

ACE COLLEGE CREDITS

Chapter Notes:

ACE provides a course credit recommendation of up to 41 credits toward a college degree. The credit numbers change based on what the student is applying for – if they are applying for an Electrical Engineering degree then up to 41 credits would probably be accepted by the student's college, however, if they were applying for an Art History degree, then far fewer courses would apply. The other fact to keep in mind is that ACE is only making a recommendation as to what they think should be accepted. It is not a guarantee that each individual institution will accept the transfer of 41 credits, although they are almost always accepted, and I have not had an instance where I have heard that they were not all accepted.

Since there is a \$65 cost associated with doing this, the student may want to contact their admissions office first and make sure that they will consider accepting as academic credit, those formal courses and examinations taken outside traditional degree programs. Frankly, most do, once they hear that the recommendation is coming from the American Council on Education.

Once they decide to proceed, they need to supply the chapter with the \$65 check and the chapter fills out the Student Registration – IEC Registry and ACE College Credit Submittal form, verifying their classroom hours, instructor, and grades. Make sure that they have included a personal email address, as that is how ACE will communicate directly with the student. Send the check and the form to us here at the National office, and we will process it with ACE. They usually go through very quickly and the apprentice will hear back within less than two weeks. ACE does not contact us or you, but contacts the student directly. They need to be looking out for this email and will need to activate their account by setting it up once they get the email from ACE – it is not done for them. Please advise them not to go in and try to set up an account with ACE beforehand, as we have found that it will glitch the system on ACE's end. They will get an email back from ACE telling them to go onto their website and set up their account.

IMPORTANT TIP: Tell them to have their admissions office email address and contact person information ready before they sign up, so they can plug that in when setting up their account AND to have the transcript sent directly to that school office. Many schools require that the transcript come directly from the governing body and not be sent in from the student. If they set up their account and don't have the information and thus have it sent to themselves, they will have used up their one free transcript that they get for their \$65 and will have to pay another \$15 for another transcript to be sent directly to the school.

Please email Patrick Merkel at pmerkel@ieci.org at the National office if you have any further questions.