

Credit Hours

In the determination and awarding of credit for academic courses, North Country Community College uses the traditional measurement of academic credit known as the Carnegie Unit. Our policy is based on the SUNY Credit/Contact Hour policy established on June 30, 1976. A link to the SUNY Policy is provided here: https://www.suny.edu/sunypp/documents.cfm?doc_id=168.

At North Country Community College, one (1) credit is awarded for successful completion of the following within a given semester:

- Fifteen (15) sessions in a typical lecture/discussion course each lasting 50 minutes (or two 75 minute sessions, or one 150 minute session), or
- Fifteen (15) sessions in a typical lab, studio or practicum course, lasting between 100-150 minutes depending on the course objectives, or
- 40-45 hours of supervised academic activity such as an internship or field practicums, or
- 45-60 hours (3-4 hours/week) of clinical rotations.*

The application of these guidelines, with few exceptions*, applies equally to courses, regardless of the modality of instruction, the location, discipline, program and degree level. Where they differ, these guidelines are the minimum number of hours expected. Consistent with SUNY and NYSED policy, the College expects that students are tasked with a minimum of two hours of course-related activities (e.g. reading, studying, and preparation) for each hour they are in class.

Thus, a typical awarding of credits for courses at North County Community College is illustrated here:

Course	Credits	Instructional Time (hours per week)	Student Time-on-Task Expected (outside class per week)
Lecture/Discussion	3	3 hours (150 minutes)	6 hours
Science Lab	4	3 hours lecture, 3 hours lab	6 hours
Internship	3	10-12 hours	none
Clinicals*	1	3-4 hours	none

* AAS Radiologic Technology clinical rotations are 80 hours of clinical = 1 credit hour.