

DAVIDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Students

CREDIT HOURS

POLICY 5.2.9

The College provides instruction for each course based on the number of contact hours listed in the North Carolina Community College Combines Course Library (“CCL”) for the course. Instruction is delivered by a variety of methods, including traditional and online formats or a combination of both to meet the contact hour requirements.

A semester credit hour is an academic unit **earned** for no less than sixteen, 50-minute sessions of classroom instruction or its equivalent. This basic measure may be adjusted proportionately to reflect modified academic calendars and formats of study.

Laboratory, clinical and work experience courses from CCL convert from credit hours to contact hours per course using the following guidelines:

- A.** Credit of one (1) semester hour is awarded for each 32 hours of experiential laboratory work. This consists of instruction given to a student by an instructor to increase the student’s knowledge and skills without immediate student application.
- B.** Credit of one (1) semester hour is awarded for 48 hours of faculty directed laboratory work. This involves structured and coordinated demonstration by an instructor with immediate student application.
- C.** Credit of one (1) semester hour is awarded for each 48 hours of clinical practice. This is structured, faculty-directed learning experience in a health science program which develops job proficiency. Clinical practice requires significant preparation, coordination and scheduling by the faculty and is under the supervision of an instructor or preceptor who is qualified for the particular program.
- D.** Credit of one (1) semester hour is awarded for each 160 hours of work experience such as cooperative education, practicums and internships. Student activity in work experience is planned and coordinated by a College representative and the employer is responsible for the control and supervision of the student on the job.

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