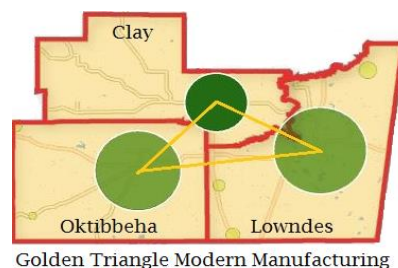


East Mississippi Community College Golden Triangle Modern Manufacturing Project

Prior Learning Assessments- Action 3.3

Develop standard practices to award credit for prior learning and/or non-credit training for the new technician education programs.



EMCC has adapted its existing written policy to administer and award credit for prior learning for the new technician education programs. The policy is stated below:

CHALLENGE EXAMINATION (EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING)

“East Mississippi Community College believes it is important to recognize that learning takes place both inside and outside of a formal classroom setting, especially industry and the military. In order to provide instructional credit for students who have previously mastered outcomes required in a given course, a Challenge Examination Policy has been developed to allow students an opportunity to pass a challenge examination on the subject matter being taught for which prior experiential learning has occurred. Credit awarded for such Challenge Examinations will be posted to a student’s transcript subject to his/her meeting admission requirements and enrolling at the College. The Challenge Examination must be administered by a qualified faculty member or college administrator in accordance with the following:

1. The candidate for the Challenge Examination must be admitted to East Mississippi Community College as a student.
2. The candidate must have discussed his/her interest in taking a Challenge Examination with the appropriate faculty member and demonstrate to that faculty member’s satisfaction that he/she has mastered the subject matter in some prior learning environment.
3. The candidate must complete a Challenge Examination Form.
4. The request must be approved by the instructor and Vice President of Instruction before the examination is given.
5. Challenge examinations shall be comprehensive in scope covering content taught in the entire course.
6. If the course being challenged has a laboratory component, the challenge exam must have a performance component which demonstrates mastery of the skills required in the course.

The total credit that may be earned by challenge examinations for any individual program of study may not exceed 16 semester credit hours. Students may take the challenge examination at a cost of \$25. Challenge examination will be administered on pass-fail basis only. A minimum passing score on any challenge examination will be 80% mastery. The successful completion of the challenge examination will result in the posting of a "P" grade to the candidate's transcript. Unsuccessful completion of the challenge examination will result in the student's receiving no grade of any kind. A student may only challenge a given course one time."-- EMCC 15-16 Catalog, p. 23

In addition to the written policy, any national credentials embedded in a technical course must be met before receiving credit for the course.

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