

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN – SUPERIOR

Policy Subject: **Prior Learning and Technical Credit (number AP1305)**
Cabinet Division: **Registrar's Office (Enrollment Management)**
Date Created: 2/19/13 (approved by Faculty Senate)

I. Background and Purpose

- 1.1 Currently UW-Superior has a policy limiting total credits by examination and also has a policy clearly stating that prior learning credits do not apply to the 30 required resident credits. However, we currently have no policy explicitly placing a limit on total prior learning credits. Therefore, UWS does not currently have a clear policy statement that meets this HLC-required Assumed Practice. The members of the UWS Self-Study Steering Committee and the UWS Continuous Improvement and Planning Team request that faculty governance draft and approve a policy that does meet the HLC Assumed Practice.
- 1.2 As the current policy specifically mentions only transfer students, one direct way to address credit for prior learning for all students is to attach it to degree attainment to bring our policy into compliance with the HLC Assumed Practice

II. No constraints

- 2.1 Students are restricted to 48 credits of Prior Learning

III. Definitions

- 1.1 Prior Learning encompasses the following: Credit By Exam, Portfolio and the following standardized exams, AP, IB, DANTES, CLEP, Excelcior

IV. Policy Statements

- 4.1 UW-Superior permits a maximum of 40% of degree credits to be earned through all forms of credit for prior learning.
- 4.2 Students seeking a baccalaureate degree may earn up to 48 semester credits through credit by examination in those courses and disciplines for which credit by examination opportunities are provided or through credits transferred from the military or earned from CPL (Credit for Prior Learning), Portfolio, AP (Advanced Placement), IBD (International Baccalaureate Degree), CLEP (College Level Examination Program) or DANTES (Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support) exams.
- 4.3 Students seeking an associate degree may earn up to 24 semester credits through credit by examination in those courses and disciplines for which credit by examination opportunities are provided or through credits transferred from the military or from Portfolio, CPL, AP, IBD, CLEP or DANTES exams.
- 4.4 Awarding credit for Prior Learning is subject to Department approval.

V. Policy Procedures

- 5.1 Prior learning credit processes are administered by several university offices. The Office of the Registrar monitors compliance with this policy.

VI. Compliance

- 6.1 Approved by: UAAC (1/29/13), Faculty Senate (2/19/13) and Chancellor Wachter (2/22/13)
- 6.2 No consequences.
- 6.3 Faculty, Department Chairs and Enrollment Management staff are aware of this policy change.

VII. Attachments

- 7.1 No attachments