

RECOGNITION OF ACADEMIC DEGREES

Suffolk County Community College will recognize academic degrees that meet one of the following two criteria:

1. Academic degrees will be accepted from accredited colleges and universities, as verified by the use of one of the standard references, such as, the *U.S. Department of Education Database of Accredited Postsecondary Institutions and Programs* (<http://ope.ed.gov/accreditation/>).
2. Academic degrees will be accepted from foreign colleges or universities if the foreign education is shown to be comparable to education received in accredited institutions in the United States, as demonstrated by a credential evaluation service that is a member of either the National Association of Credential Evaluation Services (NACES) or the Association of International Credentials Evaluators (AICE), with evaluations that are the same as or equivalent to evaluations that include document-by-document (general) *and* course-by-course (detailed) evaluations. It will be an applicant's responsibility to provide such evidence.

*Approved by Executive Council
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