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GUIDING PRINCIPLE

The New Brunswick Community College, hereinafter called NBCC, recognizes the value of the prior training of its registered students and applicants, as well as that of the prior experiential learning of those wishing to pursue post-secondary education. By offering opportunities for prior learning recognition, NBCC wants to make training more accessible, facilitate access to the job market and increase mobility. Prior learning recognition is also one of the elements of the lifelong learning strategy of the Province. Accordingly, this policy contains information pertaining to recognition of both institutional and experiential learning.

POLICY STATEMENT

NBCC may award equal value to credits obtained for courses, or units of instruction for courses offered by recognized institutions, as long as at least 80% of the learning objectives or competencies match. Otherwise, these components may be recognized as equivalent and the abbreviation EQ (equivalence) will appear on the student's transcript.

NBCC will also award equal value to credits obtained for a group of courses successfully completed at a recognized institution, without the need to carry out a course-by-course assessment (i.e., block transfer).

In the same way, NBCC may award equal value to credits obtained for a single course or unit of instruction, as long as at least 80% of the learning objectives or competencies match.

NBCC may also recognize experiential learning by establishing equivalencies between non-institutional prior learning and available training programs.

NBCC will establish appropriate mechanisms for the transfer of credits, and the

assessment and recognition of prior learning as part of the academic management of training.

Please note: Policies relating to Academic Upgrading and Apprenticeship and Occupational Certification take precedence over this policy.

NBCC will keep copies of supporting documents on file, in particular those used in awarding credits.

Right of Appeal

Individuals using the PLAR service may appeal the decision by submitting a written request to the person responsible for academic services at NBCC within two weeks of having received the results.