Delgado
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

CREDIT FOR PRIOR LEARNING (NON-TRADITIONAL CREDIT)

Delgado Community College may award college credit for knowledge gained through private study and/or work experience. *These credits are typically referred to as prior learning (non-traditional) credits and also include the award of credit for non-credit coursework.*

The types of prior learning (non-traditional) credit available at Delgado are Advanced Placement, College Board Advanced Placement Credit, College Level Examination Program (CLEP), Credit Examinations, Life Experience Assessment Program (LEAP), DSST (DANTES Subject Standardized Tests), Industry-Based Certification Credit, Military Credits, Technical College Credit, Credit for Non-Credit Coursework (through LEAP and/or Credit Examinations), and Prior Learning (Non-Traditional) Credits from Other Institutions.

According to the Louisiana Board of Regents Policy #2.23, Prior Learning Assessment, credit awarded for courses identified on the Statewide Master Course Articulation Matrix via prior learning assessment will be accepted according to course equivalencies on the Matrix. Prior Learning credit that has been evaluated by the College that the student previously attended and posted on the college transcript according to the Louisiana Common Course Catalog, the Statewide Course Articulation Matrix, or other standing tables, will be treated as transfer work.

Specific policies and procedures have been established for the granting of college credit for prior learning (from non-traditional sources):

1. A student must be enrolled in a degree-seeking program beyond the official Census day of enrollment in order to request prior learning (non-traditional) credit. Credits may be requested only for courses that are offered by Delgado.

2. Dual enrollment students are eligible to seek Prior Learning Credits in Advanced Placement, CLEP, Industry-Based Certifications, and College Board Advanced Placement Credit.

3. The prior learning (non-traditional) credit granting process must be requested and completed by the last day of class of the semester in which it has been requested.

4. Semester hours of credit earned through prior learning (non-traditional sources) are assigned a grade of "P." No quality points are earned, and such credit is not added into the student's grade point average. Prior learning (non-traditional) credits are identified on the student's transcript as credit granted through prior learning (non-traditional sources).

5. A maximum of 24 semester credit hours may be awarded from prior learning (non-traditional sources).

6. With the exception of the LPN to RN Transition Program, prior learning (non-traditional) credit cannot be awarded in a course that a student has previously completed or enrolled in at any college (excluding coursework completed before Academic Amnesty is declared for which the student earned a grade of "C" or higher).

7. No more than one-third of credits needed in Required Major Courses (those courses which require a minimum grade of "C") may be obtained from prior learning (non-traditional sources).

8. Students who plan to use credit from prior learning (non-traditional sources) to meet the degree requirements of other institutions should check the requirements of the receiving institution, as this type of credit is often re-evaluated by the receiving institution.

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