

### How much credit can I earn?

It will vary with the hours required to graduate; however, you must meet the residency requirement of the college which is 25% of the program. Am I guaranteed college credit? In areas outside standardized testing, the registrar and faculty will make recommendations for credit. Although no guarantees can be made, all efforts to advise the student of the likelihood of earning credit will be made.

### How much will it cost?

There is no cost associated with the PLA process or for the credits that may be awarded. This includes ACE recommendations, pre-approved courses for industry/professional certification and/or licensure, or student portfolios. Costs will be incurred for other advanced placement methods such as institutional exemption exams and standardized testing which are outlined in the student catalog.

### What if I'm not in agreement with the recommendation for credit?

You have the right to appeal the college's decision, but ultimately the college reserves the right to deny the awarding of credit based on the faculty's findings thus ensuring the quality of education delivered by WGTC.

### Must I complete any courses and a required number of credit hours before I apply for advanced placement?

No, there are no credit hour requirements or courses you need to complete prior to requesting PLAs.



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For more detailed information please visit our website  
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 to view the Handbook of Advanced Placement and Prior Learning Assessments.

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**Earn College Credit  
 through  
 Advanced Placement  
 and  
 Prior Learning  
 Assessments**



## Mission Statement for Advanced Placement and Prior Learning Assessments

Wiregrass Georgia Technical College (WGTC) believes college-level learning can take place outside the traditional classroom, and these experiences should be considered for academic credit.

Goals of the program:

- Value a student's experiences
- Recognize learning outside the traditional classroom
- Reduce student costs
- Improve completion times and improve graduation rates
- Reduce duplication of courses

## Advanced Placement

WGTC offers various methods for a student to earn college credit through advanced placement. From a high school student to the seasoned professional, WGTC can be a partner in helping you earn those much needed credentials that businesses and industries desire.

### Advanced Placement Options

Although many options are available, WGTC representatives can help you identify and recommend opportunities that are best suited to your needs and experiences.

### Standardized Exam Credit

Credit based on nationally normed exams including, but not limited to, the following:

CLEP (*College Level Exam Program*)

International Baccalaureate Credit  
(*International Baccalaureate Exam*)

Advanced Placement Exams (*AP*)

## Prior Learning Assessment Credit

WGTC may award college credit through the following opportunities:

- **Military Training**—Credit awarded based on the American Council of Education or the Community College of the Air Force.
- **Student Portfolios**—Credit awarded by faculty evaluation of a student's documented life-work.
- **Corporate Training**—Occupational training provided by organizations and or manufacturers.
- **Apprenticeship Training**—Training provided through an official work-based program (often required for licensure).
- **Professional Certification and Licensure**—Specialized Certifications earned through training programs and required for employment (ex. POST, BICSI, Trade Organizations).
- **Institutional Exemption Exam**—Challenge exams that demonstrate a mastery of the course competencies.