



NEW YORK
CHIROPRACTIC
COLLEGE

Finger Lakes School of Acupuncture & Oriental Medicine
School of Applied Clinical Nutrition

NEW YORK CHIROPRACTIC COLLEGE – DEFINITION OF CREDIT HOUR

New York Chiropractic College adheres to the New York State Education Department's definition of a credit hour – which is based on the U.S. Department of Education's definition of a credit hour – as follows:

Semester hour means a credit, point, or other unit granted for the satisfactory completion of a course which requires at least 15 hours (of 50 minutes each) of instruction and at least 30 hours of supplementary assignments, except as otherwise provided pursuant to section 52.2(c)(4) of the New York State Education Department's definition of a credit hour. This basic measure shall be adjusted proportionately to translate the value of other academic calendars and formats of *study in relation* to the credit granted for study during the semesters that comprise an academic year.

The U.S. Department of Education defines the 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 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.

NOTES

- This applies to all courses at all levels that award academic credit (i.e. any course that appears on an official transcript issued by the College) regardless of the mode of delivery including, but not limited to, self-paced, online, hybrid, lecture, seminar, and laboratory.
- All New York Chiropractic College degree and certificate programs are approved by the New York State Education Department. Academic units are responsible for ensuring that credit hours are awarded only for work that meets the requirements outlined in this definition. The expectation of contact time inside the classroom and student effort outside the classroom is the same in all formats of a course whether it be fully online, a hybrid/blended method of face-to-face contact with some content delivered by electronic means, or one delivered in lecture or seminar format.