

Proposal for Revised Credit for Prior Learning Policy in COPPS as of 1/23/14

College Online Policy and Procedure System Credit for Prior Learning

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Lane Community College recognizes the validity of granting credit for prior learning, provided the practices for granting credit are carefully monitored and documented by Lane's faculty. This policy is not designed to apply to such practices as College Level Examination Program (CLEP), Advanced Placement, or military credit as evaluated by the American Council on Education (ACE). Credit for prior learning may be offered under the conditions below, consistent with accreditation indicator 2.C.7 of the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities.

1. Credit may be granted only for documented *learning* equivalent to expected learning achievement for courses within Lane's regular course offerings, as described in the current Lane catalog. "Miscellaneous credit" for prior learning will not be awarded. Credit for prior learning may be granted for college-level transfer courses and for courses required in career technical programs, excluding courses numbered 199 (special topics), 299 (advanced topics/trends) and 280 (cooperative education).
2. Total credits for prior learning may constitute up to 25% of the credits needed for a degree.
3. Credit may be granted only upon the recommendation of teaching faculty who are appropriately qualified.
4. Credits awarded for prior learning are to be identified on the student's transcript and noted in the transcript legend.
5. Credit for prior learning may not duplicate other credit awarded to the student in fulfillment of degree or certificate requirements.
6. Lane personnel will make no assurances as to the number of credits to be awarded prior to the completion of the institution's review process.
7. Credits awarded for prior learning may not be used to acquire full-time status or to meet eligibility requirements for any other purpose, such as financial aid, Veteran's Benefits, or required credit minimums for international students on F-1 visas.

This policy and related procedures for awarding prior learning credit are approved by the Office of Academic and Student Affairs, described in the college catalog, and reviewed annually.