Kent State accepts many industry-recognized certifications, examinations and professional training as prior learning credit applicable toward degree programs upon programmatic approval. Kent State awards academic credit following recommendations from the American Council on Education (ACE) and the Ohio Department of Higher Education. Official documentation from the issuing company or professional organization must be submitted to Kent State before credit can be applied to a student’s academic record.

Industry-recognized certifications, examinations and professional training that is not evaluated by ACE may be considered for academic credit. Students who wish to request credit for training not yet evaluated must complete the industry/training credit application, including submission of all documentation to determine whether academic credit is to be awarded. All credit for industry/professional training appears on the student transcript without a grade.

Students should contact the Credit Transfer Office for more information on the types of certifications, examinations and professional training accepted and the approval process. Official documentation from the issuing agency must be submitted to Kent State before the credit can be applied to a student’s academic record.