

GET CREDIT FOR WHAT YOU KNOW

Let your past meet your future! Depending on your prior learning, work, or life experiences, you could greatly reduce the number of courses needed to earn your degree or accelerate your path to a degree, saving time and money. Contact the Student Affairs Office, located in the A. K. Christie Complex, (207) 768-2787 to find out if you're eligible for academic credit based on what you already know.

Transfer

- I attended another college before NMCC and earned C's or higher.
- In addition to NMCC, I'm attending classes at another college.

Contact the Registrar's Office at (207) 768-2787 for more information about transferring credit from other colleges.

Proficiency Credit

- I have attended work-related trainings such as computer workshops or interpersonal skills trainings.
- I have taken some exams so that I could get a certification or a license in my field.
- I have earned certifications that keep me up-to-date in my job and have helped me to get promotions.
- I have participated in corporate training programs.
- I am a Registered Apprentice.

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National Exams & Foreign Language Exams

- I have studied on my own by reading and practicing new skills in very specific areas, such as psychology, Spanish, etc.
- I have taken classes and workshops in subject areas such as government, history, or computers.
- I can speak language(s) other than English.
- I do well on tests if given proper preparation.
- There are a few college courses I don't think I need to take because I already know the material.

If you've checked a few of these, a national exam such as CLEP or DSST, or FLATS may be a good option for you. Student Affairs can assist you on how to register for a CLEP or DSST. The college awards credit for examinations based on current American Council on Education (ACE) recommendations.

Military Review

- I took correspondence courses through U.S. Armed Forces Institute, the Community College of the Air Force or Air University.
- I have certifications for trainings I completed while in the military.

If you've selected any of these options, you may already have earned college credit. Request a Joint Services Transcript from <https://jst.doded.mil> for evaluation and contact the Admissions Office at (207) 768-2785.

High School, Tech Centers, Adult Education

- I took Advanced Placement (AP) exams or International Baccalaureate (IB) exams at my high school.
- I participated in Early College for ME at my high school.
- I participated in On-Course classes for college credit.
- I took college courses while I was in high school.
- I took vocational classes at a Tech Center or at my school.
- I participated in a College Transitions course through an Adult Education program.

If you've checked some of these, you may already have earned college credit. For more information, contact the Admissions Office at (207) 768-2785

Challenge Exam

- I am in a degree program and am taking classes, but I am required to take one or two NMCC classes in my major that I could 'test out of' or challenge because I already know the material.
- I do not know which degree I'm going to get, but there are some general education NMCC classes offered that I definitely would not need to take because I already know the material.
- I have looked at the requirements for a specific class and I know I could pass it successfully (C or better) with what I already know.

If you've checked some of these, you may do very well in a Challenge Examination. NOTE: Challenge Exams are only available for courses where a National Exam (such as CLEP or IB) are not available. For more information, check the NM Catalog or speak with your Department Chairperson.

Portfolio Review

- I have worked as a professional in my field for at least three to five years.
- I have learned many different things during my many years of working and involvement in the community.
- I have taught others what I know or coached colleagues.
- I perform as well as other people who have college degrees.
- I have knowledge in my field that is quite extensive in certain areas.

If you've checked several of these, the portfolio option might be a good option for you. Contact your degree program's Department Chairperson for more information.