The ABCs of Transferring College Credits

If you've considered taking your hard earned associate's degree and applying it towards a bachelor's degree, knowing how schools accept transfer credits could save you time and stress.

Colleges vary greatly in the type of credit they will accept. Some schools will accept transfer credit from other schools—others may not. Schools also vary in their willingness to accept experiential credit, such as skills you may have mastered at work. Credits earned from training or occupations that have been evaluated by either a college or the American Council on Education also may or may not be accepted. As a graduate of a community college, it is important to find a school that will allow you to transfer your associate’s degree credits.

Schools should have the ability to validate the skills you have acquired and award you the credits you have earned. Once again, schools will vary—some will accept all your credits, others may provide more than half, and many schools may not accept any credits. We work with various schools to pre-articulate our programs. This way, you know exactly what programs are accepted and how many credits will be needed to earn your degree, provided you meet the transfer criteria.

At Kaplan University, up to 75 percent of the program credits could be accepted and can come from a combination of prior coursework, credit by examination, or experiential credits. They also award credit to many career and technical programs.* Kaplan University programs are taught online, offering a more convenient way to earn your bachelor’s degree.

You’ve put a lot of work into your degree, and it may take you even farther than you imagined.

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