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.