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**Purpose/Principle/Definitions:**

To allow students possessing a Bachelor's Degree from a regionally accredited institution of higher education a process by which their coursework is assessed to determine if they meet Blue Mountain Community College (BMCC) guidelines for meeting the composition requirements.

**Guideline:**

Composition equivalency assessment must meet one of the following requirements based on student transcripts and, when necessary, using the degree granting institution's course catalog course descriptions and the course syllabus (see the attached algorithm):

- An equivalent composition sequence that matches BMCC's WR121 and WR122/WR227 composition sequence, or
- A senior capstone research paper required by the degree granting institution as an exit requirement for the Bachelor's degree and validated by a transcript that reflects successful completion. BMCC may also require submission of the capstone project document for assessment of "proof to meet research and writing requirements," or
- Degree curriculum verified by transcript review and degree granting institution's course curriculum and course descriptions verifying writing and research components (e.g. "Research & Methods" classwork\*).

Successful completion of one of the three items above as verified by official transcripts will allow BMCC to grant equivalency credit by either a waiver or by granting equivalent course credit to match BMCC's WR121, WR122, and/ or WR227 writing courses.

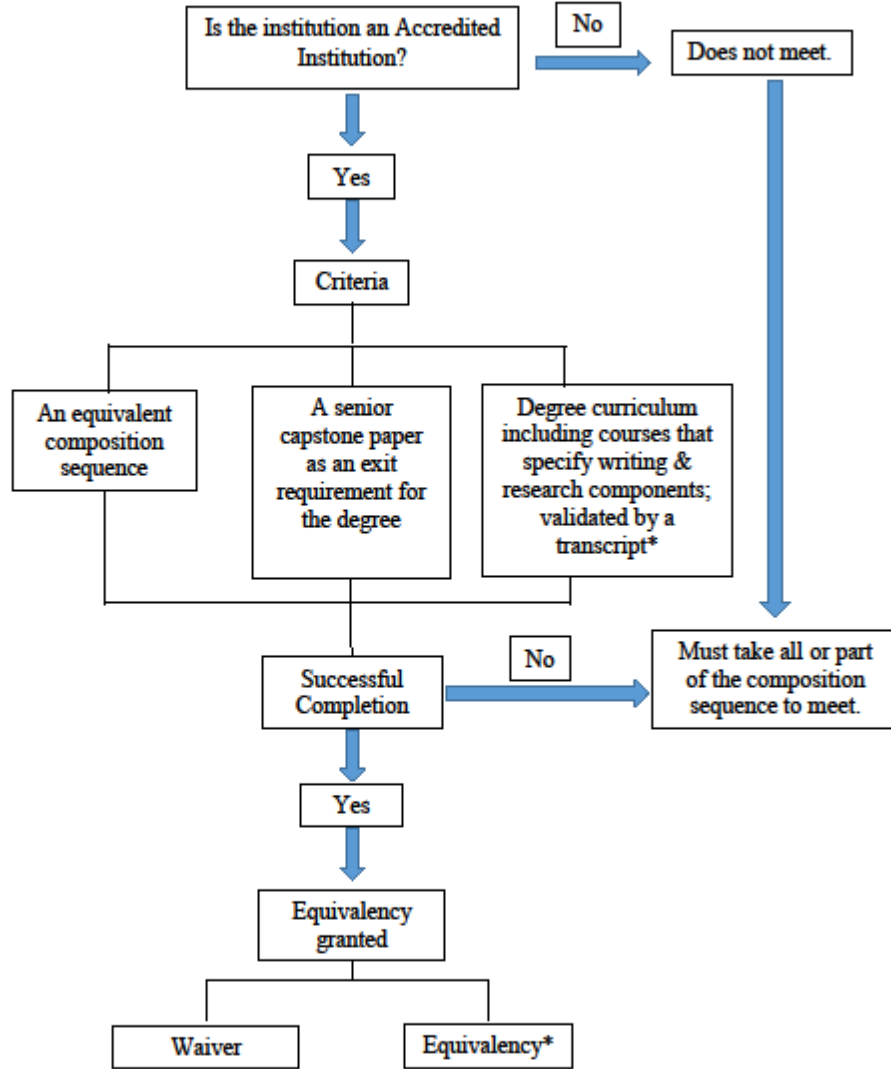
A student who comes from an institution that is not regionally accredited will be deemed as “does not meet,” and will be required to take the BMCC composition sequence as required by their stated degree intent.

A student who does not meet “successful completion” of one of the three items listed above as verified by official transcripts will be deemed as “does not meet” and will be required to take all or part of the BMCC composition sequence upon admission to BMCC.

*\*Research Methods or “research-based” classes are identified by the course name and/or the degree granting institution’s catalog and course description and will be deemed equivalent to BMCC’s WR122 or WR227 writing courses. If the course is based on the American Psychological Association (APA) Manual of Style, it will be deemed equivalent to BMCC’s WR227.*

# Composition Equivalency with a Bachelor's Degree

Evaluation of a Bachelor degree from an accredited institution as meeting the writing requirements at BMCC.



\*Research methods or "research-based" class as identified by the course name and/or the institution catalog can qualify as equivalent to WR122 or WR227 (WR227 if the course is based on the APA Manual of Style).