

4.125 NON-TRADITIONAL CREDIT

POLICY:

In addition to taking classes from Centralia College or transferring credits from other colleges, there are other ways students may be able to apply credits towards their program. These are called non-traditional credits. Non-traditional credits are granted on a case-by-case basis consistent with non-traditional credit requirements established by NWCCU. Students receiving non-traditional credit must meet Centralia Colleges degree requirements. Centralia College will recognize four categories of Credit for Non-Traditional Learning, as follows:

1. Credit by Testing – Commonly accepted higher education equivalency exams that are documented via a transcript or other official record.
2. Prior Experiential Learning – Knowledge and skills acquired through experience alone, evaluated by faculty via evaluation of a compilation of work.
3. Extra-Institutional Learning – Knowledge and skills acquired outside the institution and verified through third-party certifications, industry-recognized testing/training, or crosswalks.
**Refer to Policy 4.121 for the Military Credit Acceptance Policy.*
4. Course Challenges – Challenge examinations are sufficiently comprehensive to determine that the student has the same knowledge and skills as those students who enroll in, and successfully complete, the course. A student should have previous training, private study, work experience, or other bona fide qualifications indicating the student has knowledge or abilities equivalent to course completers.

†Descriptions taken from State Board of Community and Technical Colleges

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