

Industry Recognized Credentials/Test Credit Policy

I. Policy Section

8.0 Students

II. Policy Subsection

8.33 Industry Recognized Credentials/Test Credit Policy

III. Policy Statement

Grand Rapids Community College (GRCC) awards course credit for external nationally recognized industry or professional credentials and accredited or nationally recognized exams and tests. When equivalence between a credential or test and a GRCC course(s) has been established by the academic department (in which the course(s) resides) and the College, the GRCC Registrar's Office will award credit for the course(s), if the following guidelines are met:

- The course alignment with external credential has been formally documented in the Registrar's Office prior to student request for course credit.
- The credential is current/valid at the time the credit is awarded (has not expired).
- Students provide original verification to the GRCC Registrar's Office.
- All established requirements (for example, minimum acceptable test scores) are met.

IV. Reason for the Policy

This policy identifies the guidelines for and circumstances under which the Registrar's Office may award course credit to students who have taken and passed external tests, exams, or industry credentials.

V. Entities Affected by this Policy

Students

Faculty

Staff

VI. Who Should Read this Policy

Students

Faculty

Staff

VII. Related Documents

7.15 Prior Learning Assessment
8.5 Catalog Policy
8.29 Transfer Policy
8.31 Minimum Institutional Credit Policy

VIII. Contacts

Student Records/Registrar's Office
Counseling and Career Center
Admissions/Enrollment Center
Deans

IX. Definitions

Definitions for this policy are under development.

X. Procedures

The procedures for this policy are under development.

XI. Forms

Degree Audit Application

XII. Effective Date

Fall 2016

XIII. Policy History

AGC Approved, April 2016

XIV. Next Review/Revision Date

Review/Revision—Winter 2019