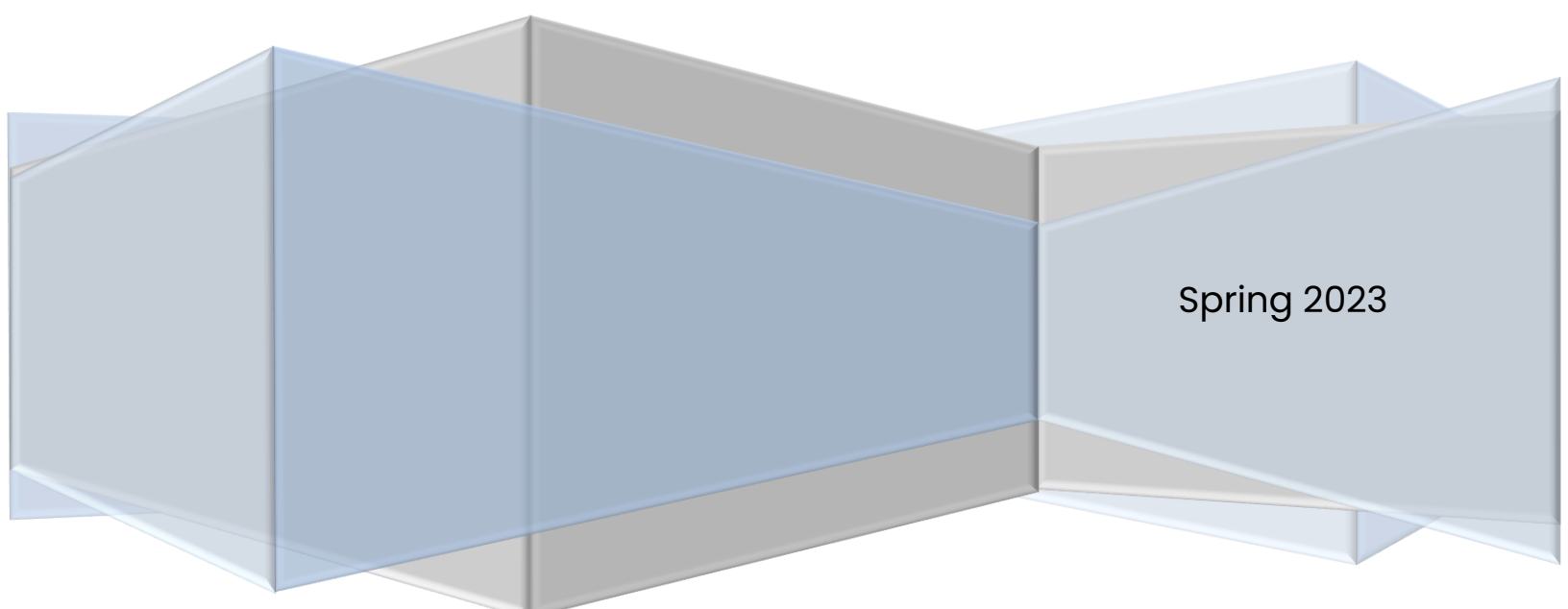


Credit for Prior Learning Policy Manual

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Credit for Prior Learning Policy

Germanna is committed to recognizing a student's prior college-level learning and experience by awarding credit for prior learning, which can be applied to a student's program of study, potentially saving time and money. Credit for prior learning is only applicable towards curriculum requirements at Germanna and does not fulfill the College's residency requirement. If a student plans to transfer, it is critical for them to work with an advisor and/or counselor to ensure they comply with the transfer policies at the destination school. **For questions regarding credit for prior learning policies, please contact the Credit for Prior Learning Advisor.**

Official transcripts and other documents can be sent by mail to Enrollment Services, Germanna Community College, 10000 Germanna Point Drive, Fredericksburg, VA 22408. Electronic transcripts may arrive faster and can be sent to transcripts@germanna.edu.

Prospective students should visit the Transfer VA portal (www.transfervirginia.org) to learn about Germanna. For students with prior college credit, the portal can also provide an unofficial evaluation of which credits may transfer in. The Transfer VA database will continue to grow and show more course matches to a variety of college courses, exams, and industry credentials.

Credit for prior learning may be obtained in the following ways:

Transfer Credit

Coursework transferred to Germanna must represent collegiate coursework applicable to the student's curriculum, with course content and level of instruction resulting in student competencies at least equivalent to those of students enrolled in Germanna's curricula. Collegiate coursework from regionally accredited institutions typically meets the above criteria.

The evaluation of transcripts is intended as a service to students who are pursuing academic programs at Germanna. It is not intended as a means of credentialing students or providing documentation for job promotions. Students must complete at least one course at Germanna before an official transcript reflecting credit for prior learning will be issued.

No transfer credit will be given for courses with grades lower than "C." Technical and computer classes taken more than five years ago will not be accepted for transfer credits.

A student who has been awarded a bachelor's degree or higher from a regionally accredited institution in the United States may be granted transfer credit for ENG 111, ENG 112, and SDV 100 in addition to other applicable credits. The student must be in a curricular program and must submit official transcripts showing the conferral date of the bachelor's degree. A waiver consisting of 7 credits will then be posted by Admissions & Records, thereby negating the need to complete ENG 111, ENG 112, and an SDV class. These students will be expected to learn different bibliographic writing styles that they may or may not have experience with prior to attending Germanna.

Regarding transfer credit options for students who are applying with previous coursework completed at an accredited college or university in a foreign nation whose language of instruction is English (ex. Canada, England, Australia, etc.), full credit will be given to course work with course equivalency to ENG 111 and/or ENG 112 where applicable. The student is responsible for providing Germanna with a transcript which has been evaluated by an international credentialing service (such as World Education Services/WES or Global Credential Evaluators/GCE).

Regarding transfer credit options for students who are applying with previous course work completed at an accredited college or university in a foreign nation whose language of instruction is not English, credit disbursement will be dependent upon the student's ability to pass the VPT or other equivalent placement testing used by Germanna and the recommendation of three to five full-time English faculty members based upon a writing selection submission. If the student places into ENG 111 after successfully completing the college placement test, the student will be given the option to submit a selection of no less than three collegiate-level writing samples. These writing samples must be scholarly essays, at least one of which must include academic-level research and adhere to one of the primary formatting models (ex. MLA, APA, Chicago, etc.). Credit can be awarded for either ENG 111 alone or ENG 111 and 112 together based upon the recommendation of the English faculty panel. The student is responsible for providing Germanna with a transcript which has been evaluated by an international credentialing service (such as World Education Services/WES or Global Credential Evaluators/GCE).

To transfer credit to another college or university, please review their policy for advanced standing/credit for prior learning. Every school has a different standard for accepting transfer credit, credit by exam, and portfolio credit.

Credit by Exam:

Credit may be awarded for the successful completion of certain nationally recognized exams such as Advanced Placement (AP), College Level Examination Program (CLEP), DANTES Subject Standardized Tests (DSST), and International Baccalaureate (IB) as well as approved institutionally developed challenge exams known as Assessment by Local Examination (ABLE).

Advanced Placement (AP) Examinations

Germanna recognizes the rigor of the College Board’s AP exams; the College adheres to the policy established by the VCCS and awards credit in line with the American Council on Education (ACE) guidelines. Course credit is awarded for specific AP exams with a score of 3, 4, or 5. Students should request an official score report be sent from the College Board (<https://apscore.collegeboard.org/scores>) to: Enrollment Services, Germanna Community College, 10000 Germanna Point Drive, Fredericksburg, VA 22408 or transcripts@germanna.edu. Please direct inquiries for evaluation of credit to transcripts@germanna.edu. Please see the table below for a listing of specific exams and course equivalencies.

AP Examination	GCC Course(s)	Credit	Minimum Score
Art History	ART 101-102	6	3
Art & Design (2D or 3D)	Determined by portfolio review		3
Art & Design (Drawing)	ART 121	4	3
Biology	BIO 101-102	8	3
Calculus AB	MTH 263	4	3
Calculus BC	MTH 263-264	8	3
Chemistry	CHM 111-112	8	3
Comparative Government and Politics	PLS 140	3	3
Computer Science A*	CSC 201	4	3
Computer Science Principles	ITP 100	3	3
Macroeconomics	ECO 201	3	3
Microeconomics	ECO 202	3	3
English Language & Composition	ENG 111-112	6	3
English Literature & Composition	ENG 111-112	6	3
Environmental Science	ENV 136	3	3
European History	HIS 101-102	6	3
Foreign Language	201-202	6	3
Human Geography	GEO 210	3	3
Physics 1 – Algebra Based	PHY 201	4	3
Physics 2 – Algebra Based	PHY 202	4	3
Physics C – Electricity and Magnetism	No Award	-	-
Physics C – Mechanics**	PHY 241	4	3
Precalculus	MTH 167	5	3
Psychology	PSY 200	3	3
Statistics	MTH 245	3	3
US Government & Politics	PLS 135	3	3
US History	HIS 121-122	6	3
World History: Modern	HIS 111-112	6	3

* *CSC 201 will not apply to Science – Computer Science track but may be used as Transfer Elective on other degree plans.*

** *Student should discuss program and transfer plans with CPL Advisor*

University of Cambridge Advanced Examinations

Germanna recognizes the rigor of the University of Cambridge Advanced Examinations; the College adheres to the policy established by the VCCS and awards credit in line with the American Council on Education (ACE) guidelines. Course credit is awarded for specific Cambridge Advanced exams. Students should forward an official score report to: Enrollment Services, Germanna Community College, 10000 Germanna Point Drive, Fredericksburg, VA 22408 or transcripts@germanna.edu. Please direct inquiries for evaluation of credit to transcripts@germanna.edu. Please see the table below for a listing of specific exams and course equivalencies.

Cambridge Advanced Examination	Grade	GCC Course(s)	Credit
Accounting	A-C	ACC 211-212	6
Biology	A-C	BIO 101-102	8
Business	A-C	BUS 100	3
Chemistry	A-B	CHM 111-112	8
Economics	A-C	ECO 201-202	6
English	A-C	ENG 111-112	6
Foreign Language	A-B	202	3
Mathematics	A-C	Course(s) to be determined based on the combination of completed tests (papers) by student	
Physics	A-B	PHY 201-202	8
Sociology	A-B	SOC 200	3

College Level Examination Program (CLEP)

Germanna accepts many of the College Board’s CLEP tests; the College adheres to the policy established by the VCCS and awards credit in line with the American Council on Education (ACE) guidelines. Germanna is an official CLEP testing site. To schedule a CLEP test, you may go to <https://applications.germanna.edu/testing/clep-appointment-request.asp>. Please direct request for additional information to cleptesting@germanna.edu. After test completion, students should request an official score report be sent from the College Board (<http://clep.collegeboard.org/>) to: Enrollment Services, Germanna Community College, 10000 Germanna Point Drive, Fredericksburg, VA 22408 or transcripts@germanna.edu. Please direct inquiries for evaluation of credit to transcripts@germanna.edu. Please see the table below for a listing of specific CLEP tests and course equivalencies accepted by Germanna.

Business

CLEP Test Title	Required Score	GCC Course	Credit
Financial Accounting	50	ACC 211	4
Introductory Business Law	50	BUS 241	3
Principles of Management	50	BUS 200	3
Principles of Marketing	50	MKT 201	3

Composition and Literature

CLEP Test Title	Required Score	GCC Course(s)	Credit
American Literature	50	ENG 246	3
College Composition	50	ENG 111	3
College Composition Modular	Not Accepted	No Equivalent	0
English Composition with Essay**	50	ENG 111	3
English Literature	50	ENG 245	3
Freshman College Composition**	50	ENG 111	3
Humanities	50	HUM 201-202	6

** Exams no longer offered, but transfer credit will be awarded.

History and Social Sciences

CLEP Test Title	Required Score	GCC Course	Credit
American Government	50	PLS 135	3
American History I**	50	HIS 121	3
American History II**	50	HIS 122	3
History of the US I: Early Colonization to 1877	50	HIS 121	3
History of the US II: 1865 to Present	50	HIS 122	3

Human Growth and Development	50	PSY 230	3
Introductory Psychology	50	PSY 200	3
Introductory Sociology	50	SOC 200	3
Principles of Macroeconomics	50	ECO 201	3
Principles of Microeconomics	50	ECO 202	3
Western Civilization I: Ancient Near East to 1648	50	HIS 101	3
Western Civilization II: 1648 to the Present	50	HIS 102	3

**** Exams no longer offered, but transfer credit will be awarded.**

Sciences and Mathematics

CLEP Test Title	Required Score	GCC Course(s)	Credit
Biology	50	BIO 101-102	8
Calculus	50	MTH 263	4
Chemistry	50	CHM 111-112	8
College Algebra	50	MTH 161	3
College Mathematics	50	MTH 154	3
Precalculus	50	MTH 162	3

World Languages

CLEP Test Title	Required Score Level		GCC Courses and Credits By Level	
	1	2	1	2
French Language	50	59	FRE 101-102 8 cr.	FRE 101, 102, 201, 202 14 cr.
German Language	50	60	GER 101-102 8 cr.	GER 101, 102, 201, 202 14 cr.
Spanish Language	50	63	SPA 101-102 8 cr.	SPA 101, 102, 201, 202 14 cr.

DANTES Subject Standardized Tests (DSST)

Germanna accepts many of Prometric’s DSSTs; the College adheres to the policy established by the VCCS and awards credit in line with the American Council on Education (ACE) guidelines. Students should request an official score report be sent from Prometric’s website (<http://getcollegecredit.com/>) to Enrollment Services, Germanna Community College, 10000 Germanna Point Drive, Fredericksburg, VA 22408 or transcripts@germanna.edu. Please direct inquiries for evaluation of credit to transcripts@germanna.edu. Please see the table below for a listing of specific DSST tests and course equivalencies.

Business

DSST Test Title	Required Score	GCC Course(s)	Credit
Business Mathematics	400	BUS 125	3
Computing and Information Technology (Note: test results over 5 years old will not be accepted)	400	ITE 100	3
Human Resource Management	400	BUS 205	3
Introduction to Business	400	BUS 100	3
Organizational Behavior	400	BUS 201	3
Personal Finance	400	FIN 107	3
Principles of Finance	400	FIN 215	3
Principles of Supervision	400	BUS 211	3

Humanities

DSST Test Title	Required Score	GCC Course(s)	Credit
Art of the Western World	400	ART 100	3
Ethics in America	400	PHI 226	3
Introduction to World Religions	400	REL 230	3
Principles of Advanced English Composition	400	ENG 112	3

Math

DSST Test Title	Required Score	GCC Course(s)	Credit
Principles of Statistics	400	MTH 245	3

Physical Science

DSST Test Title	Required Score	GCC Course(s)	Credit
Environment and Humanity**	400	ENV EEE	3
Environmental Science	400	ENV 122	4
Health and Human Development	400	HLT 110	3
Introduction to Geology	400	GOL 105	4
Principles of Physical Science I**	400	PHY EEE	3

***Exams no longer offered, but transfer credit will be awarded.*

Social Sciences

DSST Test Title	Required Score	GCC Course	Credit
Art of the Western World	400	ART 100	3
The Civil War and Reconstruction	400	HIS 269	3
Criminal Justice	400	ADJ 100	3
A History of the Vietnam War	400	HIS EEE	3
Human/Cultural Geography	400	GEO 210	3
Introduction to Law Enforcement	400	ADJ 110	3
Lifespan Developmental Psychology	400	PSY 230	3
History of the Soviet Union	400	HIS EEE	3

Technology

DSST Test Title	Required Score	GCC Course	Credit
Technical Writing	400	ENG 113	3

International Baccalaureate (IB) Examinations

Germanna recognizes the rigor of the International Baccalaureate (IB) Program; the College adheres to the policy established by the VCCS and awards credit on a course-by-course basis. Course credit may be given for scores of 4, 5, 6, or 7 on the higher level (HL) examinations and scores of 5, 6, or 7 on the standard level (SL) examinations. No credit will be awarded solely for earning a Diploma. Students should request an official score report be sent from the IBO

(<https://www.ibo.org/programmes/diploma-programme/assessment-andexams/requesting-transcripts/>) to: Enrollment Services, Germanna Community

College, 10000 Germanna Point Drive, Fredericksburg, VA 22408 or transcripts@germanna.edu.

Please direct inquiries for evaluation of credit to transcripts@germanna.edu. Please see the table below for the specific IB exams and course equivalencies.

Name of IB Exam and Level	Score	Germanna Course Match	Credits
Biology (SL)	5,6,7	BIO 101	4
Biology (HL)	4,5,6,7	BIO 101-102	8
Chemistry (SL)	5,6,7	CHM 101	4
Chemistry (HL)	4	None	0
Chemistry (HL)	5,6,7	CHM 111-112	8
Economics (SL)	5,6,7	None	0
Economics (HL)	4,5,6,7	ECO 120	3
English (Lang A) Literature (SL)	5,6,7	ENG 125	3
English (Lang A) Literature (HL)	4,5,6,7	ENG 125	3
English Language and Literature (SL)	5,6,7	ENG 125	3
English Language and Literature (HL)	4,5,6,7	ENG 125	3
Geography (SL)	5,6,7	GEO 220	3
Geography (HL)	4,5,6,7	GEO 220	3
Global Politics (SL)	5,6,7	PLS 241	3
Global Politics (HL)	4,5,6,7	PLS 241	3
History (SL)	5,6,7	HIS 112	3
History (HL)	4,5,6,7	HIS 112	3
Language ab initio (foreign language for beginners) (SL)	5	ARA 102, CHI 102**, FRE 102, GER 102, ITA 102, JPN 102, RUS 102, SPA 102	3
Language ab initio (foreign language for beginners) (SL)	6	ARA 201, CHI 201**, FRE 201, GER 201, ITA 201, JPN 201, RUS 201, SPA 201	3
Language ab initio (foreign language for beginners) (SL)	7	201 and 202	6
Language B (Not first language, but some previous experience) (HL)	4	ARA 201, CHI 201**, FRE 201, GER 201, ITA 201, JPN 201, RUS 201, SPA 201	3
Language B (Not first language, but some previous experience) (HL)	5, 6, 7	201 and 202	6

Language B (Not first language, but some previous experience) (SL)	5	ARA 102, CHI 102**, FRE 102, GER 102, ITA 102, JPN 102, RUS 102, SPA 102	3
Language B (Not first language, but some previous experience) (SL)	6	ARA 201, CHI 201**, FRE 201, GER 201, ITA 201, JPN 201, RUS 201, SPA 201	6
Language B (Not first language, but some previous experience) (SL)	7	201 and 202	6
Language B (not first language – exam prior to 2020) (SL)	5,6,7	101 & 102	7
Language B (not first language – exam prior to 2020) (HL)	4,5,6,7	201 & 202	6
Mathematical Studies (SL) [prior to 2021]	5	MTH 154	3
Mathematical Studies (SL) [prior to 2021]	6,7	MTH 154 and MTH 155	6
Mathematics (SL) [prior to 2021]	5	MTH 261	3
Mathematics (SL) [prior to 2021]	6,7	MTH 261 and MTH 245	6
Mathematics (HL) [prior to 2021]	4,5	MTH 263	4
Mathematics (HL) [prior to 2021]	6,7	MTH 263 AND *	7-8
Mathematics: Analysis and Approaches (SL) [2021 and later]	5, 6, 7	MTH 161, MTH 245, MTH 261	9
Mathematics: Analysis and Approaches (HL) [2021 and later]	4	MTH 167 and MTH 245	7
Mathematics: Analysis and Approaches (HL) [2021 and later]	5, 6, 7	MTH 167, MTH 245, MTH 263	11
Mathematics: Applications and Interpretation (HL only) [2021 and later]	5, 6, 7	MTH 161 and MTH 261	6
Music (SL)	5,6,7	MUS 121	3
Music – (HL)	4,5,6,7	MUS 121 & 122	6
Philosophy (SL)	5,6,7	PHI 100	3
Philosophy (HL)	4,5,6,7	PHI 100	3
Physics (SL)	5,6,7	None	0
Physics (HL)	4	None	0
Physics (HL)	5,6,7	PHY 201-202	8
Psychology (HL)	5,6,7	PSY 200	3
Visual Arts (SL)	5,6,7	ART 131	4
Visual Arts (HL)	4,5,6,7	ART 131	4
World Religions (SL)	5,6,7	REL 230	3
No HL for this exam	---	---	
*Depends on Optional Concentration - will be determined if score report shows concentration Calculus concentration - MTH 263 AND 264, 8 cr. Other concentration - MTH 263 AND 245, 7 cr. **Chinese Mandarin exam only			

Assessment by Local Exam (ABLE)

Using exams prepared by Germanna faculty, Assessment by Local Exam (ABLE) allows students to receive credit for courses by demonstrating they have acquired the competencies through prior education or other experiences. In most cases, students must contact the department offering the exam to determine if they are qualified to take the exam; they may have to meet certain background requirements to qualify.

There is no charge for ABLE exams or for having credit recorded on the student's permanent record. Credits earned through ABLE exams do not count toward the College residency requirement and may not transfer to other institutions of higher education.

Germanna currently has one ABLE exam. The Student Development Assessment by Local Exam (SDV ABLE) allows students to receive one credit for the SDV course requirement by demonstrating they have acquired the competencies through prior education or other experiences. The credit for prior learning option includes two parts: (1) the SDV ABLE Exam on content covered in the SDV 100 course; and (2) the completion of a receipt form with signature acknowledging the student has received a copy of the College's Student Handbook. To be eligible to take the SDV ABLE Exam option, students must be transferring into Germanna from another accredited institution of higher education with a minimum of 24 credits but with no completed degree. Students must meet additional criteria as well, so students should contact the Assistant Dean of Student Development in order to determine eligibility for this option.

ABLE Exam	GCC Course	Credit
SDV ABLE	SDV 100: College Success Skills	1

Credit for Military Training

Military students can use Credits2Careers.org to learn about Germanna programs and potential credit awards for military training and experience.

Credit may be awarded as recommended by the American Council on Education (ACE) as those credits fit into the specific curriculum selected by the student (<http://www.acenet.edu/news-room/Pages/Military-Guide-Online.aspx>).

Students with experience in the Army, Coast Guard, Marines, National Guard, or Navy must request a review of their military training and experience as transcribed through the Joint Services Transcript (<https://jst.doded.mil/smart/>), while students with experience in the Air Force or Space Force must request their Community College of the Air Force transcript. Two physical education credits may be awarded to a student who can provide their DD214, if they are unable

to retrieve transcripts any other way. Transcripts may be sent to: Enrollment Services, Germanna Community College, 10000 Germanna Point Drive, Fredericksburg, VA 22408 or transcripts@germanna.edu. Please direct inquiries for evaluation of credit to transcripts@germanna.edu.

Credit for Other Courses

Credit may be awarded for courses that do not meet the College's normal criteria for transfer in accordance with established articulation agreements or as recommended by the ACE, typically in the applied degree programs. See below for specific guidelines on articulated credit for particular programs. Official transcripts or documents can be sent from the issuing institution by mail to Enrollment Services, Germanna Community College, 10000 Germanna Point Drive, Fredericksburg, VA 22408. Electronic transcripts may arrive faster and can be directed to transcripts@germanna.edu.

Experiential Learning Portfolio Credit

Students with a range of significant life experiences may already possess learning equivalent to college-level coursework. These experiences may be converted into one or more Germanna courses, up to 15 credit hours, through the creation and evaluation of portfolios documenting the experience and how it meets course learning outcomes. Possible learning experiences meriting college credit include work, military service, volunteering, travel, and independent study.

NOTE: Students should be aware that experiential learning credit through the portfolio process may not be accepted at all institutions. Those planning to transfer should verify the policies of their desired four-year institution BEFORE pursuing portfolio credit.

Students interested in gaining credit for experiential learning should take the following steps:

1. Review the course content summary for each course for which they would like to gain credit and verify that their experience meets all course outcomes listed. The Credit for Prior Learning Advisor can assist them in making this determination.
2. Students will take a portfolio writing class (SDV 298) and submit that portfolio for evaluation. The current option is an instructor-led, online course from another VCCS College. Contact the Credit for Prior Learning Advisor for more information about cost, enrollment process, and to learn which option will be better for you.

Virginia Criminal Justice Academies

Virginia State Police Academy (Evaluated by American Council on Education, 2013)

ACE Recommendations	GCC Course	Semester Hours
Introduction to Law Enforcement	ADJ 110	3 credits
Criminal Law	ADJ 211	3 credits
Basic Firearms	ADJ 127	3 credits
Health and Physical Fitness Training	PED 116	2 credits
Professional Ethics	ADJ 133	3 credits
Principles of Criminal Investigation	ADJ 212	3 credits
Crime Scene Investigations	ADJ 236	3 credits
Police Communications and Records	ADJ 111	3 credits
Emergency and Crisis Management	ADJ 160	3 credits
TOTAL CREDITS		26 credits

Rappahannock Regional Criminal Justice Academy

(Articulation Agreement dated 18 April 2003, with 2008 note that GCC Curriculum approved awarding 20 credits rather than the signed 11.). Students must provide an official transcript from the Academy to: Enrollment Services, Germanna Community College, 10000 Germanna Point Drive, Fredericksburg, VA 22408 or transcripts@germanna.edu. Credit will be awarded after the student satisfactorily completes all other program requirements.

Law Enforcement Officer		
Course		Credits
ADJ 110	Introduction to Law Enforcement	3
ADJ 211-212	Criminal Law, Evidence and Procedure I & II	6
ADJ 236	Principles of Investigation	3
ADJ EEE	ADJ Electives	6
PED 116	Lifetime Fitness and Wellness	2
Total		20

Corrections Officer		
ADJ 100	Survey of Criminal Justice	3
PED 116	Lifetime Fitness and Wellness	2
Total		5
Jailors		
ADJ 140	Introduction to Corrections	3
PED 116	Lifetime Fitness and Wellness	2
Total		5

Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC)

Course		Credits
ADJ 110	Introduction to Law Enforcement	3
ADJ 211-212	Criminal Law, Evidence and Procedure I & II	6
ADJ 236	Principles of Investigation	3
ADJ EEE	ADJ Electives	6
PED 116	Lifetime Fitness and Wellness	2
Total		20

First Aid and/or CPR Certifications

1. Students must first provide documentation of a current certification card from an acceptable organization. The certification(s) must remain current throughout the completion of each step listed in this process.

2. Students will make arrangements with their Department Chair to take an industry standard written exam related to the class they are interested in obtaining credit for. The class should be reflective of their current certification(s). The American Red Cross test will be used for first aid testing and depending on the certification held, either the American Red Cross or American Heart Association tests will be used for CPR and AED testing. Students will need to obtain at least an 80% for each section in the American Red Cross tests and/or at least an 84% in the American Heart Association tests in order to be successful. Students may only take the exam once.

3. Students will arrange with an appropriate faculty member to demonstrate relative skills tests. These tests may include: Adult/Child/Infant CPR and AED, conscious and unconscious choking, glove removal, controlling external bleeding, using a manufactured tourniquet, splinting, and using an epinephrine auto injector. Skills will not be retaught. It is expected that students will be competent in each of the skills being tested. Students must successfully demonstrate all of the skills relative to the class they desire to obtain credit for.

If one of the above steps is not successful, the process is complete, and credit cannot be awarded. A new CPR and/or first aid certification card is not awarded as part of this process. Students who successfully complete the above steps will be awarded credit for one of the following:

- 3 credits for HLT 100 – both first aid and CPR
- 2 credits for HLT 106 – first aid only
- 1 credit for HLT 105 – CPR only

Nursing and EMS

Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)

LPNs meeting the minimum prerequisites for admission will be awarded 12 credits when admitted to Germanna’s RN Nursing Program at the discretion of the Dean of Nursing & Health Technologies. These credits will be awarded at the completion of the RN program. Please see a Nursing advisor for information on the LPN to RN Advanced Standing criteria, as a pre-admission test is required.

Emergency Medical Services

Emergency Medical Technician

EMTs with current certification from the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians or Virginia Department of Health may receive college credit. Students must provide an official transcript to Enrollment Services, Germanna Community College, 10000 Germanna Point Drive, Fredericksburg, VA 22408 or transcripts@germanna.edu. Credit will be awarded after the student satisfactorily completes all other program requirements.

Course	Credits
Emergency Medical Technician Certificate	EMS 111 – Emergency Medical Technician EMS 120 – Emergency Medical Technician Clinical
	7 1

Advanced Emergency Medical Technician

EMTs with current Advanced Emergency Medical Technician (AEMT) certification from the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians or Virginia Department of Health may receive college credit. Students must provide an official transcript to Enrollment Services, Germanna Community College, 10000 Germanna Point Drive, Fredericksburg, VA 22408 or transcripts@germanna.edu. Credit will be awarded after the student satisfactorily completes all other program requirements. Advanced EMT students must demonstrate competence by passing both the summative cognitive exam and summative scenario-based psychomotor exam to be eligible to take the Advanced EMT certification exam. Incoming AEMT students will be required to pass the same exams to be awarded credit for prior learning.*

Course		Credits
Advanced Emergency Medical Technician Certificate	EMS 121 – Preparatory Foundations	2
	EMS 123 – EMS Clinical Preparation	1
	EMS 125 – Basic Pharmacology	1
	EMS 126 – Basic Pharmacology Lab	1
	EMS 127 – Airway, Shock and Resuscitation	1
	EMS 128 – Airway, Shock and Resuscitation Lab	1
	EMS 135 – Emergency Medical Care	2
	EMS 136 – Emergency Medical Care Lab	1
	EMS 137 – Trauma Care	1
	EMS 138 – Trauma Care Lab	1
	EMS 170 – ALS Internship I	1
Total		13

* The Germanna EMS Education program intends to both support incoming certified students and ensure that they are adequately prepared to engage in a rigorous course of study. Student readiness will be assessed using the same 2-part competence confirmation exam, which mimics the National Registry Advanced EMT cognitive and psychomotor exams, that we administer to our graduating Advanced EMT students.

For cognitive exams, we utilize EMStesting.com, which is recognized in the EMS industry as an appropriate and valid testing option.

For the psychomotor exam, we observe the National Registry of EMTs Advanced EMT psychomotor exam directives: <https://www.nremt.org/Document/aemt-paramedic-psychomotor->

[exams](#). Prospective students will demonstrate competence in the nine skills that are required by the National Registry of EMTs.

Incoming Advanced EMT students who are not able to pass the cognitive exam with a 74% (the current numeric standard we observe in all EMS courses) and pass the psychomotor exam within the time allotted will not be eligible for credit for prior learning or advanced standing in the course. Failing one or both exams will require the student to retest both. The earliest a student may re-test is 2 weeks after the first attempt. Additionally, students may have no more than 2 testing attempts in an application period, which is defined as the semester preceding the beginning of a new cohort. These practices are consistent with the guidelines Nursing & Health Technologies programs are currently recommending for all the professions.

Emergency Medical Technician – Intermediate

EMTs with current Emergency Medical Technician – Intermediate (EMT-I) certification from the Virginia Office of Emergency Medical Services may receive college credit. Students must provide an official transcript to Enrollment Services, Germanna Community College, 10000 Germanna Point Drive, Fredericksburg, VA 22408 or transcripts@germanna.edu. EMT-I students must demonstrate competence by passing both the summative cognitive exam and summative scenario-based psychomotor exam to be eligible to take the EMT-I certification exam. Incoming EMT-I students will be required to pass the same exams to be awarded credit for prior learning.*

Course		Credits
Emergency Medical Technician – Intermediate Certificate	EMS 111 – Emergency Medical Technician	7
	EMS 120 – Emergency Medical Technician Clinical	1
	EMS 121 – Preparatory Foundations	2
	EMS 125 – Basic Pharmacology	1
	EMS 126 – Basic Pharmacology Lab	1
	EMS 127 – Airway, Shock and Resuscitation	1
	EMS 128 – Airway, Shock and Resuscitation Lab	1
	EMS 135 – Emergency Medical Care	2
	EMS 136 – Emergency Medical Care Lab	1
	EMS 137 – Trauma Care	1
	EMS 138 – Trauma Care Lab	1
	EMS 141 – Cardiovascular Care	2
	EMS 142 – Cardiovascular Care Lab	1

Total		22
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* The Germanna EMS Education program intends to both support incoming certified students and ensure that they are adequately prepared to engage in a rigorous course of study. Student readiness will be assessed using the same 2-part competence confirmation exam.

The 2-part competence exam will be comprised of a written examination and a psychomotor skills examination. The written examination will have 2 parts: Part 1 will exclusively assess competence in Cardiac Rhythm and 12-Lead interpretation. Part 2 will be a comprehensive exam covering all material that comprises the EMT-Intermediate curriculum. This exam will be generated utilizing an accrediting agency approved validated test generator through *EMStesting.com*; exams may be generated to be consistent with a variety of recognized EMS certification levels, including the EMT-Intermediate. The second portion of the entrance exam will mirror the traditional psychomotor exam for the incoming EMT-Intermediate.

Incoming EMT-Intermediate students seeking CPL must pass parts 1 and 2 with individual scores of no less than 74% in each part if they wish to be awarded credit for the courses detailed on page 1 of this document. Students who pass will be awarded CPL and may enter the program in the 2nd of 4 semesters. Students who enter the program in the 3rd semester of the program may have the opportunity to take traditional 2nd semester courses in addition to the 3rd semester courses. The courses that may be taken from the 2nd semester during the 3rd semester include EMS 202, 203, and 204, 175 and 247. The ability to alter course progression and take both 2nd and 3rd semester courses simultaneously will depend on the availability of 2nd semester courses, the student's ability to pass the competence exams, and the approval of the program director.

Students who do not pass parts 1 and 2 on the first attempt will be given one additional attempt for each part, or both parts, as needed. Students who do not pass both exams with individual scores in each part of a minimum of 74% will not be awarded CPL for the courses detailed above. However, to receive CPL for some of the courses identified in this document, these students have the additional option of taking the AEMT (one certification "lower" than EMT-Intermediate) written and psychomotor exam to receive credit for some, but not all the courses listed here.

Paramedic

Students presenting with a current Virginia Office of EMS or National Registry Paramedic credential, a current BLS Provider CPR credential, and on passing a 2-part entrance examination, are eligible to receive CPL for the following courses*:

Course	Credits
Emergency Medical Technician – Intermediate Certificate	EMS 111 – Emergency Medical Technician 7 EMS 120 – Emergency Medical Technician Clinical 1 EMS 121 – Preparatory Foundations 2 EMS 123 – EMS Clinical Preparation 1 EMS 125 – Basic Pharmacology 1 EMS 126 – Basic Pharmacology Lab 1 EMS 127 – Airway, Shock and Resuscitation 1 EMS 128 – Airway, Shock and Resuscitation Lab 1 EMS 135 – Emergency Medical Care 2 EMS 136 – Emergency Medical Care Lab 1 EMS 137 – Trauma Care 1 EMS 138 – Trauma Care Lab 1 EMS 139 – Special Populations 1 EMS 140 – Special Populations Lab 1 EMS 141 – Cardiovascular Care 2 EMS 142 – Cardiovascular Care Lab 1 EMS 163 – Prehospital Trauma Life Support 1 EMS 164 – Advanced Medical Life Support 1 EMS 165 – Advanced Cardiac Life Support 1 EMS 167 – Emergency Pediatric Care 1 EMS 202 – Paramedic Pharmacology 2 EMS 203 – Advanced Patient Care 2 EMS 204 – Advanced Patient Care Lab 2 EMS 206 – Pathophysiology for Health Professions 3 EMS 210 – EMS Operations 1 EMS 212 – Leadership and Professional Development 1 EMS 216 – Paramedic Review 1 EMS 247 – Paramedic Clinical Experience II 1 EMS 248 – Paramedic Comprehensive Field Experience 2 EMS 249 – Paramedic Capstone Internship 2
Total	46

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The 2-part entrance exam will be comprised of a written examination and a psychomotor skills examination. The written examination will be a comprehensive exam that is similar to the Paramedic certification exam, covering all material that comprises the Paramedic curriculum.

This exam will be generated utilizing a validated and accrediting agency approved test generator through *EMStesting.com*; exams may be generated to be consistent with a variety of recognized EMS certification levels, including the Paramedic level. The second portion of the entrance exam will mirror the traditional psychomotor exam for the incoming Paramedic. The psychomotor exam will include all skills and competencies that are expected of the Paramedic as defined by the VOEMS TPAM, the National Registry of EMTs, the National EMS Education Standards (NEMSES) and the Committee on Accreditation for EMS Programs (CoAEMSP).

Incoming Paramedic students seeking CPL must pass parts 1 and 2 with individual scores of no less than 74% in each part if they wish to be awarded credit for the courses detailed on page 1 of this document. Students who pass will be awarded CPL and will enter the program as post-semester 4 students seeking education in non-EMS elective courses detailed below. Students who do not pass parts 1 and 2 on the first attempt will be given one additional attempt for each part, or both parts, as needed. Students who do not pass both exams with individual scores in each part of a minimum of 74% will not be awarded CPL for the courses detailed above. They may attempt the EMT-Intermediate and/or the AEMT entrance exams and consider taking the courses that would be required to be eligible to pass the Paramedic examinations.

On successfully passing the 2-part exam, students wishing to be eligible to obtain the AAS in EMS-Paramedic degree must take the following courses:

- ENG 111
- SDV 101
- PSY 230
- Humanities (PHI 227 or a language)
- BIO 141 and 142

The order in which students take the additional courses is based on student and course availability. The AAS in EMS-Paramedic degree is comprised of 67 credits; 25% of the 67 credits, or the equivalent of 17 credit hours, must be obtained at Germanna to be awarded the AAS in EMS degree. Students who have additional transfer credit and are having difficulty achieving the 25% may benefit from taking the EMS 160s courses again; these courses expire every two years. Taking the courses prior to the expiration date will comprise 4 credit hours. Otherwise, the 17-credit requirement is satisfactorily met when students complete the non-EMS courses described above.

Industry Credentials and Certificates

Germanna participated in a project to evaluate professional credentials for academic credit. Some are specifically listed in the table below, although the NCCER, NIMS, and OSHA credentials are lengthy and not listed here. It is best to contact the Credit for Prior Learning Advisor with specific questions about these credentials.

Cybersecurity/Information Systems Technology	Germanna Course Number and Name	Credits
CompTIA Network+	ITN101 – Introduction to Network Concepts	3
CompTIA A+ Operating Systems	ITN106 – Microcomputer Operating Systems	3
CompTIA A+ Hardware	ITN107 – Personal Computer Hardware and Troubleshooting	3
CompTIA Security+ ISC2 CISSP	ITN260 – Network Security Basics	3
EC-Council C EH	ITN261 – Network Attacks, Computer Crime and Hacking	4
Cisco CCNA	ITN154 – Network Fundamentals, Router Basics, and Configuration (ICND1) - Cisco	4
Cisco CCNA	ITN155 – Switching, Wireless, and WAN Technologies (ICND2) - Cisco	4
Cisco CCNA	ITN156 – Basic Switching and Routing - Cisco	4
AWS Certified Cloud Practitioner	ITN 257 – Cloud Computing: Infrastructure and Services	3
Automotive Technology		
Virginia State Safety Inspector License	AUT 136 – Automotive Vehicle Inspection	2
Early Childhood Development		
Child Development Associate (CDA)	CHD 120 – Introduction to Early Childhood Development	3
Administration of Justice		
DCJS Unarmed Security Certificate	ADJ 150 – Introduction to Security Administration	3
DCJS Private Investigator Certificate	ADJ 139 – Private Investigator	4
CADD		
AutoCAD Autodesk Certified User	CAD 201 – Computer Aided Drafting and Design I	3
Technical Studies		
NCCER Credentials	Contact Credit for Prior Learning Advisor for more information	
NIMS Credentials		
VDOT Asphalt Classes		
OSHA Training Card		