

Evaluating Academic v. Technical Courses [ACGM v. WECM]

| Academic Courses | Technical Courses |
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| Texas community college academic courses appear in the ACGM . | Texas community college technical courses should appear in the WECM – with different prefixes than academic courses . |
| Core courses – we cannot require students to repeat content. | Technical courses – are not governed by a rule against repeating content; faculty decide how much the courses match and determine whether the courses are equivalent or should be repeated based on course description and syllabus if needed. |
| Academic courses – must be taught by faculty with SACS credentials . | Technical courses – do not have to be (but may be) taught by SACS-credentialed faculty (having a minimum of 18 graduate hours in the discipline). |

Guidance from THECB: Technical courses should be evaluated approximately the way courses from out of state or private schools are evaluated and the faculty teaching the course should be considered, as well as the course content.

Example: Evaluating Technical Courses for Transfer

[Note: THECB staff* indicate that WECM courses should be evaluated as are out of state or private courses – for content – and for SACS qualifications for faculty who teach the courses.]

> SEARCH WECM:

<http://www.thecb.state.tx.us/AAR/UndergraduateEd/WorkforceEd/wecm/default.cfm>

> Enter the prefix and course title, then search.

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