

GUIDE to ACE College Credit for Students

Background Information

University partners have historically provided college credit for PLTW courses for many years. In September 2023, Project Lead The Way partnered with the American Council on Education (ACE) for the purposes of conducting a Learning Evaluation on seven PLTW courses: Civil Engineering and Architecture, Cybersecurity, Digital Electronics, Human Body Systems, Principles of Biomedical Science, Medical Interventions, and Principles of Engineering.

ACE represents more than 1,600 colleges and universities nationwide, providing college credit recommendations for higher education institutions after conducting a thorough review of the course and coordinating assessments. ACE completed the evaluation and recommended 3 credit hours for each course with a passing score of 370 or above on the End-of-Course Assessment. The scaled score of 370 represents a passing rate of 70% on the assessment, which is the required minimum from ACE to award credit. All seven courses are listed on the ACE National Guide. <https://www.pltw.org/ace>

ACE Recommendations		
Course Title	Credit-Granting EOC Score	Semester Hours
Civil Engineering and Architecture	370	3
Cybersecurity	370	3
Digital Electronics	370	3
Human Body Systems	370	3
Medical Interventions	370	3
Principles of Biomedical Science	370	3
Principles of Engineering	370	3

By successfully completing a PLTW course and taking the associated End-of-Course assessment, you have engaged in a highly rigorous and relevant course that exemplifies your college and career readiness skills. ***Students must achieve at least a 370 on the End-of-Course assessment to be awarded college credit as recommended.*** PLTW encourages all students to download their score report from myPLTW as evidence for any college credit application. Your teachers can also supply the score report.

Students are encouraged to visit PLTW's [Student Opportunities](#) page for up-to-date information on university partners awarding college credit for PLTW courses. The ACE recommendation is intended to be awarded for transfer credit, which means that you can apply for credit at one university and transfer it to another university.

CAUTION: Universities accept transfer credit differently. Some may apply it toward a course and others might accept it towards an elective. You will need to connect with your intended university registrar's office to find out how the credits will transfer in. If your intended university is not listed as one of our credit partners, please work with your school guidance counselor so that they can make the outreach to them on your behalf.