

## **Transfer Credit into MCCCCD**

A student enrolling into one of the Maricopa Community Colleges after having attended another post-secondary institution can have course work evaluated for transfer credit. To be eligible for evaluation, course work must appear on an official transcript from the institution that offered the course work. The official transcript must be mailed directly from the source institution to the Admissions and Records/Enrollment Services Office of the receiving institution. The Admissions and Records/Enrollment Services Office at the receiving institution will complete a course-by-course evaluation for all submitted transcripts upon student request. The award of transfer credit shall not express or imply that all transfer credit will be fully applicable toward all Maricopa associate's degree and certificate requirements. In addition, the age of credit may be considered in applying credit towards degrees and certificate programs. Transfer credit that may be applied to meet associate's degree and certificate requirements at a Maricopa Community College is not necessarily transferable to other colleges and universities. The processes and policies that govern the award of transfer credit are as follows:

**Inter-Institutional:** Acceptance of courses that fulfill requirements other than general education is determined by individual Maricopa Community Colleges. Credits accepted in transfer from other Maricopa Community Colleges do not necessarily apply to all Maricopa degree and certificate programs.

**Maricopa Skill Center and the Southwest Skill Center:** The Maricopa Community Colleges have agreements with the Maricopa Skill Center and the Southwest Skill Center in limited areas of study. Students who have participated in these agreements may be granted credit for prior learning. No fees will be assessed for credits awarded for prior learning. Articulated course/program credit is transferable within the Maricopa Community Colleges, but may not necessarily be transferable to other universities and colleges. Students should contact the Admissions and Records/Enrollment Services Office for specific items related to these agreements.

**Arizona Public Community Colleges and Universities:** A course that meets general education requirements at any Arizona public community college district or university will be accepted in transfer to meet comparable general education requirements at any of the Maricopa Community Colleges provided the course was completed with a grade of C or higher (2.0 on a 4.0 scale). On an exception basis, P-grades may be allowed in the Arizona General Education Curriculum (AGEC) for credit transferred if documentation collected by the community college indicates that the P-grade is a C or better. The P-grade exception does not apply to credits awarded by AGEC granting/receiving institutions. Acceptance of courses that fulfill requirements other than general education is determined by individual Maricopa Community Colleges.

**Domestic Institutions (U.S.):** The evaluation and award of community college transfer credit for course work originating at U.S. institutions that are regionally accredited will be based on official transcripts from all institutions previously attended. Regionally accredited institutions of higher education are those that are fully accredited by New England Association of Schools and Colleges, Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools, North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges, Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, and/or Western Association of

Schools and Colleges. Courses from institutions that have earned candidate status from a regional accrediting association will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. The Admissions and Records/Enrollment Services Office at the receiving institution will complete a course-by-course evaluation for all submitted transcripts upon student request, and will determine the acceptance and applicability of transfer credit toward associate's degree and certificate requirements.

Foreign Institutions: Credits from foreign institutions will be reviewed for acceptance. It is the student's responsibility to have all transcripts translated into English and evaluated by an international Credential Evaluation Service before submitting them to the college.

Limitations on the Award of Transfer Credit: Generally, the Maricopa Community Colleges will not award credit for courses completed at institutions not regionally accredited.