

COLORADO COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM

SYSTEM PRESIDENT'S PROCEDURE

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

SP 9-72

Reference:

C.R.S. 23-60-802

Effective: September 1, 2006

Approved: _____
Dr. Nancy McCallin, System President

Basis

Board Policy 9-72 requires the System President to promulgate procedures necessary to implement the transfer of post-secondary credits from area vocational schools to system community colleges.

Application

This procedure applies to the State System of Community Colleges beginning September 1, 2006 or Fall Semester 2006.

Guidelines

This procedure provides guidance for the transfer of career and technical education post-secondary credits to all Colorado Community College System Colleges from the four area vocational schools – Emily Griffith Opportunity School, Delta-Montrose Area Vocational-Technical Center, T.H. Pickens Technical Center, and San Juan Basin Technical College – to all Colorado Community College System colleges.

Procedure

1. Requirement for Transfer of Credits

The transfer eligibility of credits earned at area vocational schools will be determined through transcript evaluations administered by the receiving institution. The institution will develop transfer procedures that are consistent in their interpretation and application throughout the institution.

The procedures will be uniform for all colleges in the Colorado Community College System.

2. Transfer of Credits from Area Vocational Schools

A student who completes coursework at an area vocational school may transfer any career and technical post-secondary course credits with a grade of “C” or better earned while enrolled in the area vocational school. These eligible career/technical credits may be applied to the requirements of a program leading to a certificate or to an Associate of Applied Science or an Associate of General Studies degree at a community college or junior college. Transfer is limited to Career and Technical (CTE) coursework.

In order to create a seamless educational experience, the Community College System has implemented two additional strategies to assist AVS graduates: (1) A statewide articulation agreement that allows AVS graduates to transfer up to 45 credits to the community college and then complete an AAS degree in Applied Technology by completing an additional 15 – 18 credits of general education courses at the community college; and (2) Colleges also collaborate with Area Vocational Schools to offer AAS degrees that include CTE coursework from the Area Vocational School (AVS) and general education courses from the community college.

3. Accreditation

These procedures do not address transfer issues where the State has limited legal authority: the transfer of credits from private, non-accredited, or out-of-state institutions or the awarding of credit for non-credit bearing courses.

4. Postsecondary Program Approval

For community colleges, junior colleges, area vocational schools and technical colleges, State Board Policy 9-47, written in accordance with Colorado Revised Statutes § 23-1-107(3) and corresponding Colorado Commission on Higher Education (CCHE) policy, requires that all approved programs (AAS, AGS and Certificate) be evaluated at least once in a five-year period using the CCCS Career and Technical Program Approval Process..

The Colorado Standards for Career and Technical Education programs require that all AAS degree programs and certificates must be renewed at least every five years for continued approval by the SBCCOE.

Post-Secondary credits accepted in transfer from the Area Vocational Schools must come from an SBCCOE/CCCS approved CTE certificate program.