



NORTHWEST FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE

ARTICULATION OF CAREER ACADEMY COURSES AND INDUSTRY CERTIFICATIONS TO NORTHWEST FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE CURRICULA

JUMP START YOUR COLLEGE CAREER!

"Jump Start a College Career" is the name applied to the Career Pathway and Industry Certification articulation program between Northwest Florida State College, the Okaloosa and Walton School Districts and all students who meet the General Provisions of the agreement; obtain Industry Certifications; and/or complete articulated coursework/competencies. High School and Adult students who have participated in career/technical programs, courses and/or career academies have the opportunity to apply skills acquired through those programs in partial fulfillment of a certificate and/or two-year degree program at NWFSC. Jump Start is especially helpful for students who have completed career academies and other coursework that was part of a dual enrollment program.

If you are ready to begin college, follow these steps.

STEP ONE:

Complete the college admissions process, including submission of official high school transcripts, placement testing and optional orientation. (See <http://www.bearaider.com/> or the latest NWFSC Class Schedule/Program Guide)

STEP TWO:

Make an appointment with an NWFSC advisor.

Career and Technical Education (Choice Academy) students should contact Ms. La'Terica Clark – clarkl10@nwfsc.edu or (850) 729-4956 after completing the admissions process to validate course sequences and industry certifications taken at the High School or Technical Center.

STEP THREE:

Make an appointment with the appropriate program/faculty advisor

- ALLIED HEALTH – DR. MARTY WALKER 729-6400
- ADV. TECHNOLOGY, DRAFTING, ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY, & MANUFACTURING – MR. RAY RICKMAN 729-5218
- BUSINESS, COMPUTER SCIENCE, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – MS. WANJIKU JACKSON 729-5202
- CHILD DEVELOPMENT – DR. INGER MCGEE 729-5341
- CRIMINAL JUSTICE/PUBLIC SAFETY - MR. WILLIAM LOOPER 729-5378
- GRAPHIC DESIGN AND MULTIMEDIA TECHNOLOGY – MR. BEN GILLHAM 729-6019

General Career and Technical Articulation Provisions

The following provisions apply to the articulation of coursework/competencies and Industry Certifications to college credits at Northwest Florida State College:

1. Students must have a standard high school diploma or GED to qualify and be fully admitted to Northwest Florida State College.
2. Only career/technical, postsecondary vocational and selected advanced and professional course credits may be awarded through this plan. College preparatory and general education courses are not available under this plan.
3. Credits granted under this system may be used to meet certificate/degree requirements in any applicable Northwest Florida State College program of study, but Northwest Florida State College will award the certificate or degree only if at least 25% of the core curriculum is completed at Northwest Florida State College.
4. Students must initiate the articulation request.
5. Credits awarded through this articulation plan will not appear on the student's college transcript until he/she has successfully completed at least **fifteen credits** of coursework at Northwest Florida State College.
6. Credits awarded through this plan will appear on the student's college transcript with a grade of "P" (passing) and will not be counted in the computation of the student's GPA, regardless of the grade earned in the high school course and/or the score earned on the certification exam.
7. The award of credits based upon **industry certification** will be made only after receipt of official documentation of the certification via the certifying agency or testing vendor. Students are responsible for requesting this information.
8. The award of credits based upon **high school or technical center coursework requires that the student earn a minimum grade of "C"** in the applicable course(s). In some cases, a higher grade and/or additional verification of skills may be required.
9. Not more than thirty (30) credits will be awarded to an individual student through this articulation plan.
10. Where multiple options exist for the award of college credits, the student must choose among the college courses and cannot receive credit for multiple college courses.
11. Technical elective credits (NGE/OCC designation) may be used to meet certificate, AS degree programs as appropriate, but are generally not transferable and cannot be used to meet AA graduation requirements.
12. Students who receive college credits for courses that are part of a limited access program (e.g. EMT, paramedic, dental assisting, etc.) will not automatically be admitted to the program. Award of such credits does not accelerate or guarantee admission to limited access programs. In such cases, students must meet all the eligibility requirements for the program, as well as go through the full application and selection process for the program. If selected for admission to the program, the courses earned through this articulation will apply to program completion as appropriate.

Note: This document should be used as an articulation guide, as equivalencies, course numbers and program requirements may be updated throughout the year. State articulation rulings and accreditation standards may supersede these guidelines. Final decisions regarding the award of credits and the recording of credits on the student's transcript rest with the Director of Records/Registrar. Other applicable policies associated with transfer credits and external credits appear in the NWFSC Catalog and Students Handbook. To avoid confusion, students should consult with an NWFSC advisor.