) classes where grades of A, B, C, or P/S (Pass/Satisfactory) were earned. P/S grades are only transferable if the transferring institution awarded that grade for C or higher. If a D was considered P/S, it is not transferable.

Courses not from regionally accredited bodies will be evaluated on an individual basis and require submission of course syllabi with the official transcript to support their evaluation. Submission of syllabi with the official transcript does not guarantee acceptance of transfer credit.

Transfer students should bring an unofficial transcript to their initial advising appointment to review any potential transferable credits as well as the current program requirements.

Transfer GPA is not included in the overall GPA on transcripts.

For non-degree seeking students the college evaluates coursework in order to satisfy prerequisites, as well as commonly used preparatory coursework in other subject areas (e.g. Biology). To request evaluation of your transfer credits, please contact the OCCC Registrar (registrar@oregoncoast.edu). You must be a current credit student to request a transfer credit evaluation. Submit this request after you have requested official transcripts from all schools where you have transfer coursework be sent to OCCC. Transcripts can be sent electronically to the Registrar, or via mail to:

Registrar
Oregon Coast Community College
400 SE College Way
Newport, OR 97366

Transfer evaluations are performed in the order in which they are received. The College will not provide copies of transcripts from other institutions to students or other institutions. The Registrar is responsible for determining acceptance of transfer work to meet college requirements. Students should meet with an academic advisor to review program requirements.

INTERNATIONAL COURSEWORK

For consideration of transfer credit for courses taken in a foreign country, students must have their transcripts and any available course descriptions translated into English, and then evaluated by a credential evaluation service.

Most transfer credits accepted from foreign institutions will be used as electives. If course descriptions are supplied and content is clear, the credit may be used to meet other requirements.

Students submitting international coursework for transfer credit consideration should first have their transcript(s) and course descriptions translated into English. A fee (approx. \$65+) is typically required for this service.

To have translated transcript(s) and course descriptions evaluated, students should send their translated transcript(s) and course descriptions to a credential evaluation service that is a member of the National Association of Credential Evaluation Services. A fee is required for this service. Students should request a "Course-By-Course Detail" evaluation and have an official copy sent to:

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ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP)

Students who have completed college work in high school under the AP program are eligible to receive college credit based on the exam score. To be awarded credit for Advanced Placement exams students must submit an official AP exam score to the College Registrar. Students will be awarded credit based on the evaluation standards on the date the scores were received. If acceptance standards have changed, students will be subject to the current acceptance standards. OCCC will evaluate Advanced Placement scores only one time, regardless of whether acceptance standards have changed.

Specific credit for OCCC courses will be awarded based on individual exam scores using the chart provided below. If your exam area is not listed, contact the OCCC Office of the Registrar at Registrar@oregoncoast.edu.

Students may request official AP Transcripts by following the instructions on the [College Board website](#). Send transcripts to:

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Effective Fall 2020. For full chart of AP scores and the college credit awarded for each score, please visit <https://oregoncoast.edu/transcripts/>

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE (IB)

Students who complete International Baccalaureate (IB) Exams are eligible to receive college credit based on the exam score and whether the College offers equivalent courses. To be awarded credit for International Baccalaureate exams, students must submit an official IB exam score to the OCCC Registrar and request an evaluation via their My.OregonCoast account. Students will be awarded credit based on the evaluation standards on the date the scores were received. If acceptance standards have changed, students will be subject to the current acceptance standards. OCCC will only evaluate International Baccalaureate scores one time, regardless if acceptance standards have changed.

Students may request official IB transcripts by contacting:

IB Americas Global Centre
Attn: Transcript Officer
7501 Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 200 West
Bethesda, MD 20814
USA
Email: ibid@ibo.org
Phone: 301-202-3025

For more information on ordering transcripts please see the [International Baccalaureate website](#).

IB credit

Specific credit for OCCC courses will be awarded based on individual exam scores using the chart provided below. If your exam area is not listed, contact the OCCC Office of the Registrar at Registrar@oregoncoast.edu.

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TRANSFER CREDIT AND VA BENEFITS

Students using any type of Federal Veterans Administration (VA) Education Benefit are required to have all prior credit history evaluated. It is the student's responsibility to request official transcripts from all previous colleges and submit them to OCCC at Registrar@OregonCoast.edu. A student's first term of VA benefits may be certified while waiting for transcript evaluation, however no subsequent terms will be certified for VA Benefits until transfer credit evaluation is complete. All credits will be evaluated and transferred according to the policies stated in this catalog.

CREDIT FOR PRIOR LEARNING

Credit for prior learning (CPL) may be awarded to students who can demonstrate college-level learning in subject areas that OCCC offers. Credit awarded for prior learning must be directly applicable to meet requirements for general education, a certificate, a degree, or electives as outlined in the catalog. Credit awarded for prior learning may not be used to meet the college residency requirement. Students are responsible for the fees charged for processing the CPL request. OCCC offers two types of CPL: institutionally assessed and externally assessed; these are defined in this catalog.

Institutionally Assessed CPL

Institutionally assessed CPL is awarded through the course challenge process and may include:

- examinations
- portfolio evaluations
- performance evaluations

OCCC considers this type of credit to be prior experiential learning which, according to accreditation standards, shall not exceed 25% of the credits applied to a degree or certificate. Institutionally assessed CPL is awarded for active courses. Not all courses can be challenged.

Please contact the OCCC [Registrar](#) to request review or with questions on this process.

Externally Assessed CPL

Externally assessed CPL is awarded for learning that has been assessed outside the traditional college setting. Examples of external assessments that may warrant the awarding of CPL include:

- Industry certifications (e.g., CDA, CPR, Journeyman)
- Professional licensure
- ACE-recommended credit for corporate courses or exams
- Joint Services Transcripts (JST) coursework
- Military occupations (MOS)
- College Level Examination Program (CLEP)
- DANTES Subject Standardized Tests (DSST)

According to accreditation standards, externally assessed CPL is not considered credit for prior experiential learning so it is not subject to the 25% limit on the credits applied to a degree or certificate. Externally assessed CPL is awarded in subject areas that the contracting college offers and may include specific course numbers or elective credit in that subject area. A SAC member (e.g., a faculty department chair) shall recommend the amount of credit awarded. Students are responsible for providing official transcripts, score reports, certifications, or any documents required for conducting a CPL evaluation. Externally assessed CPL is transcribed in the same manner as transfer credit and is not considered institutional credit.