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Required Core Curriculum Modules

The Appraisal Unit routinely receives questions regarding what specific college courses will be accepted toward the **Certified Residential** or **Certified General** credentials. Before any inquiries are answered you **MUST** have already examined the **Student Appraiser Guide** (*a link to the PDF is provided on our site*).

There are over 4,100 colleges and universities in the United States not including on-line universities. This means that over the decades there have been hundreds of thousands of course offerings by these providers. It's impossible to know, based upon nothing more than a **course title**, whether it will be accepted as **Required Core Curriculum**.

- Please pay specific attention to pages 8 and 9 in the **Student Appraiser Guide**.
- Illinois is **NOT** requiring "exact" course title in order to comply with the **Required Core Curriculum Modules**.
- Illinois recognizes accreditation by the following bodies:
 - **MSACS** www.msche.org
 - **NEASC** www.neasc.org
 - **NCACS** www.ncacihe.org
 - **NASC** www.nwccu.org
 - **SACS** www.sacscoc.org
 - **WASC** www.wascweb.org
- Submitted transcripts will be verified by **IDFPR** staff through the appropriate Office of the Registrar.
- Documents that Illinois will **NOT** accept as verification of educational qualifications include, but are not limited to: grade notices, student records, diplomas, teaching certificates, screen-shots, or **ANY** transcripts marked "**UNOFFICIAL**".
- Any claims by the applicant that the transcript cannot be obtained will be investigated by **IDFPR** staff. If **IDFPR** determines that a transcript cannot be obtained because the applicant defaulted on student loans or failed to meet other financial obligations due to the university, we will **NOT** accept any other document as proof of obtaining required degrees or hours.
- In situations where college graduates have completed **ALL** requirements for the degree but will **NOT** have the actual degree conferred until a later date, Illinois will credit the individual as having the degree if they can provide a transcript or letter or other verifying documentation from the Registrar's Office indicating that **ALL** requirements have been met.
- However, if an individual has completed all **EXCEPT** the **thesis** requirement for a master's degree, the individual will **NOT** be credited with the degree until the thesis is completed.