

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
Department of Educational Policy and Community Studies
Broad-Based Transfer Credit Policy for Associate Degree Holders

Rationale

This agreement is designed to help those with an appropriate Associate Degree from an accredited college or university, whether in-state or out-of-state, complete a bachelor's degree in Community Education (CED) in the Department of Educational Policy & Community Studies (hereafter ED POL).

Specifically, under the terms of this agreement, students enrolling in the Community Education BS degree program who have earned an appropriate Associate Degree may receive up to 42 credits of ED POL elective credit (in addition to credit that would be otherwise transferrable) toward the ED POL Community Education degree program. *This agreement only applies to the ED POL CED program.* Credits awarded under this agreement will be removed if the student changes to a different UWM degree program.

Applicable Associate Degrees

Applicable Associate degrees include the Associate of Arts (AA), Associate of Science (AS), and Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree if awarded in an appropriate field of study by an accredited institution from which UWM would ordinarily accept transfer credits. Appropriate fields of study include any of the traditional liberal arts and sciences, as well as many technical or applied science degree programs. Unfamiliar programs will be evaluated on a case by case basis.

Admission Process and Procedure to Determine Transfer of Additional Credits

Students apply to this program by completing the undergraduate application for admission, submitting it and all other required materials to the Department of Enrollment Services (DES) by the appropriate deadline. Specify Community Education (CED) as the intended program of study.

DES staff make the initial admission determination, and assess which credits would normally be accepted for transfer by UWM. Applicable course work that may satisfy UWM's General Education Requirements (GER) will also be reviewed and awarded by DES staff.

Additional, non-transferred credits remaining on the transcript from the student's Associate degree may then be transferred, one-to-one, as ED POL elective credit, up to a maximum of 42 credits, subject to the following limitations:

- Students must have earned at least a grade of 'C' in any additional coursework they wish to transfer.
- Students may not transfer, in total, more credits than are listed on their Associate degree transcript.
- The overall total number of credits that may be transferred from any two- year college program(s) is 72.
- These additional credits can only be used as part of the CED BS program, and may be used for no other purpose than to fulfill the "lower-division electives" category in the CED BS degree program.

Degree Completion

Once a student has been admitted and all transfer credit has been posted to the UWM transcript, ED POL staff will review credit transfer determinations and provide initial degree completion information specifying how the transfer credit will apply to specific degree requirements, and which requirements the student will still need to complete at UWM. This degree completion plan will be sent to the student from ED POL as soon as possible following the initial admission decision.