Transfer Credit

Southeastern Technical College recognizes previous postsecondary coursework by accepting credits earned from other regionally or nationally accredited institutions that are applicable to the student's program of study. A student who presents credit for evaluation and transfer must be aware that the awarding of credit does not guarantee that institutions subsequently attended by the student will accept those credits.

Credit for courses at an institution accredited by a national or regional accrediting agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education and TCSG and whose entrance requirements and curriculum are equivalent to or greater than Southeastern Tech will be considered for award of transfer of credit. STC is a member of the Servicemembers Opportunity Colleges (SOC). Credits from colleges and universities are transferred within the SOC network. Credit may be granted for formal military schools, training and correspondence courses in accordance with the American Council on Education. SOC credit will not be reflected on the transcript until the applicant is admitted into the program of study.

Southeastern Tech recognizes that it is necessary to establish reasonable and definitive policies for accepting transfer credit. The college developed these guidelines in accordance with the standards set by the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers.

Southeastern Tech distinguishes between the acceptance of credit and the applicability toward program requirements. Applicability of credit toward a credential refers to the prerogative of the academic divisions to count specific credit toward the fulfillment of graduation requirements.

The registrars determines the transferability of courses taken at other postsecondary institutions by considering the educational quality of the learning experience for which the student seeks transfer credit; the comparability of the nature, content, and level of the learning experiences to the courses offered at Southeastern Tech; and the appropriateness and applicability of the learning experiences to the programs offered at Southeastern Tech and how recently they occurred. The college established the following procedures to guide the registrar in awarding transfer of credit:

- In order for the registrar to evaluate credit, students must submit official transcripts from all colleges. All official transcripts must include final grades. The student must also complete and submit the Transfer Credit Evaluation Form requesting the evaluation of their transcript to the registrar.
- Students may receive transfer credit for courses for which they earned a C or better. The registrar will not award transfer credit for courses with grades below a C, including D, F, I, IP, S, U, W, WF and WP.
- Due to the rapid changes in technology and technical information, program specific technical courses will be considered only for transfer of credit only if the coursework has been completed within the last 60 months. Technical courses that were taken five years prior to admission to STC will be evaluated for technical currency by program

faculty. A student desiring consideration of credit for technical courses or experiences that are more than five years old can request transfer credit by exemption testing.

- Transfer credit will be considered without restriction of completion dates for courses in academic disciplines - English, mathematics, Social Sciences – psychology and sociology; Natural Sciences – biology and chemistry ; and Physical Sciences – physical science and physics.
- The registrar will not award transfer credit for learning support coursework taken at other colleges. Students transferring from another college or university are not required to retake learning support courses they have successfully completed, unless they undergo placement testing at STC which indicates they need to take learning support courses.
- The registrar does not automatically award transfer of credit for courses specific to the Health Science programs. The registrar consults with faculty from those programs to determine transfer credit on an individual basis based on course competencies and date of completion.
- The registrar transfers all coursework under the quarter system. If students are coming in from institutions on the semester system, the registrar will convert the semester hours to quarter hours by multiplying the semester hours by 1.5.
- The transfer credit is recorded as TR on the STC transcript and is not included in the calculation of the quarterly, cumulative, or graduation grade point averages. For competitive admissions programs, grades for credit earned as transfer credit will be evaluated for GPA and calculated in the GPA under consideration for program admission.
- The registrar sends written notification regarding the award of transfer of credit. Students may also access their records online through the college website (Bannerweb) to verify the transfer credit awarded by the registrar.

A student who has attended a previous college and is eligible for transfer of credit for English and math is not required to take the placement exam. However, if the student for any reason takes the exam and scores a learning support class, the student forfeits evaluation of their transcript and the scores on the exam will determine placement.

For competitive admissions programs, grades for credit earned as transfer credit will be evaluated for GPA and calculated into the GPA under consideration for program admission.

Students wishing to transfer from Southeastern Tech to another college must contact that college directly to determine transfer of credit.

Armed Services Credit

Credit may be awarded for education/training experiences in the Armed Services. Such experiences must be certified by the American Council on Education (identified in the Council's publication: Guide to the Evaluation of Educational Experiences in the Armed Services). Credit will be given on the basis of individual evaluation. Credible military experience must closely correspond to course(s) in the Southeastern Tech curriculum in content and competencies.

Foreign Earned Credit

Credit may be awarded based upon an evaluation performed by an independent evaluation service. Applications are available in the Admissions Office. The

Registrar will make the final decision regarding the award of transfer credit. Grade points will not be assigned to transfer credit.

Articulated Credit

Articulated Credit is an option that allows high school students to receive advanced placement or exempt courses by taking articulated classes in high school. The student must submit a high school transcript showing the completed courses the student wants to receive credit for. Then the student must take the advanced placement/exemption test or tests at Southeastern Tech. The student must score 80 or above to receive credit. Students can receive advanced credit for up to 50% of the program hours of an articulated diploma program. The local school systems within the service delivery area of Southeastern Technical College all participate in the Articulated credit program. Contact your high school counselor or our Admissions Office for a list of approved courses that can be taken in high school that are available for exemption at Southeastern Tech under the Articulated credit program.