

Purpose: To help students receive recognition for the knowledge and skills they have gained both inside and outside the classroom.

1. The following are acceptable sources of alternative credit:

- a. **CLEP (College Level Examination Program) and DSST (DANTES Subject Standardized Test)** official transcripts must be sent to the Office of Admissions directly from the Test Service for evaluation. Matriculated students must submit the *Request to Accept Credit from Another Institution* form for approval from the Office of the Registrar prior to taking the CLEP or DSST exam. The student is responsible for any associated fees.

<i>PA College Course</i>	<i>CLEP Exam</i>	<i>Minimum Score</i>	<i>Credits Awarded</i>
MAT 190 Calculus 1	Calculus	60	4
CHE 100 General Chemistry	Chemistry	60	3
MAT 160 College Algebra	College Algebra	60	3
PSY 100 General Psychology	Introductory Psychology	60	3
ENG 100 English Composition	College Composition or College Composition Modular	60	3
ECO 150 Survey of Economics	Principles of Microeconomics & Principles of Macroeconomics	60	3
SOC 100 Introduction to Sociology	Introductory Sociology	60	3
SPA 101 Elementary Spanish	Spanish Language (level 1)	60	3
Other Required Courses	Any exam not listed above requires approval	TBD	TBD
Electives	Any exam not listed above requires approval	50	TBD

- b. **AP Exam (Advanced Placement Exam)** official transcripts must be sent to the Office of the Registrar directly from the Test Service for evaluation to be completed.

<i>PA College Course</i>	<i>AP Exam</i>	<i>Minimum Score</i>	<i>Credits Awarded</i>
CHE 100 General Chemistry	Chemistry	4	3
ECO 150 Survey of Economics	Microeconomics & Macroeconomics	4	3
ENG 100 English Composition	English Language Composition	4	3
MAT 160 College Algebra	Calculus (AB or BC)	3	3
MAT 190 Calculus I	Calculus AB	4	4
MAT 190 Calculus I	Calculus BC	3	4
MAT 260 Statistics	Statistics	4	3
PHY 150 Physics	Physics B (Algebra based)	4	3
PHY 150 Physics	Physics C (Calculus based)	3	3
PSY 100 General Psychology	Psychology	3	3
SPA 101 Elementary Spanish	Spanish Language	3	3
Elective	Any exam not listed above	3	3

- c. **Excelsior College Examinations:** Credit may be granted for the following general education courses through the Excelsior College Examinations. Official transcripts must be sent to the Office of Admissions directly from Excelsior for evaluation. Matriculated students must submit the *Request to Accept Credit from Another Institution* form prior to taking the exam. The student is responsible for any associated fees.

<i>PA College Course</i>	<i>Dept.</i>	<i>#</i>	<i>Excelsior College Examinations Title</i>	<i>Minimum Grade</i>	<i>Credits Awarded</i>
BIO 175 & 176	BIOX	210	Anatomy & Physiology	C (Note: Student must already have A&P course on transcript successfully completed greater than 10 years prior to enrollment)	8
BIO 185	BIOX	220	Microbiology	C (Note: Student must already have a Microbiology course successfully completed greater than 5 years prior to enrollment)	3
PHY 150	PHYX	140	Physics	C	3
PSY 100	PSYX	101	Introduction to Psychology	C	3
Elective	Any exam not listed requires approval			C	3

- d. **Acceptance of Credits Outside of Current Time Limits:** Students may request that courses taken outside the current time limits be considered for acceptance if there is evidence of recent work experience within the concentration. Faculty in the discipline will determine if the work experience satisfies the requirement. Examples of evidence that will be considered include the following:

<i>Course</i>	<i>Recent Experience</i>
BIO 175/176 Anatomy & Physiology I and II	Teaching biology or related research or graduate degree
BIO 185 Microbiology	Working in a microbiology lab or related research or graduate degree
BIO 250 Nutrition for Life	Working as a dietitian or related research or graduate degree

- e. **Transcript Review:** A transcript review may be requested to look for evidence that a student has the required learning in the absence of a course-to-course transfer. Faculty in the discipline will be consulted as necessary to verify whether the experience satisfies the requirement. Examples of evidence that will be considered include the following:

- Students who have a baccalaureate degree in which the coursework was completed at an institution of higher education in the United States of America will receive credit for ENG 100 English Composition.
- Students who have successfully completed a college math course for which college algebra is the prerequisite will receive credit for MAT 160 College Algebra.
- Students who have a baccalaureate degree with the following majors will be awarded credit in the corresponding course:

<i>Major</i>	<i>Course</i>
Economics	ECO 150 Survey of Economics
English	ENG 202 Advanced Communication or ENG 300 Advanced Composition for Health Care
Psychology	PSY 100 General Psychology
Sociology	SOC 100 Introduction to Sociology SOC 200 Cultural Diversity
Spanish	SPA 101 Elementary Spanish

- f. **Course Challenge:** A student who believes course content has been mastered through previous post-secondary education or practice may request an assessment of prior learning if a CLEP or DSST Exam is not available.
- Students must submit a completed *Request for Course Challenge* form documenting how post-secondary education or practice enables the student to meet the course outcomes. This request form may result in the student being awarded credit outright, being assigned a faculty reviewer to complete a Course Challenge Assessment or being rejected due to lack of equivalent knowledge and experience. A Course Challenge Assessment may be an examination, a paper or any other means to demonstrate equivalent learning deemed appropriate by the assessing faculty member. PA College retains the right to determine which courses may be challenged and the method of assessment.
 - Students must be currently enrolled at PA College to be eligible for a Course Challenge Assessment.
 - The course challenge must be completed prior to the start of the course.
 - A course may only be challenged once.
 - A required grade must be earned as determined by the program.
 - A per credit fee will be assessed for reviewing all College Course Challenge Assessments.
- g. **Alternative Credit for Post Primary Credentials in Imaging:** Students in imaging professions with an active post primary pathway credential will receive alternative credit upon receiving documentation as follows:
- Credentials in Computed Tomography will receive 3 credits as RAD 302 CT Clinical.
 - Credentials in Magnetic Resonance Imaging will receive 3 credits as RAD 312 MRI Clinical.
 - Credentials in Mammography will receive 1 credit as RAD 361 Mammography Clinical.
 - Credentials in Vascular Ultrasound will receive 3 credits as DMS 340 Vascular Sonography.

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2. **Maximum Awarded Alternative Credits:** No more than fifteen undergraduate credits may be earned by alternative credit sources. No more than three graduate credits may be earned by alternative credit sources.

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