

All credits earned outside Illinois Eastern Community Colleges (IECC) will be evaluated for possible application toward the degree or certificate program chosen by the student. Passing credits earned at institutions accredited by the Higher Learning Commission, or similar regional accrediting agencies may be accepted by IECC provided the courses meet the expectations of the faculty and staff at IECC for academic content and rigor. For a student transcript indicating a cumulative grade point average of less than "C", only credits will be considered for those courses which have a grade of "C" or better.

Any transfer credit from institutions on probation with the Higher Learning Commission or other regional accrediting agencies may not be accepted as transfer credit. Acceptance of the transfer credit will require verification whether or not the student's experience at the other institution is appropriately commensurate with the expectations in similar IECC courses with respect to academic content, rigor, scope and relevance.

CREDIT BY EXAMINATION (500.5)

Many students reach a college-level education through study outside the classroom. Therefore, IECC allows enrolled students to receive credit by examination. The maximum amount of credit which a student may gain through credit by examination is 32 semester hours.

A. Proficiency Examinations Administered by IECC

IECC grants credit through proficiency examinations administered on-campus at an IECC Test Center. A student may request testing for a course by completing the Proficiency Application and submitting to the appropriate instructor for permission to apply for a proficiency examination. Permission must also be granted by the advisor and dean. Once approved by all and the fee received, the instructor will arrange for the exam. The following conditions also apply:

- Proficiency examinations may not be taken for courses in which a student has previously enrolled for credit, audit, or pass/fail.
- A student may take a particular proficiency examination only once.
- A student has 30 days from the date of payment to complete the exam or forfeit the exam fee.
- IECC will accept only scores from proficiency examinations administered at an IECC test center.

IECC proficiency examinations carry grades of "A", "B", "C", "P", or "Not Passing". Grades, other than "Not Passing", will be entered on the student's transcript as "By Proficiency" and will carry appropriate course credit. Proficiency examination grades entered on the student's transcript will be used in computing grade point averages.

A grade of "Not Passing" will not be used in grade point averages, nor will it be recorded on the student's transcript.

B. Examinations Administered by Others and Accepted by IECC

Additionally, IECC may accept credit through:

- CLEP (College Level Examination Program) testing
- AP (Advanced Placement) testing
- IB (International Baccalaureate) program
- **GED (General Education Development) Testing**

Credit for appropriate CLEP scores, AP scores, **GED Scores**, and IB programs will be entered on the student's transcript as a transfer credit and will not be used in computing grade point averages. The student will be responsible for obtaining and submitting an official document verifying credit by examination scores. This form will be submitted to Student Services for evaluation.

See the Credit by Examination tables in the Appendices for scoring, credits, and equivalency information.

CREDIT EQUIVALENCY POLICY (500.26)

College credit may be granted for an industry recognized license, certification, military experience, or the State Seal of Biliteracy as determined by an evaluative process administered by the Dean of Instruction, in the program of study listed in the Appendices.