

Advanced Standing

The three methods the College has established for students to gain advanced standing are: transfer credit, credit by waiver and credit by examination.

To be granted advanced standing credit:

- 1) A student must be accepted for admission to a College degree program.
- 2) A minimum of one-third (1/3) of the credit hours required for a degree must be completed at SCC, the degree-granting institution, except under statewide or college partnership agreements with the division deans' approval.
- 3) Up to two-thirds (2/3) of the credit hours required for a Program of Study may be waived through the three methods established for advanced standing; (credit by transfer, waiver and examination).
 - a. Up to two-thirds (2/3) of the credits for advanced standing may be transfer credits, except under statewide or college partnership agreements with the division deans' approval.
 - b. Credit hours granted by waiver or examination or by any combination of waiver and examination may be awarded up to limits established by each department but may not exceed one-third (1/3) of the total credit hours required for a program award.

Exceptions to #2, #3, #3a or #3b must be approved by the Vice President for Instruction.

Please refer to the specifications listed in each of the following three (3) advanced standing methods.

Transfer Credit

Transfer credit from other accredited postsecondary institutions may be awarded for advanced standing. Transfer credit may or may not apply to SCC programs. Determination will be made by the division dean regarding graduation or satisfaction of program requirements with transfer credit.

SCC recognizes course work completed at military schools, through active duty, National Guard or Reserves. Credits may be applied to military courses with the approval of the appropriate campus division. The Guide to the Evaluation of Educational Experiences in the Armed Services, published by the American Council for Education, is used as a guideline. Courses for which credit is granted by transfer will be recorded with a "TR" grade and will not be included in calculating a student's grade-point average.

Credit by Waiver

To apply for Credit by Waiver, the applicant must be accepted for admission to a College degree program. Students requesting advanced standing Credit by Waiver must complete an application for Credit by Waiver and supply supportive documents such as competency reports, proficiency certificates or training records. Credit granted by Waiver and Examination or any combination of Waiver and Examination may be awarded up to limits established by each department of the College but not exceeding one-third (1/3) of the total credit hours required for a program award. The application must be submitted for evaluation to the campus department responsible for teaching the course. Upon successful completion of the evaluation, both the application and evaluation will be submitted to the campus Registration and Records Office for recording credit on the student's transcript.

Courses in which credit is granted by waiver will be recorded on the transcript with a "CW" grade and will not be included in calculating a student's grade-point average. Credit granted by waiver is subject to evaluation by other institutions and may not be accepted for transfer credit.

Career Pathways Advanced Placement

Career Pathways is a partnership between high schools and SCC. This partnership helps prepare high school students for technical careers. Pathways of courses to prepare students for college level work are laid out. Career Pathways Advanced Placement means the student may apply for Credit by Waiver for approved courses taken at the high school level and avoid duplication in classes.

In order to receive Career Pathways Advanced Placement, a student must:

- Enroll in SCC within one year of high school graduation or as soon as a program waiting list allows following high school graduation.
- Obtain a grade of “B” or better in the high school articulated course.
- Complete and submit a Credit by Waiver form available from the Registration & Records Office with all appropriate signatures.

Credit by Examination

Some courses may be completed by examination. Testing devices and evaluation procedures will vary according to the course, division requirements and the amount of credit being advanced. To apply for Credit by Examination, the applicant must have been accepted for admission to a College degree program.

Applications for Credit by Examination are obtained from the campus Registration and Records Office and submitted to the division responsible for teaching the course. An application for Credit by Examination must be completed and submitted to the campus Registration and Records Office for all credit granted as “PX” (Passed by Examination) on the transcript. No grade points will be awarded, and the Credit by Examination will not be included in the cumulative grade-point average. Copies of the certification will be returned to the student and the department in which the student is enrolled.

Credit granted by Waiver and Examination or any combination of Waiver and Examination may be awarded up to limits established by each department of the College but not exceeding one-third (1/3) of the total credit hours required for a program award. Applicants for Credit by Examination must pay 50 percent of the current per credit hour tuition rate for each credit hour attempted by examination, prior to the examination.

College Level Examination Program (CLEP)

Students interested in CLEP testing should contact the Testing/ Assessment Center (402-437-2626) for information and testing arrangements. CLEP subject exams cost approximately \$70 per examination. Some colleges do not accept CLEP credits as transfer credits. Transfer students should carefully investigate minimum CLEP scores established by other colleges.

To have CLEP credit posted to an SCC Transcript, a student must have been accepted for admission into a college degree program.

SCC administers the CLEP at the Lincoln Campus, 8800 O Street in the Testing/ Assessment Center. Each program has established a list of courses for which CLEP scores will be accepted for credit by examination. Minimum CLEP scores vary from exam to exam; therefore, students should request a list of these minimum scores. Credits granted through a CLEP exam will not apply towards load requirements for extraordinary activities, veteran’s benefits or scholastic honors. Only SCC students may have CLEP scores recorded on their SCC transcripts. Acceptable CLEP credits are recorded as PX (Pass by Examination).