

CREDIT FOR PRIOR LEARNING

Southwestern College awards course credit to students who petition for credit based on a prior learning experience or for satisfactorily passing an assessment deemed equivalent to course objectives, course content, and course student learning outcomes by the discipline faculty. This process is referred to as Credit for Prior Learning. Students are not charged a fee to earn credit for a course through credit for prior learning.

Assessment methods approved for Credit for Prior Learning include the following:

- Credit by Examination (<http://catalog.swccd.edu/certificates-certifications-degrees-csuuc-requirements/alternative-methods-course-credit/cpl/credit-by-exam/>)
- High School / Adult School Articulation (<http://catalog.swccd.edu/certificates-certifications-degrees-csuuc-requirements/alternative-methods-course-credit/cpl/highschoolarticulation/>)
- External Exam Credit (AP, IB, CLEP, DANTES) (<http://catalog.swccd.edu/certificates-certifications-degrees-csuuc-requirements/alternative-methods-course-credit/cpl/external-exams/>)
- Industry Recognized Certification or Licensure (<http://catalog.swccd.edu/certificates-certifications-degrees-csuuc-requirements/alternative-methods-course-credit/cpl/industry/>)
- Prior Military Experience (<http://catalog.swccd.edu/certificates-certifications-degrees-csuuc-requirements/alternative-methods-course-credit/cpl/military/>)
- Student-Created Portfolio (<http://catalog.swccd.edu/certificates-certifications-degrees-csuuc-requirements/alternative-methods-course-credit/cpl/portfolio/>)
- Noncredit to Credit Course Articulation (<http://catalog.swccd.edu/certificates-certifications-degrees-csuuc-requirements/alternative-methods-course-credit/cpl/noncredit2credit-articulation/>)

ELIGIBILITY

Students who wish to receive credit for a course through the Credit for Prior Learning process must petition using the SWC Student Petition for Credit for Prior Learning available on the college website. To be eligible to be awarded credit for a course through an evaluation of prior learning, the following requirements must be met:

- For all CPL methods the student must be in good academic standing, defined as having a minimum cumulative 2.0 GPA in the College District.
- For Credit by Exam, the student must not be on academic probation.
- The student must have an academic history with the College District (previously earned credit or noncredit from the College District) or be admitted to the College District.
- Current students must have a student education plan (SEP) on file; however the course(s) a student petitions to earn credit for is not required to be on their SEP.
- The course is listed in the current Southwestern College Catalog at the time of the student petition.
- The student is not currently enrolled in the course they have petitioned for credit.
- The student is not currently enrolled in nor received credit for a more advanced course in the same discipline. This criterion may be waived by the cognizant department.
- The student meets criteria established in the terms of an approved High School / Adult School Articulation Agreement or the a credit

for prior learning assessment approved by the SWC Curriculum Committee.

LIMITATIONS FOR CPL CREDIT APPLICABILITY

- Credits acquired by CPL are not applicable to meeting unit load requirements of Selective Service deferment, veterans benefits, CalWORKs, EOPS (and other special programs) or Social Security benefits.
- Credits acquired by CPL shall not be counted in determining the 12 semester hours of credit in residence required for an associate degree.
- Credit awarded through CPL may not be used to remove a substandard grade previously received in the same course.
- Credit awarded through CPL may not be used in determining financial aid eligibility, as required by law. Any credits awarded through CPL will be counted toward the maximum unit count under the Financial Aid Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy.
- Credit awarded through CPL does not establish or confirm catalog rights or make a student eligible for continuous enrollment status.
- Credit acquired through CPL, including AP credit, may not be eligible for use to meet admissions and degree requirements for some programs requiring special admissions, such as nursing, dental hygiene, medical laboratory technology, and others, because of state licensing requirements, grade requirements, or other program considerations.
- Credit granted by the College District may or may not transfer to other institutions. Students should be advised that the final determination of transfer of credit rests with the receiving institution. High School and Adult School Articulation Agreements must include language that informs students and parents that universities have the discretion to accept or deny any credits awarded under a High School and Adult School Articulation Agreement.
- Southwestern College grants credit for satisfactory completion of external examinations typically recognized by colleges and universities as measuring competencies comparable to those achieved in baccalaureate-level courses or general education areas. The College District allows the award of credit when the faculty and articulation officer have determined an external exam is equivalent to one or more courses or to fulfill a general education area requirement for the associates. Where no direct course or general education area matches an external exam, the College District may award elective credit.
- Credit awarded on the basis of an external exam is not calculated in the student's grade point average.

(Title 5 Section 55002, 55021, 55023 55025, 55050, 55051, 55052, AP 4235 - Credit for Prior Learning (<https://swccd.diligent.community/home/policies/policydoc/ed861755-cbb9-41eb-be7a-c9b9be804aa2/>))

The courses below are eligible for Credit for Prior Learning, and students may petition to earn units. Contact the Credit for Prior Learning faculty lead, the discipline department chair, or the school for more information. For a complete list of courses available to earn credit by external examination (AP/IB/CLEP/DANTES) review the SWC Catalog External Exams Credit (<http://catalog.swccd.edu/certificates-certifications-degrees-csuuc-requirements/alternative-methods-course-credit/cpl/external-exams/#text>) page.

Course	Course Title	Assessment Methods	Additional Info				
ADN 112L	Foundations of Nursing Practice Lab	Credit by Examination; Student Portfolio; or Prior Military Experience	ACE ID Number: NV-0703-0008 or NER-HM-006 AND NV-0709-0019	CIS 121B	Word Processing	High School / Adult School Articulation	Sweetwater UHSD
ADN 221	Adult Nursing	Prior Military Experience	ACE Exhibit Number: NV-0709-0019	CIS 122B	Spreadsheet: Software	High School / Adult School Articulation	Sweetwater UHSD
ADN 221L	Adult Nursing Laboratory	Prior Military Experience	Occupation Exhibit: NER-HM-006 Hospital Corpsman; Independent Duty Corpsman	CIS 125	Animation I - Motion Graphics	High School / Adult School Articulation	Sweetwater UHSD; Coronado USD
ART 159	Graphic Design - Layout	High School / Adult School Articulation	Sweetwater UHSD, Coronado USD	CIS 126	Animation 2- Coding	High School / Adult School Articulation	Coronado USD
ART 197	Professional Practices and Portfolio Development for Visual Arts	High School / Adult School Articulation	Coronado USD	CIS 129	Multimedia Presentations - PowerPoint	High School / Adult School Articulation	Sweetwater UHSD
ART 205	Beginning Digital Photography	High School / Adult School Articulation	Coronado USD	CL 120	Computer Literacy	High School / Adult School Articulation	Sweetwater UHSD
AT 102	Automotive Science and Basic Mechanics	High School / Adult School Articulation	Sweetwater UHSD	CNA 20	Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA)	High School / Adult School Articulation	Sweetwater Adult Schools
AT 109	Automotive Braking Systems	High School / Adult School Articulation	Sweetwater UHSD	CNA 20L	Certified Nursing Assistant Lab	High School / Adult School Articulation	Sweetwater Adult Schools
AT 110	Automotive Suspension, Alignment, and Steering	High School / Adult School Articulation	Sweetwater UHSD	DANC 109	Modern Dance I	High School / Adult School Articulation	Coronado USD
BUS 126	Supply Chain Logistics Technology	High School / Adult School Articulation	Sweetwater UHSD	DANC 113	Ballet I	High School / Adult School Articulation	Coronado USD
BUS 173	Transportation Management	High School / Adult School Articulation	Sweetwater UHSD	DANC 121	Dance Choreography I	High School / Adult School Articulation	Coronado USD
BUS 200A	Microsoft Word: Beginning	High School / Adult School Articulation	Sweetwater UHSD	EHMT 230	Safety and Emergency Response	Industry Certification or Licensure	OSHA 40-Hour Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Responder
CA 170	Fundamentals of Professional Cooking Techniques	High School / Adult School Articulation	Grossmont Adult Schools	ELEC 260	Microcomputer Systems and A+ Certification	High School / Adult School Articulation	Sweetwater UHSD
CA 181	Food Service, Sanitation, and Nutrition	High School / Adult School Articulation	Sweetwater UHSD; Grossmont Adult Schools	ES/A 220	Lifetime Fitness and Weight Management	Prior Military Experience	Students who submit their official Joint Services Transcript to the Veterans Services Office are eligible to receive credit for this course.
CA 182	Fundamentals of Professional Baking and Pastry Techniques	High School / Adult School Articulation	Sweetwater Adult Schools; Grossmont Adult Schools	ES/T 250	Prevention and Care of Athletic Injuries	High School / Adult School Articulation	Sweetwater UHSD; Coronado USD
				FTMA 100	Editing I	High School / Adult School Articulation	Sweetwater UHSD

HLTH 101	Principles of Healthy Living	Prior Military Experience	Per SWC Board Policy No. 5014 and BP No. 4235 All military service members who have completed their initial active duty recruit training and received an honorable discharge will be awarded three college credits applied toward Health Education.
LNT 123	Landscape Maintenance	High School / Adult School Articulation	Grossmont Adult Schools
LNT 124	Landscape Construction	Industry Certification or Licensure ; High School / Adult School Articulation	C-27 - Landscaping Contractor; Grossmont Adult Schools
LNT 146	Plant Propagation	Student Portfolio	
MEDOP 20	Health Care Essentials	High School / Adult School Articulation	Sweetwater UHSD
MEDOP 230	Medical Terminology	High School / Adult School Articulation	Sweetwater UHSD
MEDOP 231	Administrative Medical Assisting Procedures	High School / Adult School Articulation	Sweetwater Adult Schools
MUS 124A	Introduction to Mariachi Performance I	High School / Adult School Articulation	Sweetwater UHSD