

RECOGNITION OF ACADEMIC CREDIT FOR SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED COURSEWORK

Colleges and Universities

Suffolk County Community College will recognize academic credit from colleges and universities that are accredited by regional institutional accrediting organizations, or national institutional accrediting organizations that are recognized by both the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) and the U.S. Department of Education.

Credit for coursework successfully completed with a grade of C minus (C-) or better may be awarded for courses deemed equivalent to Suffolk County Community College courses.

Advanced Placement

Credit may be awarded to students who have taken Advanced Placement courses in high school and who attain scores of 3 or better on the appropriate Advanced Placement examinations administered through the Educational Testing Service. Students should be aware that other schools may have a more restrictive policy for Advanced Placement transfer credit, and courses covered by AP exams at Suffolk may not be acceptable at their subsequent institution.

International Baccalaureate

Credit may be awarded to students who have taken International Baccalaureate courses in high school and who attain a score of 4 or better on the IBO Higher Level exams. If the student has successfully completed the Diploma program, then credit may be awarded for the Standard Level courses as well with a score of 4 or better.

College Level Examination Program (CLEP)

Credit may also be awarded to students who pass CLEP exams with a score of 50 or better.

Challenge Exam

When a CLEP examination is not available to test prior learning in a course or subject offered at Suffolk County Community College, the student may request, and the College may agree, to prepare and administer a special Challenge Examination for the student.

Portfolio Assessment

Portfolio Assessment is an alternative vehicle for defining, demonstrating and documenting college-level learning achieved outside the classroom. Students may take COL120: Portfolio Preparation, a one-credit course available in the fall and spring semesters. The course encompasses relevant academic content, skill development and ongoing guidance during the process of developing a learning portfolio. After completion of the course, students may submit the learning portfolio for evaluation for possible college credit.

Educational Programs Sponsored by Certain Non-Collegiate Organizations

Suffolk County Community College will recognize and may award academic credit for non-collegiate training if the training has been evaluated by either the National College Credit Recommendation

Service (NCCRS) or the American Council on Education (ACE), and college level credit has been recommended by the aforementioned agencies. Students are required to submit an official ACE or NCCRS transcript for evaluation. For Military personnel, a Joint Services Transcript (JST) should be submitted for review.

Foreign Credential Evaluations

Suffolk County Community College will recognize and may award credit for coursework successfully completed at a foreign college or university if the foreign institution is shown to be equivalent to a regionally accredited institution in the United States. A course-by-course evaluation (which includes a document-to-document evaluation) must be submitted by the student to Suffolk County Community College from a credential evaluation service that is a member of either the National Association of Credential Evaluation Services (NACES) or the Association of International Credentials Evaluators (AICE).

Students who avail themselves of these opportunities for advanced standing credit and/or receive transfer credit for prior coursework must still complete at least 30 credit hours of academic course work at Suffolk County Community College for an Associate degree or 15 credit hours of academic course work at Suffolk for a certificate.