



What is CPL?

Credit for Prior Learning



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Umbrella Term

More expansive regulation and revised [AP 4235](#) in 2020-21.

Slight revision proposed in 2025.

CPL Includes (the easy stuff):

- Credit by exam

- HS Articulation (a specific form of credit by exam)

- AP/IB/CLEP exam scores

- Military Joint Service Transcripts

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CPL also includes more complex methods,

Faculty determine eligibility for an (automatic) A&R process:

- Eligible industry credentials/certifications

- Eligible industry exams

- Any student coming in with these knows they are eligible

- No faculty review is necessary–faculty have already identified

Most Difficult Type

Non Automatic Certifications

Student arrives with a certification that isn't already on our books

Faculty review the competencies of the certification against course competencies. Certification could be added to the list of standard industry certifications.

Portfolio Review

Faculty review portfolios submitted by students

Portfolio is assessed against standards based on COR

How would it work?

Students get credit on their transcript (noted that it is CPL)

One or more courses

Based on equivalence of outcomes between CPL and course outline(s)

Can be predetermined or “pre-approved” and done through A&R systems

HS articulation, AP tests, known industry certifications, military transcripts

If a course is ineligible for CPL it is documented in the COR

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Step 1: Faculty awareness

Step 2: Identify courses eligible for each type (faculty through curriculum process)

Step 3: Develop processes for the more complicated types of CPL
(Involves Curriculum Committee and affected faculty)