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Did you know that you can obtain college credit for learning you have done outside of the classroom? You may have knowledge that you have gained through your work history, life experiences, certifications, or training. SAU Tech offers several methods to help you obtain up to 30 college credit hours or half of a degree by converting that knowledge to college credit and applying it to a degree. Earning credit for your prior learning could greatly reduce the time it will take you to finish an Associate’s degree!

How to Get Credit for Prior Learning

1. **Advanced Placement (AP)** - If you are a high school student who earns satisfactory scores on the College Board’s AP tests, you will receive college credit for those courses.

2. **College Level Examination Program (CLEP)** - CLEP is an opportunity to accelerate your college degree. By earning a qualifying score on any of the 33 available CLEP exams, you can receive college credit for what you know. CLEP exams are free to eligible military personnel.

3. **Credit by Exam** - Credit by exam is a way to earn credit by asking permission to challenge a course before enrolling in the course. Once the request is approved by the vice chancellor for academics, you pay a $15 per credit hour fee and take the exam. If you pass the exam, credit is awarded on your transcript.

4. **Challenge Exam** - Challenge Exams allow you to challenge a course in which you are enrolled within the first four weeks of a semester. If you pass the challenge exam, credit and a letter grade are noted on your transcript as if you completed the whole semester. If you fail the challenge exam, you may continue the course throughout the semester.

5. **Credit for Prior Learning (Portfolio Development)** - Portfolio Development allows you to obtain college credit for skills or knowledge acquired through your work experience, job training, military service, or life experiences. By enrolling in a 1-credit hour portfolio class, you will obtain help with building a document that details your past learning experiences and how they relate to our college course objectives. Your portfolio will include a resume, a written narrative justifying the request, and documentation supporting your request for credit (writing samples, certificates of training, job descriptions, ACE transcripts, etc.).