



CCCC Credit Hour Policy

The college awards credits as semester hours. A semester hour represents contact hours, which may be accumulated over varying periods of time. Most academic classes are scheduled for a semester and one hour of credit is earned for each 50-minute period of classes per week for the semester. Laboratory session may be required in addition to the classroom work.

Several academic classes and most of the vocational-technical credits are earned by demonstrated competency within a standard time frame. These credits, while referred to as semester hours, may actually be earned in a shorter time period because contact hours are expanded.

A credit hour shall be the unit of University academic credit representing approximately three hours of work per week by a student throughout a 15 week (fall, spring) semester (exclusive of final examination period) or its equivalent in total work for short courses. Specifically, and consistent with Department of Education Program Integrity rules published October 29, 2010, Cankdeska Cikana Community College defines a credit hour as:

“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 not less than

(1) 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 or trimester hour of credit, or ten to twelve weeks for one quarter hour of credit, or the equivalent amount of work over a different amount of time; or

(2) At least an equivalent amount of work as required in paragraph (1) of this definition for other academic activities as established by the institution including laboratory work, internships, practica, studio work, and other academic work leading to the award of credit hours.”

The education methods may include face-to-face lecture and laboratory, accelerated, hybrid, distance learning (internet and IVN), and independent study. All course delivery methods require the same academic equivalency.