



## Center for Alternative Studies & Educational Testing

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### EVALUATION CREDIT BY COURSE and/or ASSESSMENT (ECA)

- A. **Description:** The Evaluation Credit by Course and/or Assessment (ECA) option provides a mechanism for evaluating the college-level learning of students with varied backgrounds, who can document some combination of credit courses, assessments (which may include standardized test scores) and other certificates of training.
- a. The award of credit through this and all CAS credit procedures requires the submission of valid documentation and is based upon approvals from content experts in appropriate college departments.
- B. **Process:** The student meets with CAS staff member and submits:
- a completed APPLICATION FOR EVALUATION CREDIT by ASSESSMENT (ECA)
  - a memorandum addressed to the evaluating academic department outlining a rationale for credit award
  - supporting documentation to the Center for Alternative Studies and Educational Testing in the form of a transcript, thesis, license, score report, diploma, writing sample, certificate, or letter of verification.
  - The appropriate academic department reviews evidence of student learning, determines equivalency to NSCC curriculum, and recommends an award of credit for the appropriate NSCC catalog course
  - CAS registers the student for Evaluation Credit by Assessment (ECA) for the appropriate NSCC catalog course.
- C. **Payment:** Students pay a \$50.00 application fee to SFS when paperwork is submitted  
\*Note: Fee waived for Eligible Military Personnel
- C. **Application Deadlines:** ECA applications are accepted throughout the calendar year and are evaluated by departments during the academic year
- D. **Evaluation Criteria:** Evidence must demonstrate performance at a level of "C" or better
- E. **Credit Awards:** ECA credit awards are transcribed for the comparable catalog course at NSCC with grades of "PC" for "PASS" (with a grade of "C" or better) and may be used to fulfill required and/or elective course requirements. ECA credits do not apply to the 25%-credit residency requirement.