

# Advanced Standing & Credit for Prior Learning

Students will qualify for and receive advanced standing and credit at FSCC if they have earned credit at another accredited college or university, or if credit has been obtained by one of the sources listed below.

Prior Learning Credits are credits that you receive from Fort Scott Community College for knowledge acquired outside of the traditional classroom setting. Students who have proper documentation for previous learning may be eligible to earn college credit.

Credit for Prior Learning can be used for the following: general education requirements, major/minor requirements, certificate programs, and elective credits.

If you feel you may be qualified to earn college credit for previous learning experiences please send the proper documentation to the Registrar's Office at 2108 S Horton, Fort Scott, KS 66701.

FSCC currently offers credit for prior learning through a variety of methods:

**Advanced Placement (AP) Exam** – FSCC accepts credit earned by successfully completing the AP Examinations provided that the credit does not represent a duplication of credit previously earned. Appropriate credit will be awarded for the successful completion of the subject examinations, provided that the student earned a minimum examination score of 3. No credit will be awarded for scores below a 3. (Exceptions to the minimum score requirements are College Physics I, College Physics II, Art History, Physics C: Electricity & Magnetism, and Physics C: Mechanics which each require a minimum examination score of 4.)

*To request a copy of your score report to be sent to FSCC please go to the following website:*  
<https://www.collegeboard.org>

**College Level Examination Program** – FSCC accepts credit earned by successfully completing the CLEP General Examinations provided that the credit does not represent a duplication of credit previously earned. Appropriate credit will be awarded for the successful completion of the subject examinations, provided that an examination score of 50 or higher is achieved.

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**Advanced Standing for Military Service** – FSCC follows the recommendations of the Office of Educational Credits listed by the American Council of Education (ACE). Advanced standing credits will be given to veterans for formal service school courses on the basis of the recommendations of ACE.

No letter grade is awarded when students receive advanced standing for military educational experience. It is counted as transfer credit without a grade, but is counted toward graduation and may be used to fulfill curriculum requirements.

*To request a copy of your Joint Service Transcript to be sent to FSCC please go to the following website:*

<https://jst.doded.mil>

**Certificate Evaluation** – In some cases, you may show a certificate of successful completion of training in order to earn college credit for a class covering the same material (examples: OSHA Department of Labor Card, NCCER Card, American Heart Association CPR Card, etc...).

*Copies of cards/certificates will be required and also may require validation before being officially accepted.*

**Portfolio Evaluation** – FSCC will evaluate work experience portfolios for college credit. Credit for previous work experience will be evaluated on a case by case basis by the Vice President of Academic Affairs and Registrar, and other members of the faculty or advising department as necessary.

The portfolio will need to include a narrative with detailed documentation of experience, training, education, work history, and any other documentation requested by the institution. Portfolios should be turned in at least 30 days prior to the start of the semester to allow for adequate evaluation time. Supplying a portfolio to the institution does not guarantee that credit will be awarded.

*Please submit your portfolio to the Registrar or Vice President of Academic Affairs Offices*

**\*Special Notes\***

- Students may earn a maximum of 30 hours of credit from prior learning credit.
- All credit earned will receive a grade of “P” for passing.
- Credit obtained at FSCC from prior learning may not transfer to another college or university.
- You may not enroll in a class for which you are applying for prior learning credit.
- Credit cannot be used to repeat classroom credit in which you have received a grade.
- The decision of whether or not to award prior learning credit is final and cannot be appealed.
- A fee may be required to have your credits evaluated.
- Once credits are evaluated and placed on the official transcript they are considered part of the student’s official academic record and cannot be removed.