WESTERN NEBRASKA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Western Community College Area Board of Governors' Policy

TITLE: Transfer Credit

DIVISION: Student Services

CATEGORY: Admissions, Registration, and Student Records

REFERENCE: PP-511 Transfer Credit Procedure

Nebraska State Revised Statutes: §85-963

NUMBER: BP-511

APPROVAL/DATE: F. Lynne Klemke, President, WCCA Board of Governors

Date: May 15, 2019

Purpose

To establish a policy, as per statute, to provide general academic transfer programs and accept credit from other colleges or universities within the statewide transfer-of-credit guidelines published by the "Nebraska Transfer Initiative"

Scope

This policy shall pertain to all general academic transfer coursework that is provided by Western Nebraska Community College (WNCC) or accepted by WNCC.

Policy

The College, as per the Nebraska Transfer Initiative, shall provide a common core curriculum in general education for the Associate of Arts and Associate of Science degrees that have been developed and adopted by the six Nebraska Community College Areas. The intention of the common core curriculum initially developed by the Council of Instructional Officers of the Community Colleges in the 1993-1994 academic year; shall be adhered to for the purpose of ensuring consistency, continuity, and quality in the WNCC academic transfer program. All courses are reviewed on a three-year rotation by community college faculty and chief academic officers. The WNCC core curriculum shall be based on:

- A philosophical rationale for the common curriculum;
- General education categories for the common core curriculum; and
- Credit hour requirements for each category.

WNCC shall evaluate all transfer of credit from all colleges and universities to:

- Validate that the coursework is similar and relevant to the coursework within the certificate, diploma or degree that the student is applying for admittance to;
- Review that all transfer credit is at a "C-" or above:

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- Ensure that the content is not outdated or obsolete. Certain courses that are more than ten (10) years old may not be transferable. The Registrar will consult with academic departments as necessary.
- Validate that the coursework was earned at a regionally accredited postsecondary institution. Note: Transfer of Career and Technical Education (CTE) coursework from non-accredited institutions are subject to division approval.

The College President and/or his/her designee(s) shall maintain and publicize procedures to comply with this policy, state statutes, and the Nebraska Transfer Initiative.

Definitions

Nebraska Transfer Initiative: An agreement signed on November 2, 1995, that has led to increased cooperation in the transfer of courses between Nebraska's community colleges and its state four-year institutions.

Revising this Policy

This Board Policy supersedes any prior WNCC policy, procedure, guideline or handbook on this subject matter.

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Schedule for Review:

Divisions/Department Responsible for Review and Update:

Sponsoring Division/Department: Student Services

Repeal Date and Board of Governors' Minutes Item Number:

Cross Reference:

Procedure(s) for Policy: PP-511 Transfer Credit Procedure

Related Policies/References:

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