

**UNACCREDITED AND NEWLY ACCREDITED COLLEGES,  
AND NON-TRADITIONAL PROGRAMS**

**I. ACCEPTANCE OF TRANSFER CREDIT AND DEGREES FROM  
UNACCREDITED AND NEWLY ACCREDITED INSTITUTIONS**

A. Credit awarded before institutional accrediting organization approval of a school

Credits posted to a record prior to the institution's formal accreditation are considered to be non-transferable. Only after completion of  
"Petition for Exception to Policy."

B. Degree awarded before accreditation of a school

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A student whose degree was posted prior to the issuing school's formal accreditation is considered to be a graduate of an unaccredited institution and would normally not be admissible to graduate school nor granted post-baccalaureate standing.

C. Newly accredited institutions

Credits awarded after accreditation was granted are acceptable on transfer to Seattle University if the courses fall within the guidelines for transfer work, including "Prior Experiential Learning" restrictions (See section II).

Applications for a second bachelor degree or a graduate degree may be accepted if the student is otherwise admissible, so long as 75% of the credit within the degree was granted by a school which was accredited at the time the credit was awarded. If such a degree is comprised of credit from more than one institution, transcripts from all colleges will be required in order to review grades and specific course work. If less than 75% of a student's coursework has been completed since the school's accreditation, the degree will be viewed in the same light as one from an unaccredited institution, i.e. not sufficient for admission to graduate school nor accepted for second degree status.

D. Institutions which have lost accreditation will be viewed as unaccredited as of the date the accrediting body formally withdraws that accreditation.

E. The direct transfer associate degree agreements with Washington community colleges assume that credit transferred by the community college and used toward the transferable associate degree will have been from an institution accredited at the time courses were taken.

