

SOC STUDENT AGREEMENT, ACADEMIC AND TRANSFER PLANNING

COASTLINE OFFERS

FREE

ACADEMIC/TRANSCRIPT

If you need assistance determining how your prior coursework and military training will fit into a Coastline degree, you can receive a FREE evaluation of military and college transcripts.

As a member of the Servicemembers Opportunity Colleges (SOC) Degree Network System, Coastline makes it easier to achieve a college degree rather than just accumulating course credit by:

- Limiting the amount of coursework students must take at a single college; no more than 25% of degree requirements (30% for degrees offered 100% online) must be taken with Coastline.
- Employing course-transfer policies to minimize loss of credit and avoid duplication of course work.
- Awarding credit for military training and experience and nationally recognized tests such as:
 - College-Level Examination Program (CLEP) General and Subject Examinations
 - DSST Examinations
 - Excelsior College Examinations (ECE)

A SOC Student Agreement, which serves as a “contract for degree” between the student and Coastline, will remain valid as long as the student maintains continuous enrollment. SOC Student Agreements are prepared using Coastline’s Option 1 General Education requirements.

This option is designed for students pursuing a degree and who may or may not be planning to transfer to a four-year institution. Students who plan to transfer should contact a Coastline counselor for guidance in preparing an educational plan.

If a student breaks attendance, the validity of the SOC Student Agreement will remain in effect if the cumulative length of all service-related absences from that institution does not exceed five years.

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STEPS TO RECEIVE A SOC AGREEMENT

Below are the steps to receive a SOC Agreement, which serves as a “contract for degree” between you and Coastline and remains valid (up to 5 years) even if you leave the military:

- Enroll in a Coastline course.
- Submit official military and college transcripts, including any CLEP, DSST, or ECE scores.
- Complete the online SOC Agreement/Degree Plan Request Form. Official electronic transcripts may be submitted to Coastline by participating institutions in hard copy or electronic form.
 - Hard Copy Transcript Submission
Coastline Community College
TRANSCRIPTS - Extended Learning Division
11460 Warner Avenue, 3rd Floor
Fountain Valley, CA 92708
 - Electronic Format Transcript Submission
Official transcripts in electronic format can be emailed by the sending institution directly to:
ContractTranscripts@Coastline.edu.

The SOC Student Agreement preparation process takes approximately 4-6 weeks from the time all documents have been received; students will be emailed a copy of their completed SOC Student Agreement.

Note: Electronically submitted *transcripts* will **NOT** be accepted as “official” if they are sent directly from the student or if the student is the intended recipient.

TRANSFER COLLEGE COURSEWORK

Coastline will accept transfer credit for courses successfully completed at regionally accredited institutions of higher education as documented on an official college transcript. Transfer courses will be reviewed for applicability to degree requirements and will be used as appropriate. Non-degree applicable courses (i.e., developmental math or English) will not be accepted.

Students who plan to transfer to a four-year institution should contact a Coastline counselor for guidance in preparing an Individual Educational Plan (IEP).

MY TRANSCRIPTS & TEST RESULTS TO SUBMIT

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

DEGREE AND TRANSFER OPTIONS

Coastline awards the degrees of Associate in Arts (AA), Associate in Science (AS), and Associate Degrees for Transfer (AA-T and AS-T). Coastline's AA and AS degrees may be earned with the students choice of General Education patterns.

OPTION 1

Coastline's Option 1 AA/AS degree is designed to provide students with the necessary skills to compete successfully in a culturally diverse and global job market. The Option 1 degree requires students to complete 18 units of specified General Education coursework. This option is designed for students pursuing a degree and who may or may not be planning to transfer to a four-year institution. Most of the coursework in this option is applicable toward transfer.

Most four-year schools do require General Education coursework beyond Coastline's Option 1 requirements for acceptance as a Junior into their Bachelor's degree programs. If you plan to transfer into a Bachelor's degree program, you should be prepared to complete several additional General Education courses in order to fully prepare for transfer. It is important to contact a Coastline counselor for guidance in selecting your courses.

OPTION 2

Coastline's Option 2 AA/AS/AA-T/AS-T degree is designed for students who are planning to transfer to a university in the California State University (CSU) system. It may also be appropriate for transfer to some independent colleges. The Option 2 degree requires students to complete 39 units of specified General Education coursework.

OPTION 3

Coastline's Option 3 AA/AS/AA-T/AS-T degree is designed for students who are planning to transfer to a university in the CSU or UC system. It may also be appropriate for transfer to some independent colleges. The Option 3 degree requires students to complete at least 37 units of specified General Education coursework.

GENERAL EDUCATION CERTIFICATIONS

Students who complete Coastline's Option 2 or Option 3 general education patterns may qualify for a Certificate of Achievement in CSU General Education, or Certificate of Achievement in Intersegmental General Education Transfer (IGETC) and CSU or IGETC Certification of General Education. Upon student request, Coastline will verify the completion of lower-division general education requirements for transfer either to the California State University (the CSU general education breadth requirements of the IGETC) or the University of California (IGETC). Courses can only be certified if they were on the CSU or IGETC approved list at the time they were taken by the student.

Students who transfer without certification will have to meet the general education requirements of the specific CSU or UC campus to which they are transferring. Meeting these requirements usually necessitates taking additional courses. Students may also request subject-area (partial) certification. Coastline will certify courses only once. Certification is not automatic and must be requested after the completion of the last term prior to transfer. This request should be made in the Admissions office when final transcripts are requested to be sent to the transfer university.

DEGREE PARTNERSHIP PATHWAYS PROGRAM

Through our Degree Partnership Pathways Program, Coastline has partnered with several colleges and universities to enable you to transfer your Coastline Associate degree into one of their Bachelor's degree programs with ease. These formal agreements assure students that specified coursework completed at Coastline will transfer and can satisfy general education and/or lower-division major prep requirements or elective courses. With customized degree roadmaps outlining requirements needed to complete the desired degree, these pathways offer students a seamless transition.

Our partner schools are all affiliated with Servicemembers Opportunity Colleges (SOC), regionally accredited, and will accept Coastline's credits in transfer. Students interested in learning more about our articulation agreements or exploring one of our partnerships can make an appointment with one of our experienced counselors.

Students who plan to transfer to a four-year program should contact a Coastline counselor for guidance in preparing an educational plan.

Military Students & Veterans

For more information or assistance with academic planning, please visit <http://Military.Coastline.edu/Transfer> or contact SOC@Coastline.edu.

Corporate Partnership Students

For more information or assistance with academic planning, please check with your employer's career counselor or contact us, CorpReg@Coastline.edu.

