



**NORTH CAROLINA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM**

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**TO:** Members of the State Board of Community Colleges  
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**SUBJECT:** Amendment of 1D SBCCC 800.2 - General Provisions

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On January 21, 2022, the State Board of Community Colleges voted to amend **1D SBCCC 800.2 - General Provisions**. This rule ensures consistent academic conventions are used and establishes the minimum standards for colleges awarding credit for prior learning. The amendment adds language that was unintentionally omitted in a prior amendment concerning the transferability of credit for prior learning to UNC System institutions.

**The adoption will be effective February 1, 2022. The new title will be published on the NC Community College System’s website, [www.nccommunitycolleges.edu/sbcccode](http://www.nccommunitycolleges.edu/sbcccode).** For your convenience, a copy of the rule in its final form is attached to this memorandum.



- 1 (f) CPL may be used to fulfill program requirements except for mandatory institutional  
2 requirements. Examples may include, but are not limited to, requirements of  
3 external agencies that specifically prohibited the use of CPL to fulfill the program  
4 requirements.
- 5 (g) CPL cannot be used to satisfy the college's institutional credit requirements, which  
6 prescribes the minimum percentage of credit hours a student must earn through  
7 instruction offered by the institution awarding the credential. No greater than  
8 seventy-five percent (75%) of the credit hours required for graduation from a  
9 curriculum program of study may be earned through CPL.
- 10 (h) Any CPL awarded by a college shall be reflected in the student's records by the  
11 college's Registrar Office without quality points assigned, except for allowances for  
12 graded military credit as described in 1D SBCCC 800.6"
- 13 (i) Course Credit CPL standards approved by the CCRC shall be considered for  
14 transfer to any college in the North Carolina Community College System.
- 15 (j) The local board of trustees shall adopt a policy governing the awarding of CPL. At  
16 a minimum, the local policy shall be consistent with standards established by this  
17 Subchapter. The local policy may include additional opportunities for students to  
18 receive CPL. Each college shall publish its CPL policy in the college's educational  
19 catalog.
- 20 (k) Colleges shall establish a procedure that students must follow to request a prior  
21 learning assessment. This procedure shall be published in the college's  
22 educational catalog.
- 23 (l) To be eligible to receive CPL, students must meet all of the following criteria:  
24 (1) Meet all admission requirements for their program of study.  
25 (2) Be enrolled in a curriculum program to which the credit will directly apply; and  
26 (3) Request a prior learning assessment consistent with the college's CPL  
27 procedures and provide all documentation by the published deadlines.
- 28 (m) Nothing in this rule shall be construed to supersede limitations imposed by an  
29 accreditation, credentialing, licensure, or other external agency on the application  
30 of CPL towards credentials under their purview. In such instances, the college shall  
31 document the applicable limitations in the student's file.

1 (n) It is possible that CPL from (b)(1), (b)(2), (b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7), or (b)(8) may not be  
2 transferable to UNC System constituent institutions. Furthermore, UNC System  
3 SBCC institutions may request documentation to determine potential course credit.  
4 Colleges should encourage students to consult a UNC System transfer advisor  
5 before using these CPL sources to attain credit at a community college institution.

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

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

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

10 *Amended Eff.* [February 1, 2022](#)