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1.0 Introduction

Laurel Ridge Community College's commitment to lifelong learning provides students with an opportunity to advance in their program of study through the assessment of prior learning. Laurel Ridge's credit for prior learning policies and procedures align with The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) principles and with Virginia Community College System (VCCS) policy 5.6.5.1.

2.0 Purpose

The Credit for Prior Learning Manual describes the current opportunities for obtaining college credit at Laurel Ridge for prior learning. Procedures are designed to respect the balance between upholding the academic standing of the college and recognizing a student's previous learning experience which applies to a chosen curriculum.

3.0 Definition of Credit for Prior Learning

The credit for prior learning program provides an opportunity to receive academic credit for learning acquired through prior college credentials or non-college experiences prior to entering or returning to Laurel Ridge.

4.0 Assessment Process

Assessment for Prior Learning (CPL) is the process by which Laurel Ridge evaluates the *college-level knowledge and skills* an individual has gained in a traditional classroom setting at other institutions or outside of a traditional classroom setting. This includes workplace training, skills learned on the job (in a career), volunteer activities, civic duties, and major life experiences. Prior learning assessment at Laurel Ridge is intended to encourage degree completion.

Laurel Ridge utilizes multiple methods to assess prior learning, including standardized exams (e.g. Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB) and the College Level Examination Program (CLEP), locally developed challenge exams, evaluation of non-collegiate instruction, and portfolio assessments. Credit earned through prior learning assessment may help some students *progress more quickly* toward a college degree or credential, saving both time and tuition money.

Please note that credit awarded through CPL is applicable only to Laurel Ridge's curriculum requirements. Students are advised that credits awarded through AP examinations, IB, articulation, CLEP examinations, credit-by-examination, or other means of prior learning may not be accepted by other post-secondary institutions. Students are advised to work closely with their advisor and refer to the transfer requirements established by specific institutions.

5.0 Criteria Governing Credit for Prior Learning

The following applies to students seeking credit for prior learning:

- To be eligible for credit for prior learning, students must be currently enrolled in a program plan (declare a program of study) at the college.
- Students must have completed at least one course at Laurel Ridge before an official transcript reflecting transfer credit will be issued.
- Students are only eligible for CPL opportunities that are in effect at the time they make a request for credit.
- Credit for Prior Learning may not transfer to a 2-year college, 4-year college, or university. CPL credit is awarded to satisfy Laurel Ridge credit only as specified in appropriate programs.
- All industry certifications and Laurel Ridge course equivalents are subject to change due to changes in current technology, industry certifications, Laurel Ridge courses and related curricula.

- To graduate from Laurel Ridge, a student must complete a minimum of 25% of the total credits required for the degree or certificate at Laurel Ridge. Credit for prior learning shall not be applied towards the 25% residency requirement.
- Transfer credit may be allowed for certain courses which do not correspond directly to Laurel Ridge courses. The division dean responsible for the student's curriculum will determine if and how the elective(s) may be used in the curriculum.
- Credit for prior learning shall be awarded to the extent possible for courses listed in the current *Laurel Ridge Catalog and Student Handbook*. Credit may be awarded for courses listed in the *Virginia Community College System Master Course Guide*.
- No credit shall be awarded that duplicates earned course credit at the College, at other institutions, or other credit awarded through credit for prior learning.
- Students may not petition for a challenge exam for a particular course if they have enrolled (either for credit or audit) in that course, either at Laurel Ridge or at another institution.
- The College reserves the right to place a time limit on prior learning experiences for which credit may be granted.
- Students are responsible for providing the College with appropriate official documentation of prior learning experiences and making the request for evaluation through the Office of the Registrar. Students are urged to meet with an advisor to determine specific course requirements.
- All awarded credits for prior learning will be acknowledged and recorded on the student's permanent record, with the transferring agency or other source of credit identified. No unsuccessful examination results will be recorded on the student's permanent record.
- No grades, grade point average, or other indication of academic standing shall be associated with credit for prior learning entries on the official transcript.

6.0 Transfer of Credit from Other Postsecondary Institutions

Transcripts are required to come directly to the Records Office from the college/university or an official third-party organization such as Parchment or Credential Solutions. We will also accept a paper transcript from the student if the transcript is still in an unopened sealed envelope that the student received directly from the college/university.

Credit may be transferred only from colleges and universities that are accredited by one of the seven regional accreditation associations, such as the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC)

- [Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges \(ACCJC\) Western Association of Schools and Colleges](#)
- [Higher Learning Commission \(HLC\)](#)
- [Middle States Commission on Higher Education \(MSCHE\)](#)
- [New England Commission of Higher Education \(NECHE\)](#)
- [Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities \(NWCCU\)](#)
- [Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges \(SACSCOC\)](#)
- [WASC Senior College and University Commission \(WSCUC\)](#)

Credits earned at other postsecondary institutions are reviewed and evaluated on a case-by-case basis. Transfer credit may be awarded for coursework completed at international colleges and universities that are accredited or approved by the appropriate Ministry of Education or other governmental

agencies. Students must have international transcripts translated and evaluated by a professional organization or agency that is a member of the [National Association of Credential Evaluators](#) or is approved by the [Virginia Department of Education](#). Fees for the evaluation are the responsibility of the student. Additional information regarding the process is available on the Laurel Ridge website at <https://laurelridge.edu/current-students/admissions-and-records/international-students/international-transcript-evaluation/>. Transfer credit must be similar in content, credit, and learning outcomes to the counterpart courses at Laurel Ridge. Only courses with a grade of C or better are considered for transfer credit. Transfer credit does not guarantee curricular substitution of specific course requirements.

Virginia Community College System (VCCS): Students may submit a [VCCS TRANSCRIPT EVALUATION](#) form to request evaluation for possible transfer credits from other VCCS colleges. Because Laurel Ridge has access to view students' VCCS courses, official transcripts from other VCCS colleges are not required.

7.0 Credit-by-Examination

Credit may be awarded for the successful completion of nationally recognized exams, such as Advanced Placement (AP), College Level Examination Program (CLEP), DANTES Subject Standardized Tests (DSST), and International Baccalaureate (IB). Credit may also be awarded for institutionally developed challenge exams as well as through the Competency-Based Education credit for prior learning framework.

7.1 Advanced Placement (AP)

AP examinations generally follow the successful completion of AP courses in high schools where these courses are taught. Laurel Ridge awards credit for completion of selected AP examinations on which a score of three (3) or higher is achieved. Students must submit a copy of their score report printed from the College Board website or have it sent directly from the College Board. Credits awarded by Laurel Ridge may or may not be accepted at other institutions. Students are encouraged to contact the college or university to which transfer is anticipated to determine the institution's policy regarding AP course credit.

Laurel Ridge accepts AP credit based upon the scores noted in the chart following:

AP Exam Course Equivalents

AP Examination	Required Score	Laurel Ridge Equivalent Course(s)	Credits Granted
Art: History	3	ART 101 and ART 102	6
Art: Studio (2D, 3D, Drawing)	3	Determined by portfolio	
Biology	3	BIO 101 and BIO 102	8
Calculus AB	3	MTH 263	4
Calculus BC	3	MTH 263 and MTH 264	8
Chemistry	3	CHM 111 and CHM 112	8
Chinese Language and Culture	3	CHI 201 and CHM 202	8
Computer Science Principles	4 or 5	CSC 110	3
English Language & Comp	3	ENG 111 and ENG 112	6
English Literature & Comp	3	ENG 111	3

Environmental Science	3	ENV 121 and ENV 122	8
European History	3	HIS 101 and HIS 102	6
French Language and Culture	3	FRE 201 and FRE 202	6
German Language & Culture	3	GER 201 and GER 202	6
Government & Politics: Comparative	3	PLS 120	3
Government & Politics: United States	3	PLS 135	3
Human Geography (2001)	3	GEO 210	3
Italian Language and Culture	3	ITA 201 and ITA 202	6
Japanese Language and Culture	3	JPN 201 and JPN 202	8
Latin Language	3	LAT 201 and LAT 202	6
Macroeconomics	3	ECO 201	3
Microeconomics	3	ECO 202	3
Music Theory	3	MUS 111 and MUS 112	8
Physics 1	3	PHY 201 and PHY 202	8
Physics 2	3	PHY 201 and PHY 202	8
Physics C: Mechanical	3	PHY 242	4
Physics C: Electricity & Magnetism	3	PHY 242	4
Psychology	3	PSY 200	3
Spanish Language and Culture	3	SPA 201 and SPA 202	6
Spanish Literature and Culture	3	SPA 233 and SPA 234 -or- SPA 271 and SPA 272	6
Statistics	3	MTH 245	3
U.S. History	3	HIS 121 and HIS 122	6
World History: Modern (prior to 2021)	3	HIS 111 and HIS 112	6
World History: Modern (2021 or later)	3	HIS 112	3

7.2 International Baccalaureate (IB) Course Equivalents

IB examinations generally follow the successful completion of IB courses in high schools where these courses are taught. Laurel Ridge awards credit for completion of selected IB examinations with scores of 4 or higher for the higher level (HL) test for International Baccalaureate courses. Students must submit a copy of their score report sent directly from IB. Credits awarded by Laurel Ridge may or may

not be accepted at other institutions. Students are encouraged to contact the college or university to which transfer is anticipated to determine the institution's policy regarding IB course credit.

Laurel Ridge accepts IB credit based upon the scores note in the in the chart below:

IB Exam Course Equivalents

IB Examination	Required Score	Laurel Ridge Equivalent course(s)	Credits Granted
Biology	4	BIO 101	4
	6	BIO 101 and BIO 102	8
Chemistry	4	CHM 111	4
	6	CHM 111 and CHM 112	8
Computing Studies	4	CSC 221	3
	6	CSC 221 and CSC 222	7
English A1	4	ENG 111	3
	6	ENG 111 ENG 112	6
English B	4	ENG 111	3
French A1 or B		(101-102) no credits	
	6	FRE 201 and FRE 202	6
Geography	4	GEO 220	3
	6	GEO 220 and GEO EEE	6
German A1 or B		(101-102) no credits	
	6	GER 201 GER 202	6
History	4	HIS 102	3
	6	HIS 102 and HIS 112	6
History of the Americas	5	HIS EEE	6
Mathematics	4	MTH 263	4
	6	MTH 263 and MTH 264	8
Philosophy	4	PHI 100	3
A-P Physics 1 and 2	4	PHY 201	4
	6	PHY 201 and PHY 202	8
Psychology	4	PSY 200	3

Social Anthropology	4	SOC 211	3
	6	SOC 211 and SOC 212	6
Spanish A1 or B		(101-102) no credits	
	6	SPA 201 and 202	6
Visual Arts	4	ART 131	3
	6	ART 131 and ART 132	6

7.3 College Level Examination Program (CLEP)

Laurel Ridge provides CLEP testing services and recognizes most CLEP general and subject examinations. College level examination policy is reviewed periodically; students should request current information from advisors and faculty. Students should also consult colleges and universities where they plan to transfer. The College testing center is an open CLEP center, providing test administration to Laurel Ridge and other students. Please refer to the [Laurel Ridge Testing Center](#) for the latest information regarding CLEP equivalents and information on CLEP registration processes, fees, and schedule.

CLEP Exam Course Equivalents

Composition & Literature

CLEP Examination	Required Score	Laurel Ridge Equivalent Course(s)	Credits Granted
American Literature	50	ENG 246	3
College Composition	50	ENG 111	3
Analyzing & Interpreting Literature	50	ENG 225	3
*English Composition (with essay) Without essay: No credit awarded Modular Version: No credit awarded	50	ENG 111	3
English Literature	50	ENG 245	3
*Freshman College Composition	50	ENG 111	3
Humanities	50	HUM 201 and 202	6

***Test titles are no longer available. Test scores prior to July 1, 2010 will receive credit.**

History & Social Sciences

CLEP Examination	Required Score	Laurel Ridge Equivalent Course(s)	Credits Granted
American Government	50	PLS 135	3
History of the US I	50	HIS 121	3
History of the US II	50	HIS 122	3
Human Growth & Development	50	PSY 230	3
Introduction to Educational Psychology	50	PSY 245	3
Introductory Psychology	50	PSY 200	3

Introductory Sociology	50	SOC 200	3
Principle of Macroeconomics	50	ECO 201	3
Principle of Microeconomics	50	ECO 202	3
Western Civilization I	50	HIS 101	3
Western Civilization II	50	HIS 102	3

Science & Mathematics

CLEP Examination	Required Score	Laurel Ridge Equivalent Course(s)	Credits Granted
Biology	50	BIO 101 and 102	8
Calculus	50	MTH 261 and 262	6
Chemistry	50	CHM 111 and 112	8
Pre-Calculus	50	MTH 161 and 162	6

World Languages

CLEP Examination	Required Score	Laurel Ridge Equivalent Course(s)	Credits Granted
French Language, Level 1	50	FRE 101 and 102	8
French Language, Level 2	59	FRE 101, 102, 201 and 202	14
German Language, Level 1	50	GER 101 and 102	8
German Language, Level 2	60	GER 101, 102, 201 and 202	14
Spanish Language, Level 1	50	SPA 101 and 102	8
Spanish Language, Level 2	63	SPA 101, 102, 201 and 202	14

7.4 IC3® - Computer Competency Certification Exam

Many Laurel Ridge degrees require students to demonstrate information literacy. Students may take ITE 152 or CSC 110 in computer literacy and competency. Students may demonstrate proficiency in core computer competencies by passing each of the three sections of the IC³- Internet and Computing Core Certification (Computer Competency Certification Exam). The three sections cover topics in Computing Fundamentals, Key Applications, and Living Online. Each section must receive a passing score to achieve the Laurel Ridge computer literacy requirement. Students may send a copy of their IC3 score report to records@laurelridge.edu. Please note that scores must be within the last 5 years.

Industry Certification	Laurel Ridge Course Equivalent	Laurel Ridge Course Name	Credits Granted
IC ³ - Internet and Computing Core Certification	ITE 152 or	Introduction to Digital and Information Literacy & Computer Applications	3
	CSC 110	Principles of Computer Science	3

Credits awarded by Laurel Ridge for performance on the Computer Competency Exam may or may not be accepted at other institutions. Please contact the Middletown or Fauquier Campus testing centers for more information on the IC3 Exam. Students unsure whether to take the IC3 exam or take the computer course recommended by their course of study should refer to their faculty advisor for program specific guidance.

7.5 DSST (formerly known as DANTES)

The College recognizes some DSST's (DANTES Subject Standardized Tests). College policy is reviewed periodically; therefore, students should obtain current information from advisors and faculty. Students should also consult colleges and universities where they plan to transfer. You may refer to the following link for information on testing centers, registration processes, fees, and schedules.

<http://getcollegecredit.com>.

DSST Exam Course Equivalents

DSST Examination	Required Score 2003	Required Score after 2008	Laurel Ridge Equivalent Course(s)	Credits Granted
Art of the Western World	48	400	ART EEE	3
Astronomy	N/A	400	NAS EEE	3
Business Ethics and Society	N/A	400	BUS EEE	3
Business Mathematics	48	400	BUS 125	3
Civil War and Reconstruction	47	400	HIS 277	3
Computing and Information Technology	45	400	ITE 152 or CSC 110	3
Criminal Justice	49	400	ADJ 100	3
Environment and Humanity: The Race to Save the Planet	46	400	HLT EEE	3
Ethics in America *	46	400	PHI 220	3
Foundations of Education	46	400	EDU EEE	3
Fundamentals of Counseling	45	400	HMS EEE	3
General Anthropology	47	400	SOC 211	2
Health and Human Development	48	400	HLT EEE	3
History of the Soviet Union	45	400	HIS EEE	3
History of the Vietnam War, A	44	400	HIS 277	3

Human / Cultural Geography	48	400	GEO 210	3
Human Resources Management	46	400	BUS 205	3
Introduction to Business	46	400	BUS 100	3
Introduction to Law Enforcement	45	400	ADJ 110	3
Introduction to World Religions	48	400	REL 230	3
Lifespan Developmental Psychology	46	400	PSY 230	3
Management Information Systems	46	400	ITE 120	3
Money and Banking	48	400	ECO EEE	3
Organizational Behavior	48	400	BUS 201	3
Personal Finance	46	400	FIN 107	3
Principles of Finance	46	400	FIN EEE	3
Principles of Physical Science I	47	400	PHY EEE	3
Principles of Public Speaking **	47	400	CST 100	3
Principles of Statistics	48	400	MTH 245	3
Principles of Supervision	46	400	BUS 111	3
Substance Abuse (formerly Drug & Alcohol Abuse)	49	400	HMS 251	3
Technical Writing *	46	400	ENG 115	3

* Consists of an optional essay portion. Check with your college or university to distinguish if this is required. Prometric will not score.

** In addition to a minimum score of 47 on the multiple-choice test, an examinee must also receive a passing grade on the speech.

8.0 SDV Credit Policy for Transfer Students

New students enrolling at Laurel Ridge who have taken classes at other accredited colleges or universities may be awarded credit for SDV 100 College Success Skills in one of these ways:

Credit for Previous Education	Laurel Ridge Course Equivalent	Laurel Ridge Course Name	Credits Granted
Completion of college where a degree or career studies certificate was awarded.	SDV 100	College Success Skills	1
Successful completion of at least 15 credit hours AND GPA of 2.5 or above in previous college coursework	SDV 100	College Success Skills	1

The SDV 100 credit for prior academic work/experience, if awarded, will count towards the credit total required for degree completion. For filing and posting purposes, a grade of OT (other transfer) will be recorded on the student’s transcript.

9.0 Military Training

Laurel Ridge has been recognized as a 2022-2023 Military Friendly ® School and is proud to offer assistance to military students and veterans from all military branches. Please visit Laurel Ridge’s [Military and Veterans Services](#) page for more information.

Virginia’s Community Colleges are proud to offer military students and veterans the Credits2Careers (C2C) portal that allows students to upload their Joint Services Transcript or Air Force Progress Report to assess what credits may be awarded. The Credits2Careers (C2C) Veterans Portal is a personalized virtual counseling tool that will allow military-connected users to instantly get an estimate of potential credits from your military education, experience, and training. The estimate serves as a recommendation of the possible courses one can earn credit for. The Laurel Ridge Records Office will perform a separate evaluation after all the required documents are provided to determine the student’s actual course credit. Access the Credits2Careers Veterans portal at: <https://www.credits2careers.org>.

Joint Services Transcript (JST): Credit may be awarded for military experience and training in the Army, Navy, Marines, or Coast Guard if the credit is recommended by the *ACE Guide to the Evaluation of Educational Experiences in the Armed Services*, found online at the [ACE Military Guide](#). To receive credit, students must log into the [Joint Services Transcript](#) site to request an official Joint Services Transcript (JST) be submitted to Laurel Ridge Community College. Transcripts will automatically be sent electronically to Laurel Ridge and will be evaluated by the Records Office.

Community College of the Air Force (CCAF) Transcript: For military service in the Air Force, Laurel Ridge evaluates the student’s Community College of the Air Force (CCAF) transcript in the same way as transfer credits are evaluated from other colleges and universities. Students may request their CCAF transcript at the [Community College of the Air Force](#) website.

10.0 Credit through Certifications or Licensure

To request transfer credits for a certification or licensure listed below, students should send a copy of the certificate or license to records@laurelridge.edu. Students should include their student ID number in the email.

To request transfer credits for a certification not listed below, students may submit a [REQUEST FOR CREDIT BY LICENSURE / CERTIFICATION](#) form to records@laurelridge.edu.

10.1 CompTIA Certifications and other Technology Certifications

Laurel Ridge awards transfer credit to those who have successfully completed the following exams within two (2) years of receiving course credit equivalent:

Industry Certification	Laurel Ridge Course Equivalent	Laurel Ridge Course Name	Credits Granted
CompTIA Network+	ITN 100 *	Introduction to Telecommunications	3
CompTIA A+ Certification Core 2	ITN 106	Microcomputer Operating Systems	3
CompTIA A+ Certification Core 1	ITN 107	Personal Computer Hardware and Troubleshooting	3

CompTIA Security+	ITN 260 *	Network Security Basics	3
Comp TIA Linux+	ITN 170 *	Linux Operating System	3
Amazon.com Web Services (AWS) Certified Cloud Practitioner	ITN 257	Cloud Computing: Infrastructure and Services	3
CIW Web Design Specialist	ITD 110	Web Page Design I	3
Microsoft Technology Associate - Database Fundamentals	ITD 130	Database Fundamentals	3
Oracle Java SE Certification or Microsoft Technology Associate - Programming Using Java	ITP 120 or CSC 222	JAVA Programming, I Object Oriented Programming	4

*Due to ABET and CAE-CD requirements, credit for prior learning may not be awarded for ITN 100, ITN 170, and ITN 260.

10.2 Council for Professional Recognition Certifications

Industry Certification	Laurel Ridge Course Equivalent	Laurel Ridge Course Name	Credits Granted
Council for Professional Recognition: Infant Toddler	CHD 166 or EDU 235	Infant and Toddler Programs	3
Council for Professional Recognition: Preschool	CHD 120 or EDU 235	Introduction to Early Childhood Education	3
Council for Professional Recognition: Preschool Renewal	CHD 120 or EDU 235	Introduction to Early Childhood Education	3

Virginia Department of Social Services

Industry Certification	Laurel Ridge Course Equivalent	Laurel Ridge Course Name	Credits Granted
Virginia Department of Social Services: Infant/Toddler Endorsement	CHD 166	Infant and Toddler Programs	3
Virginia Department of Social Services: Preschool Endorsement	CHD 120	Introduction to Early Childhood Education	3
Virginia Department of Social Services: Early Childhood Endorsement I - Creativity Series (ECEI)	CHD 145	Teaching Art, Music & Movement to Children	3

Virginia Department of Social Services: Early Childhood Endorsement II - Health, Safety, Nutrition Series (ECEII)	EDU 235	Health, Safety and Nutrition Education	3
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10.3 Pearson VUE Certifications

Laurel Ridge awards transfer credit to those who have successfully completed the following exams within five (5) years of receiving course credit equivalent:

Industry Certification	Laurel Ridge Course Equivalent	Laurel Ridge Course Name	Credits Granted
Pearson VUE Certified Wireless Network Professional (CWNP)	ITN 124	Wireless Network Administration	3

10.4 American Academy of Professional Coders (AAPC)

Students who possess a current COC or CIC coding certification and provide documentation of either/both certification(s) will be awarded credit for HIM 250 and HIM 255.

Industry Certification	Laurel Ridge Course Equivalent	Laurel Ridge Course Name	Credits Granted
American Academy of Professional Coders: Certified Outpatient Coder (COC)	HIM 250	Health Data Classification Systems I	4
	HIM 255	Health Data Classification Systems II: CPT	2
American Academy of Professional Coders: Certified Inpatient Coder (CIC)	HIM 250	Health Data Classification Systems I	4
	HIM 255	Health Data Classification Systems II: CPT	2

10.5 American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA)

Students who possess a current CCS or CCA Certification and provide documentation of either/both certification(s) will be awarded credit for HIM 250 and HIM 255. The CCS certification must have been attained with use of ICD-10-CM/PCS or through re-credentialing. If CCS was attained using ICD-10-CM and professional development courses for ICD-10-CM/PCS, then a challenge exam with a score of 85% or higher will be required.

Industry Certification	Laurel Ridge Course Equivalent	Laurel Ridge Course Name	Credits Granted
AHIMA Certified Coding Specialist (CCS)	HIM 250	Health Data Classification Systems I	4
	HIM 255	Health Data Classification Systems II: CPT	2

AHIMA Certified Coding Associate (CCA)	HIM 250	Health Data Classification Systems I	4
	HIM 255	Health Data Classification Systems II: CPT	2

10.6 Certified Pharmacy Technician

Students who possess a current (within the last three years) pharmacy technical certification will receive transfer credit.

Industry Certification	Laurel Ridge Course Equivalent	Laurel Ridge Course Name	Credits Granted
National HealthCareer Association (NHA) : Pharmacy Technician Certification (CPhT)	HIM 260	Pharmacology for Health Information Technology	2
Pharmacy Technician Certification Board (PTCB): Pharmacy Technician Certification (CPhT)	HIM 260	Pharmacology for Health Information Technology	2

10.7 Nurse Aide Certifications

Students who meet one of the following criteria will receive credit upon providing the required documentation:

Industry Certification	Laurel Ridge Course Equivalent	Laurel Ridge Course Name	Credits Granted
Current Virginia Board of Nursing: Nurse Aide certification	NUR 27	Nurse Aide Program	5
Successful completion of a Virginia Board of Nursing approved nurse aide educational program within the past 2 years	NUR 27	Nurse Aide Program	5
Successful completion of a DMAS approved PCA training program within the past 2 years	NUR 27	Nurse Aide Program	5
CNAs currently licensed in Virginia, who are admitted to Laurel Ridge's Career Studies Certificate in Patient Care Technician	NUR 27	Nurse Aide Program	5

10.8 Healthcare Provider Level CPR Certification

Students may receive HLT 105 credit for current Healthcare Provider level CPR certification, such as the American Red Cross or the American Heart Association Basic Life Support for Healthcare Providers certification. Heartsaver, layperson, or Hands-only CPR certifications will not be accepted. To be considered, certification training must include an instructor-led classroom skill session. (CPR certifications earned online without in-person demonstrated skill proficiency by a certified instructor is not acceptable for transfer credit.) Students must present their signed, current certification card to the Records Office at their primary campus.

10.9 Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)

LPNs licensed to practice in the Commonwealth of Virginia admitted to the Laurel Ridge Associate of Applied Science (AAS) in Nursing Advanced Placement Option for LPNs who successfully complete NSG 115: Healthcare Concepts for Transition (5 cr.) with a grade of “C” or better, will receive 11 transfer credits and 125 clinical hours, as well as 5 required credits through substitution. NSG 115 is designed to transition the LPN to the AAS nursing program and bridge into the second year of the program.

Industry Certification	Laurel Ridge Course Equivalent	Laurel Ridge Course Name	Credits Granted
Current Virginia Board of Nursing: Licensed Practical Nurse	NSG 106	Competencies for Nursing Practice	2
	NSG 152	Health Care Participant	3
	NSG 170	Health/Illness Concepts	6
	Substitute the following for NSG 115:		
	NSG 100	Introduction to Nursing Concepts	4
	NSG 130	Professional Nursing Concepts	1

10.10 Medication Aide Certification

Students who meet one of the following criteria will receive transfer credit upon providing the required documentation:

Industry Certification	Laurel Ridge Course Equivalent	Laurel Ridge Course Name	Credits Granted
Current Virginia Board of Nursing: Medication Aide Certification	HCT 115	Medication Administration Training	3
Completion of the Laurel Ridge Workforce Solutions Medication Aide program	HCT 115	Medication Administration Training	3

10.11 EMT-Paramedic Certification:

Students must submit a copy of their current Healthcare provider CPR card and current EMT-Paramedic with their EMS application. Students admitted to the EMS program will be awarded credit as outlined below.

Laurel Ridge Course #	Laurel Ridge Course Name	Credits
EMS 100	CPR for Healthcare Providers	1
EMS 111	Emergency Medical Technician Basic	7
EMS 120	EMT-Basic Clinical	1
EMS 121	ALS Foundations	2
EMS 123	EMS Clinical Preparation (Lab)	1

EMS 125	Basic Pharmacology	1
EMS 126	Basic Pharmacology Lab	1
EMS 127	Airway Shock & 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	Advanced Trauma Care	1
EMS 138	Advanced Trauma Care Lab	1
EMS 139	Advanced Care for Special Populations	1
EMS 140	Advanced Care for Special Populations Lab	1
EMS 141	Cardiovascular Care	2
EMS 142	Cardiovascular Care Lab	1
EMS 175	Paramedic Clinical Experience I	2
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 247	Paramedic Clinical Field Experience II	1
EMS 248	Comprehensive Field Experience	2
EMS 165	Advanced Cardiac Life Support	1
EMS 163	Prehospital Trauma Life Support	1
EMS 167	Emergency Pediatric Care	1
EMS 164	Advanced Medical Life Support	1
EMS 216	Paramedic Review	1
EMS 249	Paramedic Capstone Internship	2

10.12 Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)

Students must submit a copy of their current Healthcare provider CPR card and EMT certification card with their EMS application. Students admitted to an EMS program will be awarded credit as outlined below.

Industry Certification	Laurel Ridge Course Equivalent	Laurel Ridge Course Name	Credits Granted
EMT Certification	EMS 100 or HLT 105	CPR for Healthcare Providers, or equivalent	1

	EMS 111	Emergency Medical Technician	7
	EMS 120	Emergency Medical Technician - Clinical	1

Advanced EMT Certification: Students must submit a copy of their current Healthcare provider CPR card and AEMT certification with their EMS application. To be awarded EMS 100, 111 and 120, students must also present their current EMT certification card. Students admitted to an EMS program will be awarded credit as outlined below.

Industry Certification	Laurel Ridge Course Equivalent	Laurel Ridge Course Name	Credits Granted
Advanced EMT Certification	EMS 121	Preparatory Foundations	2
	EMS 123, or EMS 170	Clinical Preparation ALS Internship	1 1
	EMS 125	Basic Pharmacology	1
	EMS 126	Basic Pharmacology Lab	1
	EMS 127	Airway, Shock & Resuscitation	1
	EMS 128	Airway, Shock & 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

EMT-Intermediate Certification: Students must submit a copy of their current Healthcare provider CPR card and EMT-Intermediate with their EMS application. Students admitted to an EMS program will be awarded credit as outlined below.

Industry Certification	Laurel Ridge Course Equivalent	Laurel Ridge Course Name	Credits Granted
EMT Intermediate Certification	EMS 100 or HLT 105	CPR for Healthcare Providers, or Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation	1
	EMS 111	Emergency Medical Technician	7
	EMS 120	Emergency Medical Technician - Clinical	1

	EMS 121	Preparatory Foundations	2
	EMS 123	Clinical Preparation	1
	EMS 125	Basic Pharmacology	1
	EMS 126	Basic Pharmacology Lab	1
	EMS 127	Airway, Shock & Resuscitation	1
	EMS 128	Airway, Shock & 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

10.13 National HealthCareer Association

Industry Certification	Laurel Ridge Course Equivalent	Laurel Ridge Course Name	Credits Granted
National HealthCareer Association (NHA): Certified Phlebotomy Technician (CPT)	MDL EEE	Phlebotomy	2
National HealthCareer Association (NHA): Certified Medical Administrative Assistant (CMAA)	HIM 130	Healthcare Information Systems	3

11.0 Competency-Based Education (CBE):

Laurel Ridge offers a competency-based structure in many courses. These courses have a modular design and allow students to complete challenge assessments to test-out of portions of the course. These courses are listed in the Student Information System (SIS) with a note indicating that “students will be given the opportunity to demonstrate prior knowledge before beginning new learning.”

12.0 Workforce Solutions (WFS) and Credit Programs

Competency Equivalent Table

Industry Certification	Laurel Ridge Course Equivalent	Laurel Ridge Course Name	Credits Granted
NCCER <u>Core</u> Certification			
NCCER Core	SDV 106	Preparation for Employment	1

NCCER HVAC Certifications			
NCCER Levels 1, 2 HVAC	AIR 121	Air Conditioning and Refrigeration I	4
	AIR 122	Air Conditioning and Refrigeration II	4
NCCER Levels 2, 3 HVAC	AIR 122	Air Conditioning and Refrigeration II	4
NCCER Levels 1, 2, 3, 4 HVAC	AIR 121	Air Conditioning and Refrigeration I	4
	AIR 122	Air Conditioning and Refrigeration II	4
	AIR 134	Circuits and Controls I	4
NCCER Electrical Certifications			
NCCER Level 1, 2 Electrical	ELE 127	Residential Wiring Methods	3
	ELE 131	National Electrical Code I	4
	ELE 135	National Electrical Code - Residential	3-4
NCCER Levels 1, 2, 3, 4 Electrical	ELE 127	Residential Wiring Methods	3
	ELE 131	National Electrical Code I	4
	ELE 133	Practical Electricity I	3
	ELE 134	Practical Electricity II	3
	ELE 135	National Electrical Code - Residential	3-4
	ELE 156	Electrical Control Systems	3
	ELE 159	Electrical Motors	3

13.0 Unmanned Systems (UMS)

Industry Certification	Laurel Ridge Course Equivalent	Laurel Ridge Course Name	Credits Granted
FAA Part 107	UMS 107	Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems (sUAS) Remote Pilot Ground School	2

The Remote Pilot's license must be current and not be less than within six months of expiration.