

EAST CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

The Director of Admissions and Records evaluates and determines academic credit to be granted when transcribed from Joint Services Transcript (JST) or USAF Air University: Community College of the Air Force.

A student can receive credit for a maximum of 30 semester hours of approved military training.

MONITORING ACADEMIC PROGRESS FOR VETERANS OR ELIGIBLE PERSONS RECEIVING EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS UNDER ONE OF THE VARIOUS U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS (VA) PROGRAMS

In accordance with Veterans Administration Regulation 14253 revised DVB Circular 20-75-84 dated August 14, 1975 (VA Regulations and Circular), East Central Community College adheres to the Guidelines for Institutions Enrolling Veterans and Eligible Persons: Standards for Maintaining Adequate Records and Policies for Satisfactory Progress, Previous Education and Training, Conduct, and Attendance.

1. The College maintains a written record of previous education and training.
 - a. Transcripts of college-level education are part of the record.
 - b. The records clearly indicate that appropriate credit has been granted with training periods proportionately shortened and VA so notified.
 - c. The College maintains an official record of previous education and training of the veteran or eligible person which clearly indicates that appropriate credit has been given by the institution for previous education and training, with the length of the degree program shortened proportionately to training.
2. The College maintains adequate records to show progress of each veteran.
 - a. Records show continued pursuit at the rate for which enrolled and progress being made.
 - b. Records include final grades in each subject for each term or semester.
 - c. Accumulative permanent records are maintained to reflect grades in all subjects undertaken.
 - d. Students are not permitted to enroll repeatedly in courses, not attend, and withdraw without penalty. A veteran student may repeat a course in which a passing grade has been achieved only when a higher grade is required as a prerequisite.
 - e. The school records reflect the point in time when educational benefits should be discontinued for unsatisfactory progress, unsatisfactory conduct, and withdrawals.
 - f. The policy includes the grade point average (2.000 on a 4.0 scale) required for graduation.
 - g. Students must meet the college's Academic/Career/Technical Probation and Suspension Policy.
 - h. No veteran student will be considered to have made satisfactory progress when the student fails, receives no credit, or withdraws from all subjects undertaken when enrolled in two or more subjects, except when there are extenuating circumstances.
3. The College enforces a policy relative to standards of conduct and progress.
 - a. Records show withdrawal from any subject to include the last date of attendance.
 - b. Records show re-enrollment in subjects from which there was a withdrawal or course in which no credit was given.
 - c. The College maintains adequate attendance records for veterans

SOPHOMORE STATUS

Before a student can be classified as a sophomore, he/she must have earned a minimum of 30 hours or its equivalent from an approved college.

TESTING SERVICE

East Central Community College participates in the American College Testing (ACT) Program and administers the test on all nationally scheduled testing dates. The national test must be scheduled through www.act.org. The college's Testing Center provides admission and placement testing through the Accuplacer and the ACT Residual. The Accuplacer and ACT Residual must be scheduled through the Testing Center.

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Tests are provided by appointment only. In addition to the ACT, the College administers and utilizes the Accuplacer assessments for placement into English and Mathematics courses as well as The Warrior Path to Success program and certain Career/Technical programs. To contact the Testing Center, call 601-635-6346. For more information regarding the Accuplacer and ACT Residual, see the Student Handbook.

SCHOOL TERMS AND PERIODS

East Central operates on the semester system. There are two regular semesters which begin in August and in January. In addition to the semester system, ECCC offers accelerated sessions called Intensive Terms, typically one-half the length of a semester. During the summer, there is an eight (8) week summer session divided into two four-week terms, and a three-week intersession. The College also offers courses at other times to meet the needs of students.

Laboratory periods are equivalent to two lecture periods. Semester hours of credit are granted on the number of lecture and/or laboratory periods the class meets per week for one regular semester. In general, a semester hour of credit is equal to 750 minutes of instruction.

Classes are also offered off-campus at various locations throughout the five county district.

DISABILITY SUPPORT SERVICES

Students with disabilities must self-identify to receive accommodations and special services. Identification requires a student to register with the Vice President for Student Services (ADA Coordinator) and present appropriate documentation verifying the disability. Self-identification is voluntary. The Vice President for Student Services (ADA Coordinator) will serve students to the extent that their individual needs are made known and reasonable accommodations can be made.

STUDENT RECORDS FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS AND PRIVACY ACT (FERPA)

The College recognizes that the maintenance of student information and educational records is necessary and vital to assist the student's education and development and to provide opportunities for College research and policy formulation. The College recognizes its obligation to exercise discretion in recording and disseminating information about students to insure that their rights of privacy are maintained.

The College will furnish annual notification to students of their right to inspect and review their educational records, the right to request amendment of educational records considered by them to be inaccurate or misleading or that violate privacy or other rights; and of their right to a hearing should the College decline to amend such records. The annual notice will be published. The College utilizes The Guide for Retention and Disposal of Records as published by the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers as the policy for disposal of student records.

The following guidelines have been developed to insure the privacy rights of students. For the purposes of the policy statement a student is defined as an individual who has been admitted and has been in attendance in the College.

Student Access to Records:

Students have the right to be provided a list of the type of educational records maintained by the College which are directly related to the student; the right to inspect and review the contents of these records; the right to obtain copies of these records; the right to a response from the College to reasonable requests for explanation and interpretation of these records; the right to an opportunity for a hearing to challenge the content of these records; and if any material or document in the educational record of a student includes information on more than one student, the right to inspect and review only the part of such material or document as relates to the student.

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Students do not have access to: financial records of their parents; confidential letters and statements of recommendation which were placed in the educational record prior to January 1, 1975, provided such letters or statements were solicited or designated as confidential and are not used for purposes other than those for which they were specifically intended; confidential recommendations, if the student signed a waiver of the right of access, respecting admission, application for employment, and the receipt of an honor or honorary recognition. See 20 U.S.C. §1232g.

Students do not have access to: instructional, supervisory, and administrative personnel records which are not accessible or revealed to any other individual except a substitute; Campus Police records which are maintained apart from educational records, which are used solely for law enforcement purposes, and which are not disclosed to individuals other than law enforcement officials of the same jurisdiction; employment records except when such employment requires that the person be a student; and the Alumni Office records.

Students do not have access to physical or mental health records created by a physician, psychiatrist, psychologist or other recognized professional acting in his or her capacity or to records created in connection with the treatment of the student under these conditions which are not disclosed to anyone other than individuals providing treatment. These records may be reviewed by a physician or appropriate professional of the student's choice. See 20 U.S.C. § 1232g.

Procedures for Access:

Students should contact the appropriate office to inspect and review their records. An office may require that a College official be present when a student inspects and reviews his educational records. Any questions concerning a student's access to records should be directed to the Director of Admissions and Records.

Release of Directory Information:

Directory information may be released by the College without the student's written consent. Directory information consists of the following items: name; local, home, or permanent address; email address; name and addresses of parents or guardian; classification (freshman, sophomore, etc.); major and minor fields of study; dates of attendance; full- or part-time status; degrees, awards and honors, and dates awarded; rank in class; and previous institutions attended. Directory information does not include social security number, PINs, date of birth, and test scores. Participation in recognized activities and sports, weight and height of members of athletic teams, and other similar information is considered directory information. See 20 U.S.C. §1232g.

A student may deny the release of directory information by completing the form "Request to Prevent Disclosure of Directory Information" located in the Director of Admissions and Records office. A former student, one who is not in attendance, must contact the Director of Admissions and Records to deny the release of directory information.

Release of Educational Records:

The College will release a student's educational record(s) upon the student's completion of the form "Authorization to Disclose Academic Information."

The College may release students' educational records to the following without prior written consent:

1. College officials who have a legitimate educational interest in the records. College officials are defined as teachers, administrative personnel and other employees except personnel of the security or law enforcement unit of the College who in the performance of their normal duties require access to student records. If College officials are required in the performance of their duties to review the educational records of a student, this will be considered to be a legitimate educational interest.
2. Officials of another school in which the student intends to enroll upon request of the transfer school.

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3. Government representatives of the Comptroller General of the United States, the Secretary of Education, the U.S. Commissioner of Education, the Director of the National Institute of Education, the Assistant Secretary for Education, State educational authorities, and State officials to whom such information is specifically required to be reported or disclosed by State law adopted prior to November 19, 1974.
4. Appropriate authorities in connection with financial aid with the understanding that only the necessary records will be released.
5. To organizations conducting studies for, or on behalf of, the College or its agencies for the purpose of developing, validating, or administering predictive tests, administering student aid programs, and improving instruction and student life provided that the studies will not permit the personal identification of students and their parents by individuals other than representatives of the organization and provided that the personally identifiable information furnished will be destroyed when no longer needed for the purposes for which the study was conducted.
6. To accrediting organizations to carry out their accrediting functions.
7. To parents of a dependent student as defined in section 152 of the Internal Revenue code of 1986. College officials may release educational records to parents on the basis of written certification from the parent that the student is a dependent as defined under the Code.
8. To comply with a judicial order or lawfully issued subpoena with the understanding that the student will be notified in advance insofar as possible.
9. To appropriate parties to protect the health and safety of the student or other individuals in emergencies with the understanding that only information essential to the emergency situation will be released, that information will only be released to a party who would be in a position to deal with the emergency, and that the student will be notified insofar as possible of the information released, the purpose for the release, and to whom the information was released.
10. No personal information on a student will be released without a statement from the College to the party receiving the information that no third party is to have access to such information without the written consent of the student.

This policy is adopted pursuant to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, as amended (20 U.S.C. §1232g), and is not intended to impose any restrictions or grant any rights not specifically required by this Act.

GRADES

Grades will be electronically submitted through the College's secure portal by the instructors at the midpoint of each semester. Grade reports will be available to the student at the College's secure portal. The mid semester grade is a progress report and is not recorded on the student's permanent record.

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