

SECTION 3, COMPREHENSIVE STANDARD 3.6.3

The majority of credits toward a graduate or a post-baccalaureate professional degree is earned through the institution awarding the degree. In the case of graduate and post-baccalaureate professional degree programs offered through joint, cooperative, or consortia arrangements, the student earns a majority of credits from the participating institutions. (See *Commission policy "The Transfer or Transcribing of Academic Credit."*)

JUDGMENT OF COMPLIANCE

Compliant

Partially Compliant

Noncompliant

RATIONALE FOR JUDGMENT OF COMPLIANCE

North Georgia College & State University fully complies with this standard as documented in its graduate transfer policy published in the *2004-2006 Graduate Bulletin* [1, pp. 19-24]. The current requirement of 24 credit hours in residence was changed in the Graduate Council meeting [2]. Since program requirements vary from 30 in Education to 97 in Physical Therapy, each program indicates in the 2004-2006 Graduate Bulletin [3, p. 5] the maximum number of transfer hours to be allowed:

- Master of Science Nursing – 12 transfer semester hours; 46-semester hour program
- Master of Science Community Counseling – 6 transfer semester hours; 49-semester hour program
- Master of Education – 6 transfer semester hours; 30-semester hour program - Post-baccalaureate teacher certification programs are designed for candidates who have completed state certification teaching content requirements but need to complete the pedagogy and internship requirements. Students are allowed to have prior pedagogy course work count towards the certification requirements, based upon recency of study and alignment with the NGCSU program. The post baccalaureate program is not a degree-granting program, but it is eligible for financial aid if is a prerequisite to a NGCSU master's program in the teaching field.
- Master of Physical Therapy – 97-semester hour program
- Master of Public Administration – 36 semester hour program plus 6 hour internship (2 years of public server can be applied toward the 6 semester hours internship)

Document Reference:

Number	DB Num	Document Title	Resource
1		NGCSU Graduate Bulletin, Admissions, Transfer Students	http://www.ngcsu.edu/enrollment/Graduate/g radBulletin/C_admis.html (web site) http://www.collegesource.org/displayinfo/cataloglink.asp?pid={A0BA6F5B-46EF-41E2-A425-C3574803691F}&oig={1FD70D8E-2B26-4AEB-B696-5991983E2CD1}&vt=5 , pp. 19-24 in PDF, pp. 17-22 in hard copy.
2		NGCSU Graduate Council Meeting Minutes, October 16, 2003	http://www.ngcsu.edu/sacs/Reference_Room/documents/NGCSU_minutes/Graduate_Council_Minutes/GC_Min_10-16-03.pdf
3		NGCSU Graduate Bulletin, 2004-2006	http://www.ngcsu.edu/enrollment/Graduate/g radBulletin/index.shtml (web site) http://www.collegesource.org/displayinfo/cataloglink.asp?pid={A0BA6F5B-46EF-41E2-A425-C3574803691F}&oig={1FD70D8E-2B26-4AEB-B696-5991983E2CD1}&vt=5 , p. 5 in PDF, p. 3 in hard copy