

CREDIT FOR PRIOR LEARNING POLICY

Credit for Prior Learning (CPL) ranges from transfer credit awarded via transcript evaluation, to skills and experience earned outside of the traditional college classroom that merit course substitution. The latter includes work experience, industry certifications, military training, non-credit training, volunteer work, self-study, and other life experiences based upon which students can demonstrate that they have mastered college-level learning outcomes. CPL can be obtained via examination, portfolio assessment, or other evaluation of learning by expert faculty.

TMCC recognizes that CPL empowers students and contributes to increased graduation rates by engaging adult learners, validating prior learning, and accelerating program completion, thus saving students time and money. In alignment with guidance from the American Council on Education (ACE), the Council for Adult and Experiential Learning (CAEL), and the Lumina Foundation, TMCC is committed to helping students make progress toward their educational goals by assessing and awarding CPL.