

Credit By Exam

Credit for Non-Traditional Learning Brochure

Students in Lakeland's Information Technology & Computer Science (IT&CS) Program often have questions about gaining credit toward a degree or certificate for experiences other than traditional classroom attendance. This brochure provides general information on a variety of ways this may be accomplished.

Lakeland's IT&CS faculty encourages efficiency in academic progress. Where students understand most of the material presented in a course, it is not efficient to require 30-40 hours attendance in the classroom. However, as faculty in an accredited institution of higher education, the primary concern is the effectiveness of the student's education. Awarding credit, then, is the result of confidence that relevant learning has occurred at an appropriate college level.

The IT&CS Department requires at least 50 percent of technical credits required for the AAB degree or the IT&CS certificate to be completed at Lakeland in the traditional format. Any IT&CS credits that are transferred into the IT&CS programs must be reviewed and approved by the IT&CS Department. See the College Catalog for further information.

NOTE:

* The combined credits received through Credit by Examination and Credit by Certification cannot exceed a total of 9 for a degree and 3 for a Certificate. However, you are still responsible for meeting the credit requirements for your degree and for the college. You are highly encouraged to meet with your academic counselor regarding non-traditional credit.

Credit By Certification

Credit by Certification means that the student may receive credit for selected courses because of formal, noncollegiate learning. Lakeland's IT&CS department may award credit for selected courses (equivalent to existing IT&CS courses) when a formal examination has been successfully passed through an outside organization or hardware/software company. These companies include but are not necessarily limited to: Microsoft, and Oracle.

Credit By Experience

The IT&CS Department uses the Credit by Examination option rather than credit by experience, to evaluate the student's skills and theoretical knowledge of the subject.

Credit By Examination

Lakeland's IT&CS Department recognizes prior knowledge and/or experience as a substitute for course work using the Credit by Examination option.

The Credit by Examination option is for those students who, through non-classroom experience, are already familiar with the material in a course. Please be aware that much of the material in a number of the basic courses in the IT&CS program cannot be "experienced." The material may cover theory or technical details that cannot be effectively learned on-the-job. To ensure you are receiving the level of education that stands behind Lakeland's accredited programs, IT&CS faculty follow a structured process for reviewing applications for Credit by Examination.

Before considering applying for Credit by Examination you should:

- Review the course outline. (You can obtain a course outline from the office of the Dean of Business or the IT&CS Department Faculty)

- Review the textbook for the class and see if you are familiar with the contents including concepts and definitions.

If you feel confident that you know the material and are eligible you should apply following the Credit by Examination procedure:

1. Obtain a “Request for Credit/Waiver for Courses” form from the Admissions Office and complete the student information portion of the form.
2. Take the completed form to the Cashier's Office to pay the fee (50% of the cost of the Lake County Tuition for the course).
3. Submit the Request for Credit/Waiver for Courses form and copy of your receipt to the IT&CS Credit by Examination Coordinator.
4. The exam will be given in the Testing Center - during normal hours.
5. You will be notified of your exam grade after you have notified the Credit by Examination Coordinator that you have completed the exam. An 80% average is required.

Credit by Examination is not granted for the following IT&CS courses:

ITCS 2012 Discrete Structures
ITCS 2010 Systems Analysis
ITCS 2080 Fundamentals of Software Engineering
ITCS 2105 Web Programming II
ITCS 2120 JavaScript Programming I
ITCS 2140 CGI Programming I
ITCS 2150 PHP Programming I
ITCS 2170 Introduction to Active Server Pages
ITCS 2190 Internet Specialist Capstone
ITCS 2820 Java Programming II
ITCS 2840 Visual C# .NET Programming II
ITCS 2870 Data Structures I
ITCS 2875 Computer Architecture and Organization
ITDB 2425 Oracle Database Fundamentals II
ITDB 2426 Microsoft SQL Server Maintenance
ITIS 2100 Using Web-Based Collaboration Services
ITIS 2501 Technical Communications Applications
ITIS 2590 User Support Specialist Capstone
ITON 2295 Operating Systems and Networking Capstone

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