

Criteria Governing Eligible Transfer of Credits

- Coursework must have been completed at a regionally or nationally accredited or recognized academic institution, college or university
- Coursework should be equivalent to courses that are or could be offered at RCU
- Coursework must have earned a grade of C (2.0) or higher
- Course must be taken for a grade (not pass/fail)
- Coursework completed on a quarter system basis will be converted to semester hours for RCU credit by multiplying quarter hours by 2/3 to calculate semester hours
- Developmental, remedial, continuing education, and college orientation courses will not transfer
- Certain credits may be accepted from non-accredited but recognized institutions upon review by the Academic Standards Council

University Credit for Work, Life, and Ministry Experience

Adults returning to school in order to enhance employment opportunities, find better jobs, or complete a degree which they started years ago, may earn additional credit through work, life, military, or ministry experience. Corporate training, certifications, licenses, certain examinations taken, and ministerial study and experience, are some avenues for earning possible credit towards their degree. Please consult with the Office of the Registrar for more information. Occasionally, some assessments may be conducted prior to accepting an adult student.

Special Pastoral Remedial Track

Occasionally there are pastors who have attended an unaccredited Bible Institute before or while fulfilling a successful pastoral ministry, and who would now like to be able to continue their studies towards a ministerial degree or simply obtain additional preparation for future ministry. Through Regional Christian University, students may have the opportunity to earn additional credit toward their degree through a variety of options. Avenues to earning possible University credit for prior learning experiences will be a combination of the following:

- All transcripts from former Bible Institute study will be meticulously scrutinized to determine courses taken, course descriptions, actual meeting times, credentials of the professors who gave the classes, textbooks used, and assignments that were required.
- Length of ministerial experience including detailed information on the ministerial structure and governance under the applicant's tenure, church or ministry growth and progress, and outcome of the ministry.
- Additional personal ministerial study habits of the applicant, any writings accomplished, any new missions or new ministries opened under applicant's tenure, personal testimony and testimony of credible witnesses such as association leaders, ministerial supervisors, etc.
- Ministerial conferences or seminars attended, online courses done through accredited schools, other extra-church professional seminars or trainings received during applicant's tenure.

These and other factors will be taken into consideration when deciding what, if any, credits can be accepted, and what, if any, credits can be granted towards the completion of an associates or bachelors degree. No course shall transfer having less than a “C” grade. Additional courses to be taken will be determined by the Academic Standards Council.

Students should contact the Office of the Registrar who can provide them with more detailed information into this process.

Practicum Experience

All students must be fulfilling practicum experience in ministry-related service in order to maintain student status at the university, even when for some reason they are not enrolled in a specific course. This ministry-related service may include active leadership or other roles in a local church, missions or evangelism, ministry service of a public nature, or an approved mentorship involvement either as mentor or mentee.