

## **The American Council on Education’s College Credit Recommendation Service (ACE CREDIT®) for ASIS International Certification Programs**

The American Council on Education’s College Credit Recommendation Service (ACE CREDIT®) has evaluated and recommended college credit for the ASIS International CPP, PCI and PSP programs. This recommendation is an important benefit for certification holders by helping them gain access to academic credit at colleges and universities, optimize their time as they work toward degree completion, and proactively prepare for career advancement opportunities. ASIS joins the ranks of over 35,000 programs that have been reviewed.

### **What is an ACE credit recommendation?**

It is a formal recommendation to colleges and universities, requesting they award college credit for certain courses, examinations and certifications taken outside the college classroom. ACE has evaluated ASIS International certification programs to ensure they meet the rigors of a college course.

### **When was the ACE Credit recommendation implemented for ASIS certifications?**

Implementation occurred on 1 September 2015 and is only active from this specified, approved date. This means that all individuals earning an ASIS certification on or after September 1 are eligible to receive ACE transcripts with credit recommendations. Transcripts are not permitted prior to the approved date. To maintain and adhere to ACE Credit recommendations, ASIS certification programs will be re-evaluated for credit approval every three years.

### **What colleges/universities consider ACE college credit recommendations?**

Over 2,000 colleges and universities are part of [ACE’s College and University Network](#) and consider ACE college credit recommendations.

### **Where can I view that ASIS certifications have received ACE credit recommendations?**

ASIS can be found by searching the organization name “ASIS International” on the [CREDIT Database Search](#) page or by visiting [ASIS International](#)

### **What are the Ace credit recommendations for CPP, PCI, and PSP certification?**

**The CPP exam is recommended for a total of 18 semester hours in the graduate degree category:** 3 semester hours in global security management; 3 in risk management; 3 in threat and risk management; 3 in security principles and security theory; 3 in information security and risk management; and 3 in organizational continuity.

**The PCI exam is recommended for a total of 6 semester hours in the lower-division baccalaureate/associate degree category:** 3 semester hours in crime investigation or social work; 3 in information gathering and case management.

**The PSP exam is recommended for a total of 9 semester hours in the upper-division baccalaureate degree category:** 3 semester hours in physical security systems; 3 in internship or applied learning in safety, security, or law enforcement; and 3 in risk and threat vulnerability and assessment or safety, security, and crisis administration.

### **How does ACE Credit benefit all test candidates globally?**

Through its Registry and Transcript service, ACE provides an official transcript to those successfully completing an ASIS exam. These transcripts can be presented to institutions to obtain college credit or advance degree placement. The institutions seek to compare or align the credit to be transferred to an appropriate selected curriculum.

*Note:* ACE credit recommendations do not result in automatic academic credit. Ultimately, it's up to the college/university to decide if college credit is awarded. Each university sets its own standards and policies for granting credit. However, ACE credit recommendations will often influence college admissions officers to grant transfer credit.

### **What the best means to determine an institution's transfer policies?**

- Make the most of your college recommendations by first contacting your institution
- View their related curriculum for similarities with the ASIS domains of study for the respective certification program
- Contact ASIS to provide the domains of study to your institution.
- Contact the institution for its policies on credit transfers – what's accepted, and under which programs/department, and the limits on credit transfers...
- Ask if the institution policy acceptance regarding professional training
- International certificants should inquire about policy acceptance of recommended credits from a U.S. based authority

**Can ASIS certificants create an account with ACE to view their transcript?** Yes, it is free using the ACE Registry and Transcript System.

### **How are transcript ordered?**

To order a transcript, follow these steps:

**Step 1,** Click on "order transcript" in left sidebar; a box will appear listing the courses you have taken. Click on the red "order transcript" icon at the bottom.

**Step 2,** You'll be asked to enter a destination. Click on "College/University", then click on the gray "Find college/university" icon at bottom

**Step 3,** Enter the name of the college/university where you want the transcript sent. A list of results will appear. Click the red “Select” icon next to the name of the correct result. Click “Next”.

**Step 4,** Choose the format in which you want your transcript sent (Electronic or Paper).

- Electronic transcripts: If you choose this method, a PDF file will be emailed to the admissions office at your institution. The institution must open and save the transcript after 14 days, or it will expire. Not all institutions accept electronic transcripts; before you hit send, call your institution to make sure they accept this kind of transcript.
- Paper transcripts: If you choose this method, your transcript will be sent through the mail. Regular postage fees will apply.

**Step 5,** Enter the destination where you want your transcript sent. If you are sending the transcript electronically, you should enter the email address for the institution’s admissions office. If you are sending the transcript through the mail, you should enter the mailing address of the institution’s admissions office.

**NOTE:** Do not send the transcript to your personal email address – this will invalidate it!

**Step 6,** Enter ACE billing information and click “Submit Order”.

Once you submit your transcript request, the ASIS International certification department will review and approve. The department will also send an e-mail notification. ACE charges a fee for establishing a record. This allows you to obtain transcripts for all approved programs, not only those you obtain via ASIS.

The fee for establishing a record with ACE is \$40.00. This fee includes one complimentary transcript. Additional transcripts are \$15.00 each.

Please use the ACE’s Resource Center if assistance is needed via e-mail ([credit@acenet.edu](mailto:credit@acenet.edu)) or phone (866205-6267)

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