

Student Policy - Credit for Military Training Programs

Policy:

Bismarck State College may award credit for certain Military Training Programs.

Limits and Regulations:

1. Credits may be awarded only to enrolled BSC students.
 - a. New students must have transcriptable coursework entered on a BSC academic record prior to recording military training credit.
2. The student must provide official, verifiable documentation of successful completion of a military training program (AARTS transcript, SMARTS transcript, ACE Registry transcript). These records must show dates of attendance/completion, site of training, course of program title and training identification numbers, and designation of military branch.
3. The number of credits awarded by Bismarck State College shall be based on a combination of the following:
 - a. The credit awarded for similar course(s) offered at Bismarck State College,
 - b. Credit recommendation as outlined in the "Guide to the Evaluation of Education of Experiences in the Armed Services" (published by the American Council on Education),
 - c. Recommendation of the appropriate College department head.
 - d. Credit awarded for Basic Military Training shall be listed as Enrichment.
4. There shall be no cost to the student for the evaluation and awarding of credit for Military Training.
5. Credits awarded for completion of military training cannot be used to meet Bismarck State College residence requirements.
6. Grades for Military Training course(s) - if accepted for credit - shall be recorded on a "S" successful, "U" unsuccessful basis.
7. Credits awarded for completion of military training may be used as credits towards a BAS degree, an associate degree, diploma or certificate at Bismarck State College.
8. Students should be aware that military training credits accepted by Bismarck State College may be subject to transfer policies of other colleges.
9. If a student has completed a college-level course which is similar to a military training

program (for which that student has been awarded credit) only the college course credits will be recognized and recorded for credit.

10. A maximum of 45 semester hours of non-traditional college credit (i.e., AP, CLEP, DSST, military training, BSC challenge test credit, portfolio development, prior learning, and courses covered under high school articulation agreements) may be applied to an associate's degree, diploma, or certificate at BSC. A maximum of 60 semester hours of non-traditional college credit may be applied to a bachelor of applied science degree at BSC.

Procedure:

1. Student provides legible copies of verifiable documentation (as outlined above) to the Academic Records Office.
2. The Registrar shall evaluate information provided, determine if credits are to be awarded, and the number of credits to be awarded.
3. The Registrar shall notify the student of their findings and recommendations.
4. If the student so requests, the College will record information regarding military training on the student's academic record.

History of This Policy:

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