

How Higher Education Institutions and Technology Centers Work Together for Student Success

Community colleges and universities that offer technical college certificates and/or technical degrees may award college credit for courses taught at technology centers in three ways:

1

Contractual Arrangements

(See State Regents Policy 3.6 Contractual Arrangements Between Higher Education Institutions and Other Entities)

Higher Education Institution (Institution) may create a contract with a technology center where the instruction at the technology center is overseen by the college faculty.

Contract is created between the institution and the technology center, including an inventory of contract courses applicable to the technical degree. The contract is submitted to the State Regents for review and approval.

Contracts for up to 25% of degree requirements must have Higher Learning Commission (HLC) notification. Contracts for 25-50% of degree requirements must have HLC review and approval which could include a site visit.

At the successful completion of the contractual technical course(s) at the technology center, the course reflected on the transcript by the institution as resident credit at the end of the term earned.

2

Prior Learning Assessments

(See State Regents Policy 3.16 Credit for Prior Learning)

Students complete all instruction at the technology center and then pass an approved prior learning assessment (PLA) listed on the Statewide PLA Technical Inventory for college credit towards requirements for an institution's technical degree.

The institution and the technology center determine appropriate technical assessments and the institution sends them for review and approval for listing on the Statewide PLA Technical Inventory. The State Regents manage the review of assessments for inclusion on the inventory.

HLC requires 25% of degree requirements to come from resident credit earned at the awarding institution.

Documentation of successful PLA is required to transcript as college credit. PLA is awarded after students have earned 12 resident credit hours at the awarding institution. PLA work is not resident credit.

3

Transfer Credit

(See State Regents Policy 3.11 Undergraduate Transfer and Articulation)

HLC requires institutions to have a clear policy on transfer credit. The State Regents policy provides guidelines for institutional policy development.

The institution and the technology center determine appropriate technology center course(s) that meet the requirements and the institution sends them for review and approval for listing on the Statewide Technical Course Articulation Matrix. The State Regents manage a review of technical courses for inclusion on the matrix.

HLC requires 25% of degree requirements to come from resident credit earned at the awarding institution.

Student completes all instruction at the technology center and then courses approved on the Statewide Technical Course Articulation Matrix may be transferred to meet technical degree major requirements or technical degree major electives. No general elective credit is allowed.

At the completion of the technology center course(s), the technology center issues an official transcript that includes the elements detailed in the transcript guidance document. Following successful admission to the institution, the technology center transcript is reviewed at the institution for application of non-resident credit to technical degree major requirements or technical degree major electives.