

TERMINOLOGY

Admissions and Registration Terminology

Accreditation - Certification by an official review board that specific requirements have been met, such as institutional accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

Associate in Arts (AA) – Two-year degree that is designed for transfer.

Associate in Science (AS) – Two-year technical degree that contains 15-18 credit hours of transferable general education.

Advanced Technical Certificate (ATC) – Generally earned after completion of an A.S./A.A.S. degree.

Applied Technology Diploma (ATD) – A course of study that is part of an Associate in Science (A.S.), is less than 60 credit hours, is approximately 50% technical components and leads to employment in a specific career field.

Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) – A four-year degree designed to accommodate the unique demands for entry and advancement within specific workforce sectors.

Clock Hour – The type of credit assigned to courses or course equivalent learning that is part of an organized and specified vocational degree or certificate program.

College Credit – The type of credit assigned to courses or course equivalent learning that is part of an organized and specified college degree and/or program. At EFSC, CC level courses comprise the AA, AS, CCC, ATC and ATD, and UG level courses comprise the upper level of the BAS degree.

College Credit Certificate (CCC)– Short-term career education program which is part of an AS degree.

Career and Technical Certificate (CTC)– Job preparatory programs through which a student receives a vocational certificate upon completion of instruction. A C.T.C. consists of a series of clock hour courses that prepare students for entry level employment in specific career fields.

Certificate of Completion (CER) - A certificate that certifies Educator Preparation Institute (EPI) completion for alternative path to becoming a Florida PreK-12 classroom teacher.

Common Placement Test – One of state approved standardized test (ACT/SAT/PERT/Next Generation) that are approved for placement purposes required for admission of non-exempt student into college credit programs per SBE Rule 6A-10.0315 Common Placement Testing and Instruction. EFSC administers the Postsecondary Educational Readiness Test (PERT) or ACCUPLACER Next Generation Exam for placement purposes. The assessment measures college readiness in Reading, Writing and Mathematics.

Credit – A unit of measure assigned to courses or course equivalent learning.

Credit by Examination – The award of credit based on the demonstration of learning as assessed on an examination.

Cut Scores – A term referring to scores that mark a cutoff point; for example, a student whose score on a placement test falls below the cutoff point (cut score) must take prerequisite instruction.

Developmental Education – Instruction to remedy deficiencies in knowledge and skills necessary upon entry into a degree or certificate program.

Dual Enrollment – Enrollment of an eligible secondary student or home education student in a postsecondary course creditable toward high school completion and a career certificate or an associate or baccalaureate degree.

Early Admission – A form of dual enrollment through which eligible secondary students enroll in a postsecondary institution on a full-time basis in courses that are creditable toward the high school diploma and the associate or baccalaureate degree.

First-Time-in-College – A student attending college for the first time with no credit toward a degree or formal award from any other institution who is enrolled in a course in an instructional area that leads to a degree or certificate.

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) – Official document used by every college and university to determine eligibility for Federal Student Aid.

General Education – Basic liberal education in communications, mathematics, natural sciences, social sciences, and humanities. A component of the Associate in Arts degree.

Message Center – An online checklist in the myEFSC Student Portal used to review outstanding requirements.

Native Student – A student who started as a freshman and remained in the same institution, as opposed to a transfer student.

Resident for Tuition Purposes – A student who meets the requirements of residency for tuition purposes as defined in s.1009.21, Florida Statutes, and 6A-10.044, Florida Administrative Code.

Rule – A state agency statement of general applicability that implements, interprets, or prescribes law or describes the organization, procedure, or practice requirements of a state agency, such as a State Board of Education rule.

Semester Hours (also called credit hours) – The number of credits assigned to a specific course.

Statute – A law enacted by the legislature. Usually designated as F.S.

Student Document Dropbox – An online repository used to submit student documents and forms. College and high school transcripts submitted through the Dropbox will not be honored as official.

Test of Adult Basic Education (TABE) – Test of basic skills given to students within the first six weeks of entry into a career and technical education program. The requirements for the TABE are outlined State Board of Education Rule 6A-10.040.