Credit for Prior Learning (CPL) refers to credit granted by the College for learning gained through learning experiences outside college or university-bearing courses and assessed by academically sound and rigorous methods and processes. Such credit may be granted through various means: direct transfer of courses of equivalent nature (see Transfer of Credit Policy 3120 and Procedure 3120P); CPL external assessments Northland Procedure 3150.1P, CPL internal college assessments (Northland Procedure 3150.2P); and/or military courses and occupations (Northland Procedure 3150.3P). Such credit granted will appear on the transcript and is not considered resident credit. There is no limit on the number of courses of which a student may earn credit for prior learning, except that the student must meet the College residency requirements. Credits earned through credit for prior learning may not transfer to other institutions.

The college’s student services and academic personnel will assess credit for prior learning at the student’s request. It is the student’s responsibility to provide documentation to support his or her request. Students may appeal any decision regarding credits awarded for prior learning through the Transfer of Credit Procedure 3120P – Appeals process.