The Institution may allow students to earn academic course credits without enrolling in the course offering by evaluating their competency with nationally recognized tests or proficiency assessments. This allowance does not apply to (a) course for which nationally standardized examinations exist.

Credit is awarded only in areas which fall within the regular curricular offering of the institution and are part of the instructional program the student completes, and shall be subject to an established set of tuition and fees for Course Challenges or Prior Learning Credit, determined by the Northern Marianas College.

NMC will follow the academic standards of the Council of Adult and Experiential Learning (CAEL) and WASC Credit for Experiential Learning guidelines when assessing prior learning experience and in awarding prior learning credit.

A student will be awarded for no more than 30 prior learning credits towards the Degree being sought.