

# Credit by Non-Traditional Means

In addition to earning credit hours for work that is acceptable toward a degree by traditional means, per Alabama Community College System Board of Trustees Policy–Credit Awarded through Non-traditional Means, general college credit may be awarded through non-traditional 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). Specifically, credit awarded through non-traditional 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 Alabama Community College System. Also, credit awarded through non-traditional means for non-academic transfer courses, such as occupational and technical courses and programs of study, may be awarded through portfolio review by faculty members, program coordinators, through statewide articulation agreement for career and technical students, or other statewide programs identified by the Alabama Community College System. However, not more than 25 percent of total credit required for any program may be awarded through non-traditional means. Also, credit awarded through non-traditional 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 Alabama Community College System Board of Trustees Policy–Graduation Requirements: Degrees.