



We are pleased to announce that JCAHPO's core certification examinations were approved for college credit equivalency by the American Council on Education.

The ACE Credit recommendation service is applicable for certifications received between 12/1/2014 and 11/30/2017. The College Credit Recommendation Service (ACE CREDIT[®]) evaluated and recommended college credit as follows:

- ✓ COA – 12 semester hours in the lower-division baccalaureate/associate degree category
- ✓ COT – 18 semester hours in the lower-division baccalaureate/associate degree category
- ✓ COMT – 12 semester hours in the upper-division baccalaureate degree category

Your questions regarding ACE college credit answered...

1. What were the dates of the first ACE college credits being accepted? Can someone still use those dates to claim college credit?

The American Council on Education previously approved college credit recommendation for certifications received from 1/1/1997 through 1/31/2008. If you received your COA, COT, or COMT certification during that time period, you may submit a request for a transcript to the American Council on Education.

2. If someone is currently certified, but not within the dates being accepted, can they retest, pass the exam, and claim the college credits?

Yes, you may submit an application to retest in lieu of credits for recertification. The date you pass the exam may be used for submission to the American Council on Education.

3. Would this apply to anyone who recertifies or only to NEW certificants?

This applies to new certification dates only, not the dates of recertification. However, you may take the examination in lieu of credits for recertification and then the date you pass the examination may be used for submission to the American Council on Education.

4. What are the steps necessary to obtain these credits?

You may order a transcript from the American Council on Education. You may do this by going to <https://www2.acenet.edu/credit/?fuseaction=transcripts.main>.

5. Where can people go to learn what colleges accept the credits and how to do it?

The ACE Credit College and University Network may be viewed at <http://www2.acenet.edu/CREDITCollegeNetwork/>. You would need to contact the college or university for more information about how to submit the transcript received from ACE.

We have received some clarification regarding the college credit eligibility...keep reading...

This is for anyone planning to go back to college to get a degree. The American Council on Education (ACE) accredited the JCAHPO certification exams, recognizing all that goes into getting the certification and awarded the COA, COT, and COMT certification exams, based on level, a certain amount of college credit. Some colleges accept these credits, while others do not.

Anyone certified from 1/1/1997 through 1/31/2008 and then again from 12/1/2014 and 11/30/2017 is eligible to use the credits at a college that accepts them. Basically it saves someone from having to take a full set of credits for your degree, thereby saving you tuition costs.

We just went through a very intense, year-long accreditation process. The ACE have revamped their policies & was not willing to grandfather anyone in.

HOWEVER, you have the option to retake the certification exam at the time you are due to recertify and passing the exam would make you eligible to use the credits at a participating college.