.05 Transfer of Nongeneral Education Program Credit.

A. Transfer to Another Public Institution.

(1) Credit earned at any public institution in the State is transferable to any other public institution if the:

(a) Credit is from a college or university parallel course or program;

(b) Grades in the block of courses transferred average 2.0 or higher; and

(c) Acceptance of the credit is consistent with the policies of the receiving institution governing native students following the same program.

(2) If a native student's "D" grade in a specific course is acceptable in a program, then a "D" earned by a transfer student in the same course at a sending institution is also acceptable in the program. Conversely, if a native student is required to earn a grade of "C" or better in a required course, the transfer student shall also be required to earn a grade of "C" or better to meet the same requirement.

B. Credit earned in or transferred from a community college is limited to:

(1) 1/2 the baccalaureate degree program requirement, but may not be more than 70 semester hours; and

(2) The first 2 years of the undergraduate education experience.

C. Nontraditional Credit.

(1) The assignment of credit for AP, CLEP, or other nationally recognized standardized examination scores presented by transfer students is determined according to the same standards that apply to native students in the receiving institution, and the assignment shall be consistent with the State minimum requirements.

(2) Transfer of credit from the following areas shall be consistent with COMAR 13B.02.02. and shall be evaluated by the receiving institution on a course-by-course basis: ·

(a) Technical courses from career programs;

(b) Course credit awarded through articulation agreements with other segments or agencies; (c) Credit awarded for clinical practice or cooperative education experiences; and

(d) Credit awarded for life and work experiences.

(3) The basis for the awarding of the credit shall be indicated on the student's transcript by the receiving institution. The receiving institution shall inform a transfer student of the procedures for validation of course work for which there is no clear equivalency. Examples of validation procedures include ACE recommendation, portfolio assessment, credit through challenge, examination, and satisfactory completion of the next course in sequence in the academic area.

(5) The receiving baccalaureate degree-granting institution shall use validation procedures when a transferring student successfully completes a course at the lower-division level that the receiving institution offers at the upper-division level. The validated credits earned for the course shall be substituted for the upper-division course.

D. Program Articulation.

(1) Recommended transfer programs shall be developed through consultation between the sending and receiving institutions. A recommended transfer program represents an articulation agreement between the two institutions that allows students aspiring to the baccalaureate degree to plan their programs. These programs constitute freshman/sophomore level course work to be taken at the community college in fulfillment of the receiving institution's lower division course work requirement.

(2) Recommended transfer programs/articulation agreements in effect at the time that this regulation takes effect, which conform to this chapter, may be retained. ·

(3) Receiving institutions shall not change the major program’s lower division requirements without renegotiation of the recommended transfer program articulation agreement.