

School of Education

Policy on Transfer Credits from Unaccredited Institutions

This policy is adapted from the University Undergraduate Catalog.

spu.edu/catalog/undergraduate/20167/admissions/transfer-students/unaccredited-institutions

Rationale

While the absence of accreditation raises questions concerning the nature and quality of an institution's programs, SPU recognizes that institutions may not seek accreditation for a variety of reasons related to mission, sponsoring entity requirements, etc. SPU will, therefore, review credentials from unaccredited institutions at your request.

Requirements

In order for coursework to be reviewed, the institution must meet the following requirements.

- **Is a degree-granting institution** and provides a transcript of academic work.
- **Uses a grading system** to evaluate learning.
- **Is an educational institution officially recognized** by a governmental agency or educational association.

You must include an official transcript and copy of the unaccredited institution's catalog with a written request for review.

Limitations and Conditions for Transferring Credits

If the School of Education determines that an institution's credits are acceptable, specific credits may be transferred with the following limitations and conditions:

- **Only graduate-level academic courses will be transferred.**
- **To be accepted**, a course must have received a grade of C (2.0) or better.
- **The cumulative GPA of transferable courses** must be 2.0 or better (on a 4.0 scale).
- **Courses may only be applied toward** core requirements of a degree program if functionally identical to required SPU courses. Other courses may meet requirements for transfer as elective credits.
- **The maximum number of credits transferred** will not exceed 12 quarter credits.