

POLICY NAME:	706.01: Credit Awarded Through Non-Traditional Means: General
EFFECTIVE:	04-24-08
SUPERSEDES:	706.01 issued 03-24-05; 08-28-03; 03-26-98; 01-13-94; 07-31-86
SOURCE:	State Board of Education Resolution
CROSS REFERENCE:	715.01, 715.02

1. College credit may be awarded through nontraditional means (i.e., credit awarded for prior learning from which the skills that comprise courses – terminal objectives – are mastered to an acceptable degree of proficiency).
2. Credit awarded through nontraditional means for academic transfer courses may be awarded by examination, nationally recognized guidelines (AP, CLEP, ACT/PEP, DANTES, Challenge Exams, ACE PONSI/CREDIT, ACE/MILITARY) or through other statewide programs identified by the Department.
3. All System institutions will accept for credit a score of 3 or higher on Advanced Placement subject examinations.
4. Credit awarded through nontraditional means for non-academic transfer courses may be awarded through portfolio review by a prior learning assessment specialist at the college, through statewide articulation agreement for career and technical students or other statewide programs identified by the Department.
5. Not more than 25 percent of total credit required for any program may be awarded through nontraditional means. Credit awarded through nontraditional means is not applicable toward the minimum of 25 percent of semester credit hours that must be completed at the institution granting the degree as referenced in State Board of Education Policy 715.01.
6. Nontraditional credit is not applicable for the 25 percent semester credit hours that must be completed at the institution granting the degree.
7. Guidelines for implementation of this policy shall be established by the Chancellor.