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Advanced Standing

The College may grant course credit for passing, at any acceptable level, examinations administered under the Advanced Placement Program (APP), the College Level Examination Program (CLEP), and New York State Proficiency Examinations. Credits may also be awarded for courses completed through non-collegiate organizations as recommended in *A Guide to Educational Programs in Non-Collegiate Organizations*, published by the State University of New York. The College does not accept clinical experience or credits from other institutions to satisfy certificate and degree clinical or internship graduation requirements.

Placement Testing

North Country Community College adheres to an open door rolling admission policy. Admission to the College, however, does not automatically guarantee admission to a particular curriculum or program. All matriculated and non-matriculated freshmen and transfer students will be tested in English and mathematics to assure proper placement. Certain specific curricula may require additional testing and/or a personal interview.

International Students

International students seeking admission and INS Form I-20 must provide additional information with their application. Applicants who are not native speakers of English must demonstrate proficiency in English by submitting a paper score of 500/electronic score of 194, or better, on the *Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)*, a GED taken in English, or a high school diploma from an institution at which the language of instruction is English.

Transfer / Returning Students and Advanced Standing

Those transfer students wishing to receive credit for courses from other colleges must have earned a "C-" or better. Grades of "D" will transfer to NCCC as General Elective credit only. The maximum number of credits transferable is further limited by the policy that no more than 31 credit hours can be transferred to North Country Community College to qualify for an Associates degree and no more than 15 credit hours to qualify for a Certificate. Grades and quality points for courses transferred into NCCC will not appear on the transcript and will not be used in calculating the grade point average at the College. **To qualify for transfer, credits must be less than ten years old. Credits taken at NCCC, where matriculation has been*

broken, will also be subject to the ten-year rule.

Credit by Extension

A student may earn credits in pursuit of an Associate degree at North Country Community College by participating in any approved off-campus program of independent study, examination for credit, or any other accredited form of external study. A student must apply and be accepted to matriculated status at North Country Community College before credit will be granted. No grades will be awarded to the student, and credit will be given only for courses that correspond reasonably with the College's course offerings. A student desiring to enter such a program should indicate this intention to the Vice President for Academic Affairs in order to receive proper credit for such study. Pre-approval is highly recommended. Participation in an independent program in no way changes a student's official status at North Country Community College.

Following are some of the programs North Country Community College will accept for credit in keeping with the above requirements:

- College Entrance Examination Board College-Level Examination Program

- New York State College Proficiency Examination Program

- New York State Independent Study Program

- New York State University of the Air Program

- Applications for an information on any of the above may be obtained from any high school guidance office, the Student Services Office at NCCC, or by writing directly to the program office. Upon completion of the program, all materials should be submitted to the Enrollment Management Office for evaluation.

High School Equivalency

An individual who has not graduated from high school or received a GED (General Equivalency Diploma) may apply to the New York State Education Department, Office of High School Equivalency Programs and GED Testing, for a GED by successfully completing twenty-four (24) credit hours of college course work and demonstrating satisfactory progress toward a degree. Six specific areas of distribution are required within the 24 credit hours. Interested parties should contact the Records Office for further information.

**Please note that courses numbered below 100 (remedial), physical education, college skills or freshman seminar courses, will not be accepted toward the twenty-four credits.* Forms for application to the State Education Department are available from the Records Office.

Students may qualify under Federal guidelines for "Ability to Benefit"