

## **Procedure for Reviewing Transfer Credits from Schools that are Nationally-Accredited (non-regionally accredited)**

Both the Higher Learning Commission (our regional accrediting body) and the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (<http://www.chea.org/>) state that acceptance of transfer credit should NOT be solely determined by accreditation status. In order to review and track these credits, the following procedure has been developed. Transfer credits will be accepted as transfer electives only. Students transferring credits from schools for which we have no equivalency guides or articulation agreements will need to have these transfer credits reviewed according to Course Equivalency Determination for Transfer procedure (<http://www.mnsu.edu/acadaf/pdfs/ProcessforDeterminingEquivalency.pdf>)

For non-regionally accredited schools:

1. The transfer of credit needs to be from an institution on the CHEA/United States Department of Education list.
2. Any nationally accredited school on the CHEA/US DOE list that awards non-baccalaureate degrees will transfer in a maximum of 16 P/N transfer elective credits.
3. Any nationally accredited school on the CHEA/US DOE list that awards baccalaureate degrees will have all college-level courses factored into GPA and will have all college-level courses transfer in as transfer electives.
4. Students may individually petition to have any of the courses count as substitutes or equivalencies following the standard process. All existing substitutions or equivalencies will be honored.
5. Degrees granted by non-regionally-accredited institutions will not be accepted. Students may petition for acceptance of the degree, and petitions will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.
6. This will be Effective 20071 for new transfer admits.