

Transfer Credit Policy

1. Students seeking to transfer credit earned at another college to Garden City Community College must provide an official transcript from the other college to the GCCC Admissions Office. GCCC must receive these transcripts directly from the other college. Students may not submit the transcripts in person. The transcripts must bear the official seal of the other college. Photocopies and facsimiles are not acceptable.
2. The GCCC Records Office will evaluate transcripts based on the program to which GCCC has admitted the student. GCCC will grant transfer credit only to courses that apply to students' programs of study at GCCC, or meet degree requirements.
3. Students who change their major program of study or degree plan at GCCC may request that the Records Office reevaluate their transcripts based on the new program of study.
4. GCCC will generally grant credit only for courses in which students earn a grade of D or higher.
1. GCCC will not grant credit for courses in which students earn lower than a grade of D or which are graded on a pass/fail or credit/no credit basis GCCC will grant credit for courses in which students earn a grade of D or higher whenever a grade of D is allowed for native GCCC students. A specific class or program, however, may require a higher grade as a prerequisite for a course or as a requirement for admission to the program.
5. GCCC will grant credit either for the equivalent courses at GCCC, if they exist, or for courses within a comparable department at GCCC, if the departments exist. Courses for which no equivalent course exists, but which are acceptable as transfer credit, will be designated with the most appropriate department codes and listed as elective.
6. All grades and credits on an incoming transcript will be included in the evaluation at GCCC and included on the GCCC transcript for computation into the cumulative grade point average.
7. GCCC grants transfer credit only for credit earned at regionally accredited colleges in the United States. Please check the GCCC Catalog for information on accreditation accepted by GCCC. Additionally, GCCC reserves the right to evaluate courses based upon the syllabi and competencies of similar courses instructed at GCCC. If incoming courses do not meet the same competencies and criteria as native courses, equivalency will not be established.
8. GCCC follows the guidelines established by National Association of Credit Evaluation Services (NACES) for credits earned from international institutions.
9. GCCC follows the American Council on Education's (ACE) published recommendations on the transfer of non-accredited institutions, including military and other training programs. These guidelines are published at <http://www.acenet.edu/AM/Template.cfm?Section=CCRS>
10. Students may check with the Records Office within two weeks of receipt of official transcript for a listing of credits transferred.
11. Appeal Process: Students who disagree with the transfer credit decisions at GCCC may appeal those decisions as follows. Students should provide evidence, such as course descriptions and syllabi, that the courses in question are either the equivalent of or comparable to courses offered by GCCC.
 - a. Students first must appeal the transfer credit decision in writing to the Registrar.
 - b. If the disagreement is not resolved with the Registrar, students may appeal in writing to the Dean of Student Services.
 - c. The decision of the Dean of Student Services shall be final and not subject to appeal.