

STUDENT- 500

Policy for the Assignment of Credits (500.7)

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Illinois Eastern Community Colleges assigns credit hours based on commonly accepted practices in higher education and ICCB Administrative Rules Section 1501.309 where credit hours shall be determined on the basis of an expected 45 hours of combined classroom/laboratory and study time for each semester hour.

Assignment of credit hours occurs during the course approval process and is monitored through faculty, curriculum, and program reviews established by the district.

All courses offered for credit will:

1. meet standards for class contact hours,
2. meet expected hours for out of class student work regardless of the mode of instruction and/or length of term, and,
3. achieve intended learning outcomes.

Courses will be consistent in the assignment of credits, scope, quality, assessment, and expected learning outcomes with other courses with the same course title and number.

- A. Lecture: One semester hour of college credit will be awarded for each 15 hours of lecture (750 minutes instructional time, not including testing). It is assumed that two hours of outside study will be invested for each classroom contact hour.
- B. Laboratory: One semester hour of college credit will be awarded for each 30-45 hours of laboratory experience. It is assumed that one hour of outside study will be invested for each two laboratory contact hours.
- C. Internship/Non Clinical Practicum: One semester hour of college credit will be awarded for each 75-149 hours of internship/practicum experience.
- D. Clinical Practicum: One semester hour of credit for each 30-60 contact hours per semester or equivalent. It is assumed that one hour of outside study time will be invested for each two clinical practicum contact hours.