

## **VALOR Act Academic Credit Evaluation Policy (Final Draft)**

Holyoke Community College complies with the Massachusetts VALOR Act and the Board of Higher Education's regulations regarding academic credit for military experience. The College evaluates prior military training, military occupation(s), coursework and experience to determine whether credit may be applied toward HCC degree and certificate programs. Credits awarded through this evaluation are applied to the student's transcript and are transferable within the Massachusetts public higher education system in accordance with the MassTransfer agreement.

Students seeking credit for military experience must submit official documentation—such as a Joint Services Transcript (JST), Community College of the Air Force (CCAF) transcript, or other service branch records—to the Student Records Office in advance of the start of classes for review and to initiate the credit evaluation process.

HCC utilizes multiple methods to assess military learning for academic credit, including the American Council on Education (ACE) Guide to the Evaluation of Educational Experiences in the Armed Services, CLEP examinations, and portfolio review when applicable. Credit determinations are made on an individual case-by-case basis based on how military learning outcomes align with HCC's existing curriculum and academic standards.

Students with questions about the VALOR Act or the military credit evaluation process should contact the [Student Records Office](#) for assistance.

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