

SOUTHWEST TENNESSEE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

SUBJECT: Academic Credit

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2000; Revised November 5, 2013

- I. Academic credit at Southwest Tennessee Community College (Southwest) is awarded in semester credit hours. In order to earn academic credit, the student must be officially admitted to the College, be registered for one or more courses, and satisfactorily complete all the requirements for each specific course.

- II. In accord with federal regulations and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges, a credit/semester hour is an amount of work represented in intended learning outcomes and verified by evidence of student achievement that is an institutionally established equivalency that reasonably approximates:
 - A. One hour of classroom or direct faculty instruction and a minimum of two hours of out of class student work each week for approximately fifteen weeks for one semester hour of credit, or the equivalent amount of work over a different amount of time; or
 - B. At least an equivalent amount of work as required in paragraph (A) of this definition for other instructional modes of delivery as established by the institution including distance education, hybrid, and independent study; and
 - C. At least an equivalent amount of work as required in paragraph (A) of this definition for other academic work leading to the award of credit hours such as

Academic Work	Semester Credit Hour (SCH)
Laboratory	One (1) SCH per each two (2) or three (3) contact hour Per week, depending on the nature of the course
Clinical	One (1) SCH per each six (6) contact hours per week
Cooperative/Practicum	One (1) SCH per each six (6) contact hours per week