

## Transfer of Credit

Academic credit earned for degree level courses appearing on an official transcript from an institution that offers associate degrees or higher, which was accredited, or a candidate for accreditation at the time the student attended, by a regional or national accrediting body, or a foreign institution recognized/authorized by the country's Ministry of Education, will be reviewed for transfer into the University with a minimum grade of C-. For program specific transfer requirements see individual program descriptions as additional conditions may apply for the transfer of credit towards specific program degree requirements. Transfer credit will be evaluated according to University policies and accepted subject to the approval of the University's Central Office of Admissions & Evaluation.

Graduate level coursework from institutions that hold accreditation through the American Bar Association or that have been provisionally approved for accreditation may also be reviewed for transfer into the University. Coursework from ABA accredited institutions that are not from a Graduate level program (i.e. JD, LLB, LLM) will not be accepted. Paralegal degrees are not considered Graduate level programs.

Transfer credits that are based on a different unit of credit or calendar system than the one prescribed by University of Phoenix are subject to conversion before being transferred. Only course evaluations performed by the University's Central Office of Admissions & Evaluation or Prior Learning Assessment division are final. Any preliminary reviews by campus personnel are unofficial and not binding, and subject to change.

The acceptable regional accreditation bodies are:

- Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools
- New England Association of Schools and Colleges
- Higher Learning Commission of North Central Association of Colleges and Schools
- Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities
- Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
- Western Association of Schools and Colleges

The acceptable national accreditation bodies are:

- Association of Biblical Higher Education (formerly Accrediting Associate of Bible Colleges)
- American Academy of Liberal Arts
- Association of Advanced Rabbinical and Talmudic Schools
- Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools

- Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools
- Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges
- Association of Theological Schools
- Council on Occupational Education
- Distance Education and Training Council
- Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools
- National Accrediting Commission of Cosmetology Arts & Science
- Accrediting Council for Continuing Education and Training

A maximum of 30 credits may also be awarded for the successful completion of exams from approved national testing programs (CLEP, Excelsior, Berlitz, NLN, AP, DLPT, College Level GED, and DANTES) according to University policy except where prescribed otherwise for limitations of nontraditional credits under state statutes.

For a description of the type and amount of credit that can be applied toward an undergraduate degree, see individual program descriptions. Students will have up to 90 days from notification of Transfer Credit decisions to submit an appeal with the Student Appeals Center.

Transferability of credit is at the discretion of the accepting institution. It is the student's responsibility to confirm whether or not credits earned at the University of Phoenix will be accepted by another institution of the student's choice.

Students transferring from Meritus University will have earned credit totals for Prior Learning and Canadian Forces credit assessments honored at University of Phoenix. Applicability of assessed credits in transfer for Meritus University students will still be defined by the program requirements of the chosen program that the student is entering at University of Phoenix.

Students transferring to University of Phoenix into specified undergraduate bachelor degree programs with a previously completed regionally accredited Associate of Arts degree from a Community College will be considered as having satisfied their lower division elective and general education requirements (up to the amount of credits earned in the Associate of Arts degree), which will make the student ready to begin their Required Course of Study at University of Phoenix. Students who take advantage of this policy will still need to meet all pre-requisite or state specific content requirements as outlined in the Academic Progression and General Education Requirements sections of the catalog for their chosen program.

Not all programs are eligible for this policy. Please check with a campus representative to determine which programs are eligible. Students who take advantage of this policy and then change to a program

that is not eligible for this policy will have courses individually evaluated for applicability towards degree requirements (as the policy will not carry forward into the new degree program).