

VALOR Act Academic Credit Evaluation Policy

Consistent with the Massachusetts VALOR Act signed into law on May 31, 2012, Holyoke Community College has established the following policy and process to evaluate a veteran student's military occupation(s), military training, coursework, or experience in order to determine whether academic credit shall be awarded for such experience, training, or coursework.

Credit Evaluation Policy:

HCC will award academic credit for a student's previous military occupation(s), military training, coursework, or experience toward degrees and certificates. The award of academic credit will be determined by a comprehensive evaluation process.

Academic credits earned through evaluation of military occupation, training, experience, or coursework will be applied to the student's transcript and are transferable within the public higher education system in accordance with the Mass Transfer Agreement.

Process:

Prospective or current student veterans should complete the Student Veteran Credit Evaluation Form that is available in the Student Records Office and on the Holyoke Community College website and submit official transcripts and documentation demonstrating prior experience and/or coursework

A variety of methods will be used to determine whether academic credit may be granted including the review of the Joint Services Transcript (JST), the American Council on Education (ACE) Guide to the Evaluation of Educational Experiences in the Armed Services, CLEP, and/or portfolio review. Review for credit is conducted on an individual case-by-case basis.

Contact Information:

Student veterans may contact Eric Farrell, Student Records Coordinator, at 413-552-2185 or efarrell@hcc.edu for guidance on the Valor Act Academic Credit Evaluation Policy.