

WVU Parkersburg Board of Governors

POLICY C-09

ACADEMIC CREDIT, MICRO-CREDENTIAL PATHWAYS, & CONTINUING EDUCATION UNITS

Section 1. General.

- 1.1. Scope. - This rule establishes institutional standards for academic credit, CEU's, and micro-credential pathways.
- 1.2. Authority. - [W. Va. Code §18B-2A-4; WVCTCS Series 18; 34 CFR 600.2](#)
- 1.3. Effective Date. - March 17, 2026
Replaces version dated April 17, 2009

Section 2. Credit Hour Definition and Assignment

- 2.1. Federal and State Definition of a Credit Hour. - WVU Parkersburg adopts the federal definition of a credit hour as required by 34 CFR 600.2 and WVCTCS Series 18.
- 2.2. Assignment of Credit Hours. - The Curriculum Committee, academic leadership, and faculty ensure that all courses carry an appropriate number of credit hours based on instructional time, learning outcomes, and assessment.
- 2.3. Application of Credit Toward Academic Credentials. - Credit-bearing courses must apply to approved degree or certificate programs, general education requirements, or institutional requirements reviewed through the curriculum process.

Section 3. Micro-Credentials, Noncredit Instruction, and Pathways to Credit.

- 3.1 Noncredit Instruction and Micro-Credentials. - WVU Parkersburg may offer noncredit workforce training, micro-credentials, and professional development through approved instructional units.
- 3.2 Pathways to Credit. - Students completing noncredit learning may seek academic credit through PLA, portfolio review, credential evaluation, or state-recognized micro-credentials authorized for credit conversion.

Section 4. Continuing Education Units (CEUs).

- 4.1 General CEUs. - CEUs may be awarded for approved noncredit activities that meet documented learning outcomes. One CEU represents ten (10) contact hours.

- 4.2 Requirements. - Participants must complete at least 80% of instructional time and meet assessment or competency requirements.
- 4.3 Professional CEUs. - When CEUs are governed by state or national organizations, WVU Parkersburg will adhere to applicable standards required by the certifying body.
- 4.4 Recordkeeping. - WVU Parkersburg will maintain records for CEU-bearing activities in compliance with institutional, state, and accrediting requirements.

Section 5. Oversight and Compliance.

- 5.1 Institutional Oversight. - The Curriculum Committee and the EVPAA ensure compliance with federal credit-hour regulations and WVCTCS Series 18.
- 5.2 Periodic Review. - This policy will be reviewed regularly to ensure compliance with state, federal, and accreditation standards.