

Prior Learning Assessment through Minnesota State Colleges and Universities in the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area

Prior learning assessment programs, also called competence based education or credit for prior learning programs, award college credit for college level learning which has come from outside the traditional classroom, that is, from work and life experience. Programs may be quite formal and based on principles of best practice as described by the Council for Adult and Experiential Education (CAEL), or may be less formal, established within individual departments of a college which have set down guidelines for the evaluation of students who come with learning from prior experience in a particular subject or activity. The following metropolitan area member colleges of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities make provision for credit from the assessment or evaluation of prior learning as noted below. These assessment activities are in addition to credit that the institution may accept through AP, IB, CLEP, DANTES/DSST, ACE, PONSI, or other sources, or through departmental challenge examinations.

Credits awarded through these programs are accepted by many other colleges, not only in the Twin Cities' metropolitan area, but across the country as well. However, it is important for those planning to transfer to another institution to determine acceptance policy, which may differ even among institutions which accept assessed credit. Four-year colleges and universities which have campuses in the metro area and which have policies for acceptance of these credits include: Augsburg College, Bethel University, Capella University, Cardinal Stritch University, Concordia University, Crown College, Metropolitan State University, St. Mary's University of Minnesota, University of Minnesota, and the University of Phoenix. Campuses of these institutions located outside of the metropolitan area may have acceptance policies which vary.

	ARCC	CC	DCTC	HTC	IHCC	MSU	NCC	NHCC	SPC
The college has a formal prior learning assessment program which includes some or all of these components: a preparatory class, portfolio or assessment packet review, interview with faculty evaluator, etc.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
The college equates assessed credit to specific catalog courses (may include topics courses**), rather than awarding a block of elective credit.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y**	Y	Y	Y
The college accepts evaluated credit from other institutions.	Y*	Y	Y	Y	Y*	Y	Y*	Y	N
The college offers an individualized studies degree program which gives students the opportunity to relate degree outcomes to learning which has come from life experience.	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N

*Depending on how it is shown on the transcript

Web links and contact persons for area prior learning assessment programs offered by the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities System Twin Cities' campuses

Anoka Ramsey Community College (ARCC)

11200 Mississippi Boulevard Northwest

Coon Rapids, MN 55433

Shirley Andreason 763-433-1406 shirley.andreason@anokaramsey.edu

Web link: www.anokaramsey.edu/Academics/c.be.cfm

Century College (CC)

3300 Century Avenue North

White Bear Lake, MN 55110

Nancy Wray 651-779-3289 n.wray@century.mnscu.edu

Web link: www.century.edu/cbe/default.aspx

Dakota County Technical College (DCTC)

1300 145th Street East

Rosemount, MN 55068

Scott Gunderson 651-423-8295 scott.gunderson@dctc.edu

Web link: www.dctc.mnscu.edu/programs/smgmt.htm

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Hennepin Technical College (HTC)

9000 Brooklyn Boulevard

Brooklyn Park, MN 55445

Gini Beran 763-488-2412 gini.beran@hennepintech.edu

Hennepin Technical College (HTC)

13100 College View Drive

Eden Prairie, MN 55347

Rick Boehm 763-995-1458 rick.boehm@hennepintech.edu

Web link:

Inver Hills Community College (IHCC)

2500 East 80th Street

Inver Grove Heights, MN 55076

Martha Kudak 651-450-8527 mkudak@inverhills.edu

Web link: www.inverhills.edu/asap

Metropolitan State University (MSU)

700 East 7th Street

St. Paul, MN 55106

Susan Rydell 651-793-1335 susan.rydell@metrostate.edu

Daniel Abebe 651-793-1777 daniel.abebe@metrostate.edu

Web link: www.metrostate.edu/catalog/catalog/pdf/creativeLearning.pdf

Early Childhood professionals interested in getting credit for what they know may contact

Charlotte Nitardy 651 793-1358 Charlotte.Nitardy@metrostate.edu

or go to the **web link** www.metrostate.edu/ecap to learn how the ECAP program offers low cost college credits for child care providers and teachers.

Normandale Community College (NCC)

9700 France Avenue South

Bloomington, MN 55431

Dennis Peterson 952-487-8262 dennis.peterson@normandale.edu

Web link: www.normandale.edu/academics/?dept+34

North Hennepin Community College (NHCC)

7411 85th Avenue North

Brooklyn Park, MN 55455

Jaime Schuster Simonsen 763-424-0730 jaime.schuster@nhcc.edu

Web links: www.nhcc.edu/cpl

www.nhcc.edu/indstudies

Saint Paul College - A Community & Technical College (SPC)

235 Marshall Avenue

Saint Paul, MN 55102

Kat Wesley, 651.846.1317 kat.wesley@saintpaul.edu

Web link: www.saintpaul.edu/catalog/courses/cscrc.aspx

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