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SUBJECT: Amendment of 1D SBCCC 800.4 - State or Industry Recognized Credentials

On October 15, 2021, the State Board of Community Colleges voted to amend **1D SBCCC 800.4 - State or Industry Recognized Credentials**. The rule currently addresses the Curriculum Course Review Committee’s (CCRC) authority to approve credit for prior learning standards for State or Industry Recognized Credentials. The amendment would add continuing education courses, certifications, and licensures to the courses for which credit for prior learning could be approved.

The adoption will be effective November 1, 2021. The new title will be published on the NC Community College System’s website, www.nccommunitycolleges.edu/sbcccode. For your convenience, a copy of the rule in its final form is attached to this memorandum.



1 **State Board of Community Colleges Code**
2 **Title 1 – COMMUNITY COLLEGES**

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4 **CHAPTER D. EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS**

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6 **SUBCHAPTER 800. CREDIT FOR PRIOR LEARNING**

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8 **1D SBCCC 800.4 State or Industry Recognized Credentials/Continuing Education**
9 **to Curriculum Credit**

- 10 (a) The CCRC, based on recommendations from the CELC, shall have the authority to
11 approve CPL standards for state or industry recognized credentials and continuing
12 education courses, certifications, and licensures that document similar college-level
13 learning as corresponding curriculum courses and, therefore, are eligible for
14 articulated curriculum credit. Prior to approving CPL of industry recognized
15 credentials or continuing education courses, the CCRC shall have written
16 concurrence by two-thirds of colleges.
- 17 (b) At a minimum, colleges shall award CPL for successful completion of state or
18 industry recognized credentials and continuing education courses, certifications, and
19 licensures consistent with the CPL standards approved by the CCRC. A college may
20 award CPL for state or industry recognized credentials and continuing education
21 courses, certifications, and licensures for which statewide articulations have not
22 been established by CCRC consistent with its local CPL policy.
- 23 (c) It is possible that CPL from these sources may not be transferable to UNC System
24 constituent institutions. Furthermore, UNC System constituent institutions may
25 request documentation to determine potential course credit. Therefore, students
26 should consult a UNC System transfer advisor before using this CPL source to attain
27 credit at the NCCCS institution.

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29 *History Note: Authority G.S. 115D-5;*

30 *Eff. [April 1, 2021](#).*

31 *Amended Eff. [November 1, 2021](#).*