

Policy Title: Recognition of Previous Learning

Parent Policy: None

Policy Administrator: Registrar

Approving Body: University Senate

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Purpose:

Trinity Western University values learning and seeks to provide appropriate recognition of learning that will promote student success in its programs and overall curriculum.

Scope of this Policy: Undergraduate, Graduate, and Seminary.

Policy Statement: Trinity Western University provides formal recognition of learning where such learning is determined to be requisite or equivalent and/or applicable to University courses/programs. This formal recognition may take the form of

- granting admission to programs
- waiving of program requirements
- academic credit.

Definitions:

Credit transfer consists of the granting of credit by one institution for equivalent courses completed at another institution. It requires the recognition of credit taken at the host institution and the acceptance of that credit at the receiving institution. Once transfer credit is granted, the course is accepted in lieu of an internal course and can be applied in the same way as the internal course to fulfill general or specific credential requirements. A block of credit may be transferred when it is simpler to do than course-for-course transfer. Course and program equivalencies that have been articulated (i.e. assessed for equivalence and awarded credit through a formal inter-institutional request process) are recorded as transfer agreements in the BC Transfer Guide. Non-articulated courses are assessed and credit is awarded on a case-by-case basis.

Credential recognition involves assessing a credential such as a certificate, diploma, or other similar formal document that may or may not have academic credit included in it, and determining whether it may be requisite or equivalent to a TWU program or requirement. Examples include a high school diploma that is requisite to admission to an undergraduate program; an Associate of Arts degree that is requisite to the Adult Degree Completion Program; or a Law degree that is both requisite to an MBA program and may also allow the student to be waived from a business law course requirement in that program.

Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition is a recognized process by which students may complete a portfolio of learning through which they may challenge particular courses and be given credit for their documented learning.

Child Policies: Admission policies (too numerous to mention); Transfer Credit policies (UAC, too numerous to mention); PLA policy (TEAC, Motion #2009-10);

Monitoring Data: Included within child policies.