

Updates to the ACCJC Transfer of Credit Policy Requirements July 2022 Update

In the final weeks of preparing its petition for recognition from the U.S. Department of Education, ACCJC identified opportunity to strengthen its [Policy on Transfer of Credit](#) in conformity with federal regulations § 602.24(e) and § 668.43(a)(11). As part of its review of institutions for initial accreditation or preaccreditation, or renewal of accreditation, ACCJC is responsible for monitoring an institution's compliance with these regulations, which specify that institutions must publicly disclose transfer of credit policies and that the institution's current transfer of credit policies must address at a minimum:

- (i) Any established criteria the institution uses regarding the transfer of credit earned at another institution and any types of institutions or sources from which the institution will not accept credits;
- (ii) A list of institutions with which the institution has established an articulation agreement; and
- (iii) Written criteria used to evaluate and award credit for prior learning experience including, but not limited to, service in the armed forces, paid or unpaid employment, or other demonstrated competency or learning.

The inclusion of the above criteria in the *Policy on Transfer of Credit* is being proposed for the Commission's first read and adoption in January 2023 in order to strengthen ACCJC's alignment with federal regulations. We are notifying the field now because it is expected the changes will go into effect in January 2023 and institutions preparing for preaccreditation or reaffirmation of accreditation with focused site visits scheduled in spring 2023 will need to be sure that their transfer of credit policies adhere to the revised policy and federal regulations. Further, ACCJC's guides and templates are being revised to ensure that colleges address these policy requirements in their institutional self-evaluations and that peer review teams monitor compliance.