



Course Instructional Modes for Awarding Credit Summary

Type	Hours/Credits	Description
Lecture	1 hour (50 minutes) per week for 15 weeks = 1 credit (750 min total instructional time per credit)	50 minutes per week for 15 weeks of formalized instruction including lecture, directed discussion, demonstration, or the presentation of audio-visual materials or techniques. Course organization requires an instructor to be responsible for the instructional activity and directly involved with all students in the class. Out-of-class assignments/study may average 2 hours for each hour of formal class time. Out-of-class time is not counted as part of total class time.
Laboratory	3 hours (150 minutes) with little or no out-of-class study per week for 15 weeks = 1 credit OR 2 hours (100 minutes) with approx. 1 hour of out-of-class study = 1 credit	150 minutes per week for 15 weeks of educational activity conducting experiments, perfecting skills or practicing procedures under the direction of a faculty member. Little or no out-of-class study. Normally combined with another instructional delivery strategy i.e. lecture. 100 minutes per week for 15 weeks of educational activity conducting experiments, perfecting skills or practicing procedures under the direction of a faculty member. 1 hour of out-of-class study per week required. Normally combined with another instructional delivery strategy i.e. lecture.
Clinical Laboratory	3 hours per week (180 minutes) with little or no out-of-class study per week for 15 weeks OR 2 hours per week (120 minutes) with approx. 1 hour per week of out-of-class study per week for 15 weeks= 1 credit	180 minutes per week for 15 weeks of a laboratory experience conducted at a health-related agency facility or college-owned facility that provides professional clinical services to the public. Little to no out-of-class study required. This is supervised by a faculty member. 120 minutes per week for 15 weeks of a laboratory experience conducted at a health-related agency facility or college-owned facility that provides professional clinical services to the public. 1 hour of out-of-class study per week required. This is supervised by a faculty member.
Cooperative Experience	Minimum of 12 hours per week for 15 weeks or 180 hours over the academic semester hours = 1 credit*	Minimum of 12 hours per week for 15 weeks (180 hours total) of paid employment that augments formal instruction in a technology. Coordinated by professional staff of the college who helps plan, visits the site to conference with the student's supervisor at least once during the semester. Co-op students should be paid a comparable wage as it relates to an hourly rate and or/wage paid to other employees at the company where the co-op student is employed. The hourly wages should meet the Federal Minimum wage requirement. A stipend is not an acceptable form of payment for a co-op experience. Note: The College follows a definition of COOP experience that received approval from OBOR in the 1970s. Cooperative Work Experience is called Cooperative Field Experience in the College Catalog.
Directed Practice	Minimum of 5 hours (300 minutes) per week or 75 hours (4,500 minutes) over the academic semester = 1 credit	Minimum of 5 hours (300 minutes) per week for 15 weeks (75 hours/4,500 minutes) where student is assigned to practice experiences at a health related agency under constant supervision. Individual instruction is provided, students are observed and critiqued in repeat performance by an instructor. One lecture session per week is conducted by faculty in addition to visits to students.
Field Experience	Minimum of 12 hours per week for 15 weeks or 180 hours over the academic semester hours = 1 credit*	Minimum of 12 hours per week for 15 weeks (180 hours) of planned paid work or unpaid work relating to occupational objectives and taken in lieu of an elective or required course in the program with the permission of a faculty advisor. Faculty visits the worksite for a conference with the student's supervisor at least once during the semester. An internship would be an example of field experience. <i>Note: The state's official definition indicates this is to be a paid experience, but Tri-C has permission to offer field experience as a non-paid experience.</i>
Observation	Minimum of 15 hours per week for 15 weeks or 225 hours over the academic semester=1	Minimum of 15 hours per week for 15 weeks (225 hours) where students observe practitioners in an occupational area. Coordinated by faculty. Students report observations experiences.

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Practicum	Minimum of 7 hours per week or 105 hours over the academic semester hours = 1 credit*	Minimum of 7 hours per week for 15 weeks (105 hours) Work experience along with a seminar. Students apply learned concepts to practical situations with an occupational field. Faculty visits the student once each two weeks of the semester.
Seminar/ Discussion	1 hour per week = 1 credit (750 minutes total instructional time per credit)	50 minutes per week for 15 weeks of educational experiences less formal than lecture. Class directed by teacher. Focuses on practical situation, used to review/develop concepts.
Application Courses	Minimum of 7 hours per week for 15 weeks = 1 credit	Minimum of 7 hours per week for 15 weeks (105 hours) of concentrated practice. Required subsequent to sessions of individualized instruction such as music, journalism, or courses of an independent study. Activities assigned and graded by instructor.

*NOTE: A maximum 9 credit hours may be earned in cooperative work experience, practicum, and field experience in a degree.

Flexibly Scheduling – Impact on Credit Hours calculations

Credit hours are calculated based on the number of contact hours required for students over the course of a 15 week term. Flexibly scheduled courses must meet for the same total amount of time as a full term course. A one credit hour practicum taught in the 5 week summer session would still need to require students to complete a total of 105 hours (or 21 hours a week). Please keep this in mind when calculating credit hours for courses that are planned to be flexibly scheduled.

College Credit Plus – courses offered on site at the high schools may meet throughout the school year and more than the required hours.