

COLLEGE SYSTEM/CAREER CENTER AWARD OF MILITARY CREDIT

As an initial step in the process of developing a uniform statewide plan, all Florida College System institutions and specific career centers were asked the following questions about the processes they currently have in place for awarding military credit:

- What is your process for determining the number of college credits and the course equivalencies to award a student for military experience?
- Which evaluation source is used to assist in making your determination? (ACE Military Guide, Joint Services Transcript, etc.)
- Do you consult with other persons/agencies when making this determination? If so, which persons or agencies are consulted?
- How is the college credit listed on the student's transcript?

Below is a compiled list of similarities and differences between the schools.

SIMILARITIES:

Use of ACE Military Guide

Use of Joint Services Transcript

Review of transcript usually done by a Dean or Department Chair, with faculty member's consultation

DIFFERENCES:

1. College transcript:

*posted as transfer work with JST listed as the source; military course/job # is entered, along with the equivalent that was approved

*posted as CR (credit only), along with the number of credit hours listed on the military transcript for that course

*posted as 'other' credit, similar to Prior Learning Assessment or credit granted from non-credit to credit articulations, may satisfy degree requirements and is included in the student's cumulative earned hours but has no impact on the GPA

*posted as ACE transfer credit

*Treated the same as AP, IB, CLEP, etc—with a grade of "P" and no effect on the overall GPA, though with credit for whatever requirement is satisfied

*Transfer credit, with ACE-JST listed as the institution; "P" grade (interpreted to mean satisfactory level at a C or higher with no GPA impact); grades from CCAF or AU will be honored as granted by the institution (use Transfer Evaluation System via College Source to access course descriptions; evaluated similarly to out-of-state or FL private institution)

*FSWC--"S" grade only; max of 42 semester hrs

2. The evaluation process:

*St. Johns River—process starts with Registrar, who receives request from academic advisor or student; correspondence goes to the dean of the academic area student will be studying; dean reviews transcript and shares recommendations with VP of degree area and then drafts correspondence to Registrar's office outlining what will and/or will not be accepted; Registrar's office sets up the granted courses/credit in the records systems, and then drafts email to student outlining the college's decision

*Santa Fe reviews the transcript for anything that may apply to the student's studies, such as Computer Science, Physics, Communications, etc.; keep a database of those courses approved and not approved for future reference; if course isn't listed, it goes to the dept chair for review

*DSST/DANTES and industry certification gained in the military (not many colleges mentioned industry certification as a viable option); use Guide to the Educational Experiences in the Armed Forces for assistance

*State College of Florida—they must offer a comparable class to grant credit initially, but students can request an appeal of course recommendations that were not granted (done in consultation with Asst Dean; their evaluation is final)

*Valencia College—for AA degree, transfer credits mostly fall into the elective area of program; for AS degree, transfer credits are applied either to a limited number of open electives or in many cases not at all since they are not relevant to course requirements

*Transcript evaluation within 30 calendar days

*Credit can be earned through validated military service training including military service schools: Army/American Council on Educational Registry Transcript System (AARTS), Defense Language Institute (DLI), Sailor/Marine/Ace Registry Transcript System (SMARTS), and United States Armed Forces Institute (USAFI).

*Hillsborough Community College--DoD Memorandum of Compliance

*Orange Tech College--Prior Credit Evaluation Form

*FSWC--Only those courses noted on the transcript with “L” (lower) or “U” (upper) levels of credit are considered for credit. (V, vocational; G, graduate are not considered.)

*Associate of Science Elective (ASE) credit is granted for all First Aid/CPR courses in Basic/Recruit Training.

*If a student is pursuing an AS (for example, FSW’s EMS, Fire Science, Nursing, Cardiovascular Technology, etc.), and there are multiple military credits that may count toward the student’s electives, evaluators will assign relevant, applicable credit. Often, these are brought in as ASE credit to coincide with FSW’s programs, for example, Nursing, EMS, Fire Science, etc.

*AA degree will be assigned as much credit as possible toward the specialty; however, all other applicable credit may be transferred in as General Education Elective (GEE) credit.

*Many military courses are not able to be transferred since there is nothing relatable to any degree or program that FSW offers.

Every military transcript and student are different and must be reviewed as individuals.

*When a student has many years of military experience and both upper and lower level credits, evaluators will count Basic Training and work toward the most recent time period.