

Creighton University School of Medicine Medical Education Program Policies

POLICY: Unit of Instruction/Credit Hour Policy

GOVERNING BODY: Educational Program Committee

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LCME ACCREDITATION STANDARD REFERENCE:

PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to define what equates to a credit hour within the Creighton University School of Medicine Medical Education Program.

POLICY

The semester credit hour is the unit of instruction at Creighton University.

One credit hour is constituted by a minimum of one hour of classroom or direct instruction plus a minimum of two hours of out-of-class student work each week for a semester or an equivalent amount of instructional time for courses fewer than 15 weeks in length. Utilizing the Carnegie Unit, "one hour" of instruction or class work equals 50 minutes; a semester is defined as not less than 15 weeks.

An equivalent amount of student work (minimum three hours per week for a semester of combined direct instruction and out-of-class student work) must be represented for a credit hour in other academic activities such as laboratories, internships, practica, studio work and other academic work.

SCOPE

This policy applies to all courses within the Medical Education Program Curriculum.

ADMINISTRATION AND INTERPRETATION

The Educational Program Committee is responsible for the administration of this policy. Please forward questions to the Chair of the Educational Policy Committee.

Contact the Creighton University Registrar's Office to review Creighton University's Credit Hour Policy.

AMENDMENT

This policy may be amended by majority vote of the School of Medicine Medical Education Program Educational Program Committee.