

### **Credit for Professional Certification**

SWTJC awards advanced placement credit (grade "P" to students who are currently certified in fields for which there is an equivalent technical program curriculum in place. In order for credit to be granted, learning outcomes of the course must directly parallel the competencies designated in the certification process. Described below are the advanced placement course options available to SWTJC students:

1. In the Criminal Justice program, students take up to six courses with curriculum regulated by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and Education (TCOLE). A student already licensed as a Texas Peace Officer, Texas Jail Guard, and/or certified as a Telecommunications Operator may apply for advanced placement credit for the appropriate courses. See Criminal Justice Advanced Placement Policy.
2. In the Vocational Nursing program, students take one course in basic nursing skills based on a curriculum regulated by the State Board of Nursing Examiners. Certified Nurse Aide (CNA) training contains an identical basic skills component. A student already certified as a CNA may apply for advanced placement credit for the basic skills course. See Vocational Nursing Advanced Placement Policy.

### **Transfer of Credit**

Southwest Texas Junior College accepts transfer of college level (or developmental level) course work taken at other institutions accredited by the Southern, Middle State, New England, North Central, Northwest, or Western Association of Colleges and Schools.

- A. Courses are evaluated by course descriptions for content (using the catalogues of attended institutions) and semester-hours given on a transcript.
- B. Quarter-hour credit is evaluated at six-tenths (0.6) of a semester-hour. Credit may be given for meeting Southwest Texas Junior College Core Curriculum requirements, but additional semester-hours may be required to meet degree requirements at Southwest Texas Junior College.
- C. Transcripts from institutions participating in the Texas Common Course Numbering System are evaluated according to their definition of the course content and semester-hour awarded. Credit is given for meeting Southwest Texas Junior College Core Curriculum requirements, but additional semester hours may be required to meet degree requirements of Southwest Texas Junior College.
- D. Transcripts from institutions participating in the Workforce Education Course Manual (WECM) numbering system are evaluated according to their definition of the course content and semester-hour credit given. Additional semester-hours may be required to receive an Associate of Applied Science degree or Level One Certificate from Southwest Texas Junior College.
- E. Courses on transcripts for which Southwest Texas Junior College does not have the equivalent are accepted by Southwest Texas Junior College and may be used when applicable (meets a social-studies, fine arts, etc. requirement) toward a degree from Southwest Texas Junior College.
- F. Students may appeal their transcript evaluation to the Vice-President of Student Services. Course substitution appeals to meet Southwest Texas Junior College's degree requirements are to be made to the Vice-President for Academic Affairs.

### **Catalog Eligibility for Junior College or University Transfers**

A student transferring from an accredited public junior college or university has the same choice of catalog, designating degree requirements that would have been possible if the student's dates of attendance at Southwest Texas Junior College had been the same as the dates of attendance at the other colleges. However, the student's choice of baccalaureate major and receiving institution may affect whether or not transferable coursework may be counted toward a degree.