

ADVANCED ACADEMIC STANDING

Advanced academic standing may be awarded by Academic Credit (“AC”), Certification/National Exam Credit (“CC”), Proficiency Credit (“PC”), and Transfer Credit (“TC”). The Education Department is responsible for approving all advanced academic standing. See *Graduation Requirements* and *Satisfactory Academic Progress* for more information on how advanced academic standing impacts these requirements. Tuition will be adjusted accordingly for course credit.

No more than 75% of the credit hours in a program may be awarded either by transfer of credit and/or by examination. A student cannot receive transfer credit for a course they are currently attending.

ACADEMIC CREDIT

Academic credit is awarded when a student meets the specific admissions requirements of a degree completion program.

CREDIT FOR CERTIFICATION EXAMINATION

Students may receive credit for courses that cover certification examinations. Students may attempt certification exams as many times as permitted by the vendors. See the *Tuition and Fees* section for certification examination fees.

Students who have passed an official certification examination must provide the College with the original certification approval showing a passing score for the exam. All official certification exams must be approved by the Education Department and be current (within the last four (4) years) prior to credit being awarded. In addition to the certificate examination, a student may be required to take and successfully complete a proficiency examination to demonstrate mastery of the course content.

Official certification exams may be taken at Charter College, if available, or at any certified testing center. Fees for official Microsoft certification exams will be assessed for every attempt of the exam.

CREDIT FOR NATIONAL EXAMINATION

Students who have taken an Advanced Placement Test within the last four (4) years may receive course credit by scoring three (3) or higher. Students who have scored fifty (50) or higher on College Level Examination Program (CLEP) tests may receive course credit. Course credit may be awarded for scores of four (4) or higher on the Higher Level (HL) International Baccalaureate Test. Official documentation must be received by the College prior to a student starting classes.

PROFICIENCY CREDIT

Charter College allows students to test out of a course by passing a proficiency examination. The fee for a proficiency examination is \$100 per course. Students must request a proficiency exam at least ten (10) business days prior to the first day of the course and the student must test out of a course prior to the first day of the course. Proficiency exams are proctored by a staff member of the College. The student may take the test out exam at any Charter College location and must present a valid (non-expired) form of identification (i.e., driver’s license, state issued ID, military ID, etc.) To successfully pass a proficiency examination a student must score 73.5% or higher. Proficiency examinations may be attempted only once. Students may not use proficiency credit for AH1400, DA1990, GE1105, GE1115, GE2310, GE3330, MA1990, PT1990, SS1001, SS1210, SS2101, SS4900, or VA1990. Proficiency credit awards may not exceed more than 25% of the credits in the student’s program of study.

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In addition to the information contained in the “Proficiency Credit” section of the catalog, the Nursing program requires a proficiency examination score of 76.5% or higher to successfully pass. Students may not use proficiency credit for any NU or SCI prefixed course.

TRANSFER CREDIT FROM OTHER INSTITUTIONS

Transfer credit will be considered from an institution of higher education accredited by an agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education or the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA). Course credit will be awarded for courses that are comparable in scope, content, and number of credits to courses offered at Charter College. Courses must be at the 100-level or higher and completed with a grade of “C” or higher or the equivalent. Technical coursework should be current and no older than eight (8) years; general education coursework should be current and no older than fifteen (15) years. Course Prerequisites and course sequencing must be observed to ensure appropriate skill development. A student will not be granted partial credit for a course; however, similar courses may be combined to allow for full credit transfer. If a student has a sequence or combination of courses that are worth fewer credits, those courses may be combined and granted for one (1) course. If the course being evaluated does not match the content of the Charter College course, credit will not be awarded. Students may not receive transfer credit for a course they have attended.

Students may not use Transfer Credit for AH1400, SS1001, and SS1210.

When evaluating transfer credit from other institutions, it may be necessary to convert the transfer credits to either semester credits or quarter credits, depending on the credit hour system of the Charter College program. When converting quarter credits to semester credits, the quarter credits are divided by one-and-a-half (1.5). When converting semester credits to quarter credits, the semester credits are multiplied by one-and-a-half (1.5).

Charter College may accept credits earned at another institution that is not located in the United States or its territories if the specific foreign education is evaluated by an agency which attests to the qualitative and quantitative equivalency of the foreign education and the specific course or courses for which transfer credit is to be awarded. Charter College will use the credential evaluation services of an agency that has published standards for membership, affiliations to national international higher education associations, and are frequently linked to and used by federal agencies, state agencies, educational institutions, and employers. These agencies include the National Association of Credential Evaluation Services (NACES) and the Association of International Credential Evaluators, Inc. (AICE).

To obtain transfer credit, the Charter College Registrar's Office must receive an official transcript directly from the other institution by one of the following methods:

1. Secured E-transcript: transcripts@chartercollege.edu
2. Mail: Charter College
ATTN: Registrar's Office
750 Sandhill Rd, Suite 100
Reno, NV 89521

If a student is unable to have their official transcripts delivered from the previous institution(s) directly to the Registrar's Office, the student may hand deliver a sealed official transcript *addressed to Charter College* to their Campus Manager. Transcripts marked "issued to student" will not be accepted. The transcript will be reviewed by the Education Department. A student may be required to produce a catalog, course description or other supporting documentation.

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In addition to the information contained in the "Transfer of Course Credit from Other Institutions" section of the catalog, the Nursing program requires the following criteria be met when evaluating transfer credits:

1. Transfer credit will be considered for non-science, general education courses with a grade of "B" or higher
 - a. This coursework should be current and no older than five (5) years.
2. Transfer credit for previous nursing or science courses will not be accepted.