

TRITON COLLEGE BOARD POLICY

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Students seeking academic credit for courses completed at other institutions or through prior learning assessment must be currently enrolled in a degree or certificate program. Students must adhere to the Triton College residency requirements for graduation with a degree or certificate. To meet the residency requirements, students must complete at least 15 of the-credit hours required to earn a degree or 50% of the credit hours required for a certificate-at Triton College. The following conditions apply:

- Only those credits that are applicable to the student's curriculum at Triton College will be accepted.
- Transfer credit: Academic credit is generally accepted only from institutions that are accredited by one of the regional accrediting associations approved by the Council on Higher Education Accreditation.
- College Level Examination Program (CLEP): Triton College follows the guidelines of the Illinois Community College Board in accepting credit from the general *CLEP* examinations. Students may earn up to 30 hours of credit through such examinations.
- Dantes Subject Standardized Test (DSST): The College follows the recommendation of the American Council on Education in granting academic credit for each successful completion of each DSST. Students may earn up to 30 credit hours through such examinations.
- Advanced Placement: Students may be granted college credit through successful performance on any of the Advanced Placement Tests of the College Entrance Examination Board.
- International Baccalaureate: Students may be granted college credit through successful performance on any of the International Baccalaureate exams.
- Proficiency Examinations: Academic credit or advanced placement may be granted following either a review of the content of specific courses or proficiency examination in compliance with individual department policies and subject to approval by the department chairperson and the appropriate dean.
- Portfolio Development Program: Students with documented prior life or work experience that demonstrates college level learning and translates into having mastered the content of a Triton course may apply to receive credit through the portfolio development program in accordance with departmental policy.

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- **Military:** The College follows the recommendation of the American Council on Education in granting four semester hours of undergraduate credit in physical education and two semester hours of credit for health for education received in Basic Training. In addition, courses completed in training may also be accepted for college credit.
- **Sports participation:** Two semester hours of credit may be granted in physical education to students for approved sports participation on college teams. Students must register for a class that corresponds to the varsity sport to receive credit. Credits for such sports participation may be only granted once for a given sport.

Other prior learning credit options may be considered. Students are responsible for submitting petitions requesting the granting of such credit and all required documentation to the Records Office. Credit awarded in this manner will be added to the semester hours earned but not the semester hours attempted or the grade points. Students may be allowed to apply prior learning assessment through credit-by-examination or portfolio development for a maximum of 50% of the required credit hours for degree or certificate completion.

Acceptance of all prior learning assessment credits are subject to departmental approval. Triton College cannot guarantee that credits awarded through prior learning assessment will be accepted by another institution.