

STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND OCCUPATIONAL EDUCATION

TRANSFER OF POST-SECONDARY CREDITS FROM AREA VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS TO COMMUNITY COLLEGES

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Policy Statement

In 2004 the Colorado State Legislature passed legislation requiring that the State Board of Community Colleges and Occupational Education implement a policy to assure the transfer of post-secondary credits from the four approved Area Vocational Schools to any institution within the State System of Community and Technical Colleges. Credits transferred in "...will apply in full...to an appropriate certificate or to an associate degree at a community or technical college..."

Scope

This policy applies to Career and Technical Education post-secondary credits that are offered by the four Area Vocational Schools – Emily Griffith Opportunity School, Delta-Montrose Area Vocational School, Pickens Area Vocational School, and San Juan Basin Technical College. It further covers the transfer of these credits to all Colorado Community College System member institutions. This policy does not apply to secondary credits.

Transfer of Credits

In its Addendum to the Handbook of Accreditation Second Edition, the Higher Learning Commission establishes parameters for the transfer of credit. Individual institutions should develop transfer policies that "...should also include the consistency of their interpretation and application throughout the institution, and their responsiveness to new types of learning opportunities outside institutions of higher learning."

Transcripting of Transfer Credit

Colorado Community College System (CCCS) institutions will accept post-secondary credit in transfer from students who have attended any of the four Area Vocational Schools in Colorado. The acceptance of these credits, the application of these credits toward degree requirements, and the transcripting of these credits will be consistent with the transfer policies of the Colorado Community College System.

Appeals Process

Students should seek advice when transferring to the community colleges from college advisors. If a student believes that he/she has not been treated equitably as compared to other transfer students, he/she should seek assistance through the appropriate channels at the transfer institution. If after all avenues have been exhausted, the student still has concerns, he/she may appeal to the Vice President of Educational Services at CCCS. This decision will be final.

Procedures

The System President shall promulgate such procedures as may be needed to implement the policy. These procedures will specifically address identification of "appropriate programs", and the role of faculty and Chief Academic Officers in the program approval process.