

### ACCREDITED COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

Warner Pacific evaluates credits from regionally accredited colleges and universities for applicability toward General Education Core, major or elective requirements. In addition, Warner Pacific University evaluates coursework from schools and colleges which are accredited by other agencies, provided the institution is listed in Accredited Institutions of Postsecondary Education, published by the American Council on Education (ACE). No more than 40 semester credits may be accepted from vocational-technical fields of study, and these credits will be considered as electives. Credits from non-regionally accredited institutions will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis for transfer. Courses completed with an earned grade of “C-” or higher, may be evaluated by faculty in the appropriate academic division for General Education Core application. Credits in the field of cosmetology will not be accepted.

Lower division courses taken at four-year institutions and all courses taken at two-year colleges will be counted only as lower-division credit (i.e., 100 or 200 level). Upper division and graduate courses taken at four-year institutions may be used to satisfy upper division (i.e., 300 or 400 level) requirements. In all cases, courses must be transferred from an appropriately accredited institution. A grade of “D” cannot be transferred to satisfy any course in the major or minor. In the transcript evaluation process, quarter credits will be converted to semester credits. The formula used is: 1 quarter credit = .67 semester credit. Credit for college-level work from accredited community, junior or vocational/technical colleges is allowed to a cumulative maximum of 72 semester credits.

### BLOCK TRANSFER

The university accepts the Associate of Arts Transfer Degree from Oregon community colleges and the A.A.-D.T.A. degree from Clark College in Vancouver, Washington as fulfillment of the General Education Core Requirements, with the exception of two core requirements that must be taken in residence at Warner Pacific University: One approved religion course (REL 220 or 320) and one approved humanities course (HUM 310 or 410) (See also “Associate Degrees in Transfer,” page 37.)

In addition, Warner Pacific University honors specific articulated agreements with Chemeketa Community College, Clackamas Community College, Clark College, Everest College, Mt. Hood Community College, Linfield College, Multnomah University, , Pioneer Pacific College, Portland Bible College, Portland Community College, Portland State University, University of Portland and University of Western States. The university maintains a teacher education cooperative agreement with The University of Portland and cross-registration opportunities with members of the Oregon Alliance of Independent Colleges and Universities.

### UNACCREDITED INSTITUTIONS

Credit earned at an unaccredited college or university may be submitted for evaluation at the time of transfer. Credit which has been awarded a grade of “C-” or higher may be transferable upon appropriate faculty evaluation and recommendation, on a course-by-course basis. Credits receiving recommendation are provisionally accepted until the student has satisfactorily completed 15 semester credits at Warner Pacific.

### FOREIGN INSTITUTIONS

Credit earned at a foreign institution may be submitted for evaluation at the time of transfer. If the institution is listed in the ACE-published Accredited Institutions of Postsecondary Education, the credits will be evaluated as the university evaluates similar U.S. institutions. If the institution is not listed in the

ACE guide, the student must provide acceptable documentation of its academic equivalency in the United States. Warner Pacific University advises the use of the following international credential evaluation service:

World Education Services, Inc. (WES)  
P.O. Box 745, Old Chelsea Station, New York, NY 10113-0745  
Telephone: 212-966-6311, Fax: 212-739-6100  
Web: [www.wes.org](http://www.wes.org), Email: [info@wes.org](mailto:info@wes.org)

## **COLLEGE COURSES COMPLETED BEFORE HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION**

College courses taken before a high school diploma is received are accepted in transfer provided the student receives grades of "C-" or above in the courses.

## **ASSOCIATE DEGREES IN TRANSFER**

Warner Pacific accepts the completed Associate of Arts Transfer Degree from Oregon community colleges and the Associate of Arts D.T.A. degree from Clark College in Vancouver, Washington as having fulfilled the General Education Core requirements except as described below. Other accredited college associate degrees are transferable and qualify a student for junior status; these will be evaluated for applicability toward General Education Core, major, or electives. The associate degree being transferred must be completed prior to entry at Warner Pacific. Students enter the university at junior status with a minimum of 60, but no more than 72 semester credits. If coursework in progress at another institution at the time of transfer would complete the associate degree and/or qualify for junior status at the end of that term, the student may request the Registrar in writing to postpone evaluation of the official transcript until the end of the current term, upon receipt of the official transcript. Student must present evidence that coursework is in progress and that satisfactory completion of those courses will result in completion of the Transfer Degree. Any academic advising provided by the university prior to official transcript evaluation is not official and may change based on the official evaluation.

Students with a two-year degree are not exempt from mathematics and English competency requirements of the university as determined by appropriate course work or test scores. Remediation may be necessary if deficiencies are determined. Students with an acceptable transfer degree must complete the following additional General Education Core requirements:

- HUM 310 Faith, Living and Learning (3) or HUM 410 Senior Humanities Seminar (3)
- REL 220 Christian Spiritual Formation (3) or REL 320 Spirituality, Character, and Service (3) (See page 57.)

## **ALTERNATIVE CREDIT**

Several alternative credit programs are available to the Warner Pacific applicant of exceptional ability. Non-graded credits will be limited to a total of 30.

## **Prior Learning Experience**

Prior Learning Experience (PLE) credit will be awarded for liberal arts college-level learning acquired from non-traditional sources, such as work experience, professional training, military training, etc. There are three ways in which students can demonstrate that they have achieved college-level learning through prior experience: a) by successful completion of proficiency examinations. b) by submission of professional certification obtained through non-college instruction. c) by writing papers which document learning that has occurred through life experience. Such credit awards shall be made under protocol designed to ensure that reliable and valid measures of learning outcomes are or have been

applied. All policies and procedures will follow guidelines set by the Council for Adult and Experiential Learning (CAEL) and the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities.

### **Advanced Placement Program of the College Examination Board (AP)**

The Advanced Placement process begins in high school when students of high academic ability, proven achievement and/or ones who are highly motivated enroll in college-level courses offered by their institutions. Warner Pacific grants credit to students who receive qualifying scores. Letter grades will not be assigned. A table of qualifying scores and associated course equivalencies is published in the University catalog.

### **International Baccalaureate (IB)**

Warner Pacific grants credit for the IB Diploma Program. Letter grades will not be assigned. Credit will be granted for scores of “5” or above on higher-level examinations, up to a maximum of 30 semester credits. A score of “4” may grant waiver of certain core requirements or prerequisites. No credit will be granted for standard level examinations.

### **Agency-Sponsored Learning (Military/Certificates)**

A maximum of 30 semester credits may be awarded for some types of military services and certificated courses on the college level as listed in, or comparable to, guidelines provided by the American Council on Education (ACE). No credit is awarded for general military service. Official documentation of course completion is required. (Coursework completed through the Community College of the Air Force is not included in the alternative credit category and is limited, as with other credit earned at two-year institutions, to 72 semester credits.)

### **Credit by Examination**

Students may earn credit by examination through standardized tests (CLEP and DSST) and by tests developed and sponsored by Warner Pacific University as described below.

#### *College Level Examination Program (CLEP)*

Developed and administered by the College Entrance Examination Board, the CLEP evaluates what a person has learned through non-traditional or independent study. Warner Pacific considers the ACE (American Council on Education) recommended guidelines to determine passing scores and number of credits for CLEP exams.

#### *Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Educational Support (DSST)*

Originally developed for the voluntary education programs of the U.S. Armed Forces, the DSST standardized exams are now available for civilian use. The civilian tests are administered by the Chauncey Group International, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Educational Testing Service. Warner Pacific considers the ACE-recommended guidelines to determine passing scores and number of credits awarded for DSST exams. The university is registered as an official DSST test site.

#### *Proficiency Examination*

Students may earn credit for a course by examination. The student must submit a Proficiency Examination form with the signatures of the faculty of the course for which the exam is being taken, and the division/program chair for the course, and pay a Proficiency Examination fee prior to taking the exam. A minimum score of 70% (“C” or better) is required to pass the exam. The fee is due regardless of the outcome of the exam. The Proficiency Examination form is available in the Records Office.