

3.4.8

Educational Programs: All:Noncredit to credit

The institution awards academic credit for course work taken on a noncredit basis only when there is documentation that the noncredit course work is equivalent to a designated credit experience.

Judgment

Compliance Partial Compliance Non-Compliance Not Applicable

Narrative

Currently Tennessee Technological University (TTU) awards no credit for noncredit course work. The University has a guideline on "Credit Established by Professional Certificate or Non-Credit Courses" in the Undergraduate Catalog. The guideline states: "Academic credit may be awarded on occasion for professional certification or noncredit courses. Requests for the award of such credit must be submitted to the chairperson of the department in which credit is being sought. As the executor of departmental policy, he or she will evaluate the requests and submit recommendations to accept or reject them to the college dean and Office of Records for final approval"[1][2]. However, TTU has not awarded credit for course work taken on a noncredit basis for the past 10 years.

Conclusion

Even though TTU currently does not award credit for course work taken on a non-credit basis, the University has a guideline in place for requesting the award of such credit if it can be established that the noncredit course work is equivalent to a designated credit experience. TTU is, therefore, in compliance with Comprehensive Standard 3.4.8.

Sources

 [1] 2014_2015 Undergraduate Catalog_Credit

 [2] Policy 261 Academic Credit from Other Institutions