Doctor of Education (EdD) Academic Policies

Credit for Prior Learning

Students must be accepted for admission to a program and have permission from the Program Director/Dean to obtain credit for previous learning. Previous learning will be demonstrated through a portfolio that explains how course outcomes have been met via previous experiential learning and includes supportive evidence. No more than nine credits of a degree may be earned via credit for prior learning.

Portfolio Criteria

A portfolio of evidence of prior learning must include:

- Face page with student's name and course for which the waiver is requested
- Resume or Curriculum Vitae
- Copy of the course syllabus
- An narrative of how the applicant has met each of the course outcomes via previous learning and experience
- Supportive evidence as determined by course faculty

Transfer Credit

Graduate level courses may be transferred to apply toward some degrees. (See individual program requirements.) Students requesting credit for courses taken at other institutions must have those courses evaluated. The request for transfer must be discussed with and approved by the program director and the student's advisor and/or advisory committee.

Criteria for transfer courses:

Only courses for which the student has earned at least a B (or the equivalent of a B) will be considered for transfer credit.

- Courses must be comparable in content and rigor to the Bryan courses they would replace.
- Courses must have been taken at a regionally accredited academic institution or evaluated by an acceptable evaluation agency if taken outside the United States. Acceptable evaluation agencies include Educational Credential Evaluators (Catalog Match Evaluation) or World Education Services.
- Nursing courses must have been taken at an Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) or Commission on Collegiate Nursing Accreditation (CCNE) accredited institution.
- Official transcripts must be received by Records and Registration.
- Students may be required to provide catalog course descriptions and/or course syllabi for the requested courses.