



412.3 - Credit for Military Training Programs

Purpose:

The purpose of this Operational Procedure is to allow the awarding of credit for certain Military Training Programs.

Procedure:

1. Students must be currently accepted into a degree seeking program to be awarded military training credits.
2. A student must be enrolled in any BSC course during the term for which the request is made in order for military training credits to be posted to the official BSC transcript.
3. Students should be aware that military training credits may not transfer to other colleges. Students should check the intended transfer institution for current transfer information. BSC is not responsible for transferability of military training credits.
4. Student will not be granted military training credit for courses:
 - a. In which they have previously challenged, OR
 - b. In which they are currently enrolled, OR
 - c. In which they were previously enrolled (regardless of grade earned), OR
 - d. In which they have earned transfer credit from any accredited institution, OR
 - e. In which they were enrolled but dropped with record on an official transcript.
5. Academic Records Office determines which credits will transfer as well as how those credits will be applied toward the college's general education and enrichment requirements. Courses accepted for a specific program will be determined by the appropriate academic department.
6. Military training credits do not have letter grades assigned, thus, will not be used to compute a student's grade point average.
7. Grades for Military Training course(s), if accepted for credit, shall be recorded on a "S" successful or "U" unsuccessful basis. (Satisfactory or Unsatisfactory)



8. Military credits, once recorded on a student's BSC transcript, become a permanent part of the academic record.
9. A maximum number of non-traditional college credits may be earned within military training, AP, CLEP, DSST, BSC challenge examination, portfolio development, industry training and courses covered under high school articulation agreements.
 - a. Associate degree – 40 semester hours
 - b. Diploma, certificate or certificate of completion – May not exceed 50% of total semester credits required by program
 - c. Bachelor of Applied Science – 60 semester hours
10. The student must provide official, verifiable documentation of successful completion of a military training program in the form of a Joint Service Transcript including USMAP Apprenticeship if applicable (<https://jst.doded.mil/jst/>).
 - a. These records must show dates of attendance/completion, site of training, course of program title and training identification numbers, and designation of military branch.
11. Credits earned through military training will count toward BSC graduation requirements; however, they do not count toward the minimum institutional credit requirements.
12. The number of credits awarded by Bismarck State College shall be based on a combination of the following:
 - a. The credit awarded for similar course(s) offered at Bismarck State College,
 - b. Credit recommendation as outlined in the "Guide to the Evaluation of Education of Experiences in the Armed Services" published by the American Council on Education (ACE),
 - c. Recommendation by the appropriate academic department,
 - d. Credit awarded for Military Basic Training shall be listed as Enrichment.
13. There shall be no cost to the student for the evaluation and awarding of credit for Military Training.

References:

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