

Transferring Previous Credits to Peninsula College

In general, Peninsula College routinely accepts credits for college-level courses completed at regionally accredited institutions of higher education. Authority for acceptance of credits is delegated to the Credentials Evaluator.

The decision to grant transfer credit is based upon several factors, chief among them is accreditation. For transfer purposes, Peninsula College recognizes as fully accredited only those institutions that have received accreditation by one of the following associations: (1) New England Association of Schools, (2) Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools, (3) North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, (4) Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities, (5) Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, and (6) Western Association of Schools and Colleges.

Regardless of institutional accreditation, Peninsula College does not grant credit for religion or theology courses that are sectarian in nature.

In accordance with the Community and Technical College (CTC) Inter-College Reciprocity Policy, Peninsula College offers reciprocity to students transferring within the CTC system who are pursuing the Direct Transfer Agreement (DTA) degree or the Associate in Science-Transfer (AS-T) degree.

Military Credits

When military courses are directly related to your course of study or program at Peninsula College, it is possible for credit to be awarded for use toward a specific degree or certificate. It should be noted, however, that many such courses may not be applicable and, therefore, no credit will be awarded. Procedures for requesting a formal evaluation of credit may be obtained from Student Services (360) 417-6340.

Credit by Examination

Peninsula College grants credits to entering students based upon certain levels of performance in the Advanced Placement Program of the College Entrance Examination Program.

In addition to standardized tests for specific course credits, in special cases you may obtain college credit for courses listed in the current catalog by passing an examination in that course, satisfying the department concerned that both content and method have been mastered adequately. This privilege is intended to evaluate informal and/or comparable education experiences that may be the equivalent of organized class work.

Peninsula College also recognizes the value of prior experiential learning and has established procedures for accrediting prior-life experience in appropriate academic disciplines. You may obtain information on this process from Student Services. This process will ensure that you will receive a meaningful educational experience in the program selected and maintain the integrity of this alternative mode for earning college credit.