

Great Basin College Faculty Senate Academic Standards Committee

Written Committee Report

Online E-Mail Conference: 9 March 2015 – 13 March 2015

Responding: Scott A. Gavorsky (Chair); Mike Elbert; Danny Gonzales; Dale Griffith; Doug Hogan;
Jan King; Scott Nielsen [quorum]
Not Responding: Diane Wrightman

An online e-mail conference was held to discuss the following issues:

1) The Committee received a request from Heather Steel, CTE College Credit Coordinator, to review the new Great Basin College Career and Technical Education (CTE) College Credit program (formerly the Tech Prep Program), which has been revised to bring it into alignment with new NSHE Board of Regents (BoR) policies for CTE College Credit programs, designed in conjunction with the Nevada Board of Education.

The changes are as follows (see attached proposal, pages 2-3):

- The shift to using an “S” (Satisfactory) grade for the transferred credits by all institutions of higher learning. While GBC and other institutions had shifted to awarding grades based on high school grades, the original Tech Prep program had specified the granting of ‘P’ (Pass) for the credit.
- Students would have to maintain a 3.0 GPA across their entire high school program, rather than in each individual course in that program. This requirement mirrors the existing Tech Prep policy of a “B” average being necessary for college credit.
- The new policy contains provisions for a transition period from 2016 through 2017 for the new policies, since some high school students are in the middle of programs.
- The BoR and the Nevada Board of Education have negotiated articulation agreements based on learning outcomes to guide CTE departments in the granting of credits.
- The proposed policy aligns the language in both GBC Policy, section 6.1 Student Services and the Catalog; previous iterations had used different language to describe the same program.

ACTION: The Committee approves the changes as submitted (see attached document).

2) Jan King, working with UNR, informed the Committee that two third-party testing services have been recognized as acceptable for the transfer reporting of student testing:

- The Chauncey Group is accepted by UNR as a recognized administrator of exams.
- DSST Exams have been accepted by UNR, and a series of Exam Content Fact Sheets is available to assess content questions for students seeking to transfer in such credit.

The Committee will schedule future meetings as needed to address new business.

Scott A. Gavorsky, Ph.D.
Chair, Academic Standards Committee

Current GBC Policy under 6.1 Student Services:

4.6 Tech Prep Credit. GBC is a member of the Northeastern Nevada Career Education Partnership (NNCEP). Members of this consortium include Elko, Eureka, Humboldt, Nye, and White Pine County School Districts. High school students in these counties who complete a qualifying Career and Technical Education (CTE) course at their high school with a “B” or better may be eligible for college credit. The high school course must be completed during the junior or senior year and the student must pay a GBC fee to receive their credits. Students who enroll at GBC and pay the New Student Fee are exempt from paying this fee.

Current GBC Catalog Statement (page 18):

Tech Prep Credit Members of the Great Basin College Tech Prep Consortium include: Elko, Eureka, Humboldt, Lander, Nye, White Pine, Washoe, Douglas, and Lyon County School Districts. High School students who complete selected Career and Technical Education (CTE) courses/programs within these counties are eligible to apply for free college credit at Great Basin College. Students must be enrolled in and complete the required CTE course sequences as determined by articulation agreements, be juniors or seniors in the CTE sequence, and receive a B or better in all semesters of the CTE sequence. The student must be accepted as a Great Basin College Student to receive their credits. Students must also pay the \$10.00 New Student fee to receive their GBC transcripts after Tech Prep credit has been awarded. Students who have already paid the New Student Fee are exempt from paying the fee again. By taking advantage of Tech Prep credits, students can save time and money. Tech Prep credits apply towards degrees offered at Great Basin College, other NSHE institutions, and potentially at other out-of-state institutions. The credits earned while in high school will be awarded on a GBC transcript and an A or B grade will be assigned, depending on the grades received in the high school course. Interested high school students may contact their high school counselor, CTE teacher, or the GBC Tech Prep Office at 775.753.2303. Students can see which CTE programs qualify at their high schools and apply for Tech Prep credit online at www.gbcnv.edu/techprep.

Proposal for changing both to the following statement:**Career and Technical Education (CTE) College Credit**

Great Basin College Career and Technical Education (CTE) College Credit, previously known as Tech Prep, provides eligible high school students with the opportunity to earn college credit as prescribed in the Career and Technical Education Articulated Credit Policy Statement between the Nevada State Board of Education/State Board for Career and Technical Education. <http://ctae.nv.gov/>

The CTE College Credit program is currently in a state of transition from the former Tech Prep model.

Students graduating from high school in 2015 and some students graduating from 2016 will be awarded based on the former Tech Prep model: students must be enrolled in and complete the required CTE course sequences as determined by articulation agreements, be high school juniors or seniors in the CTE sequence, and receive a B or better in all semesters of the CTE sequence. The student must be accepted as a Great Basin College Student to receive their credits. The credits earned while in high school will be awarded on a GBC transcript and an A or B grade will be assigned, depending on the grades received in the high school course.

Students graduating from high school in 2017 and beyond, and some students graduating in 2016 will be awarded credit with the new CTE College Credit policy: students must (1) complete the GBC online application for admission; (2) complete the GBC online CTE College Credit application; (3) pass the core course sequence for the CTE program with a grade point average of 3.0 or higher; (5) pass the state end-of-program technical assessment; and (4) pass the Workplace Readiness Skills assessment. The credits earned while in high school will be awarded on a GBC transcript and an S grade will be assigned for students meeting the above eligibility requirements.

Students may apply for CTE College Credit for up to three years after high school graduation.

CTE College Credits apply toward degrees offered at Great Basin College, other NSHE institutions, and potentially at other out-of-state institutions.

Students must pay the one-time \$10.00 non-refundable Application for Admission Fee and a small transcript request fee to receive their transcripts if they do not enroll as a Great Basin College Student, and want to transfer the credits to another institution. Students who have already paid the Application for Admission Fee for previous or current enrollment in GBC courses are exempt from paying the application fee again.

Interested high school students may contact their high school counselor, CTE teacher, or the GBC CTE College Credit Office at 775.753.2303. Students can see which CTE programs qualify at their high schools and apply for CTE College Credit online at www.gbcnv.edu/techprep.