

6A-14.030 Instruction and Awards in Florida College System Institutions.

Florida College System institutions are authorized to provide instruction and to confer degrees, certificates, and diplomas only as prescribed herein. Any Florida College System institution degree program, certificate, or diploma program shall be offered at the standard credit hour length, established and approved by the State Board of Education. The courses within the programs identified in the subsections below shall be submitted to the Division of Accountability, Research, and Measurement in the Department of Education.

(1) **Bachelor's degree.** Each Florida College System institution is authorized to seek State Board of Education approval to provide programs of instruction consisting of upper division college credit courses as defined in subparagraph 6A-10.033(1)(a)2., F.A.C., to prepare for entry into employment, pursuant to Section 1007.33, F.S. The bachelor's degree shall be awarded upon satisfactory completion of a planned program of one hundred and twenty (120) college credits, unless otherwise approved by the State Board of Education, after demonstration of the attainment of predetermined and specified performance requirements. **The bachelor's degree must include thirty-six (36) college credits of general education coursework and foreign language competence.**

(2) **Associate in arts degree.** Each Florida College System institution shall provide the program of arts or general instruction consisting of lower division college credit courses as defined in subparagraph 6A-10.033(1)(a)1., F.A.C. **The associate in arts degree is a transfer degree and a basis for admission to a bachelor's degree.** The associate in arts degree shall be awarded upon satisfactory completion of a planned program of sixty (60) college credits after demonstration of the attainment of predetermined and specified performance requirements. **The associate in arts degree must include thirty-six (36) college credits of general education coursework.**

(3) **Associate in science degree.** Each Florida College System institution is authorized to provide programs of career and technical instruction consisting of lower division college credit courses as defined in subparagraph 6A-10.033(1)(a)2., F.A.C., to prepare for entry into employment. **The associate in science degree is a transfer degree and a basis for admission to a related bachelor's degree.** The associate in science degree shall be awarded upon satisfactory completion of a planned program of instruction comprised of the standard credit hour length established, after demonstration of the attainment of predetermined and specified performance requirements. The standard credit hour length of all associate in science degree programs shall be maintained according to the Department of Education publication 2012-2013 – AS/AAS/CCC/ATD Program Length Document (<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-02357>) available at <http://www.fldoe.org/workforce/dwdframe/> which is hereby incorporated herein by reference. Copies may be obtained through the Division of Florida Colleges, Department of Education, 325 West Gaines Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0400. **The associate in science degree must include a minimum of fifteen (15) college credits of general education coursework.**

(4) **Associate in applied science degree.** Each Florida College System institution is authorized to provide programs of career and technical instruction consisting of lower division college credit courses as defined in subparagraph 6A-10.033(1)(a)1., F.A.C., to prepare for entry into employment. The associate in applied science degree shall be awarded upon satisfactory completion of a planned program of instruction comprised of the standard credit hour length established, after demonstration of the attainment of predetermined and specified performance requirements. The standard credit hour length of all associate in applied science degree programs shall be maintained according to the Department of Education publication 2012-2013 – AS/AAS/CCC/ATD Program Length Document available at <http://www.fldoe.org/workforce/dwdframe/>. The associate in applied science degree must include a minimum of fifteen (15) college credits of general education coursework.

(5) **A Technical Certificate (College Credit Certificate).** Each Florida College System institution is authorized to provide programs of career and technical instruction consisting of **less than sixty (60) college credits** as defined in paragraph 6A-10.033(1)(a), F.A.C., which are **part of an associate in science degree or an associate in applied science degree program and prepare students for entry into employment.** The standard credit hour length of all technical certificate programs shall be maintained according to the Department of Education publication 2012-2013 – AS/AAS/CCC/ATD Program Length Document available at <http://www.fldoe.org/workforce/dwdframe/>.

(6) **An Applied Technology Diploma.** Each Florida College System institution is authorized to provide programs of career and technical instruction that are **part of an associate in science degree or an associate in applied science degree, that are less than sixty (60) credit hours, and leads to employment in a specific occupation.** An applied technology diploma program may consist of either clock hours or college credit as defined in paragraphs 6A-10.033(1)(a), (b), F.A.C. The standard credit hour length of all applied technology diploma programs shall be maintained according to the Department of Education publication 2012-2013 – AS/AAS/CCC/ATD Program Length Document available at <http://www.fldoe.org/workforce/dwdframe/>.

(7) **An Advanced Technical Certificate.** Each Florida College System institution is authorized to provide programs of career and

technical instruction consisting of **nine (9) hours or more but less than forty-five (45) college credits** of lower division and/or upper division courses as defined in subparagraphs 6A-10.033(1)(a)1. and 2., F.A.C. Florida College System institutions offering advanced technical certificates with upper division courses must be approved to offer baccalaureate programs containing those courses. An advanced technical certificate may be awarded to students who have already received an associate in science degree or an associate in applied science degree and are seeking an advanced specialized program of instruction to supplement their associate degree.

(8) Certificate of Professional Preparation. Each Florida College System institution is authorized to provide college-level professional instruction, consisting of not less than nine (9) and not more than thirty (30) college or institutional credits of courses and course equivalent modules as defined in paragraphs 6A-10.033(1)(a), (d), F.A.C., **to prepare baccalaureate degree holders for licensure, certification, credentialing, examinations, or other demonstrations of competency necessary for entry into professional occupations.**

(9) **Career and Technical Certificate.** Each Florida College System institution is authorized to provide programs of career and technical instruction consisting of **clock hour courses** as defined in paragraph 6A-10.033(1)(b), F.A.C., **to prepare for entry into employment.** Upon satisfactory completion of a planned program of instruction, after the demonstration of the attainment of predetermined and specified performance requirements, the career and technical certificate shall be awarded. The standard clock hour length of all career and technical certificate programs shall be maintained according to the Department of Education publication 2012-2013 PSAV Program Length Document (<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-02357>) available at <http://www.fldoe.org/workforce/dwdframe/> which is hereby incorporated herein by reference in this rule. Copies may be obtained through the Division of Florida Colleges, Department of Education, 325 West Gaines Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0400.

(10) **Continuing Workforce Education.** Each Florida College System institution may provide **noncredit continuing workforce education instruction as defined in subsection 6A-10.033(2), F.A.C., tailored to individual needs and designed to improve job performance.**

(11) High school diploma. Each Florida College System institution with responsibility for adult basic and adult secondary instruction, shall provide adult basic and adult secondary instruction as defined in Section 1004.02, F.S. Upon satisfactory completion of a planned high school program, after the demonstration of the attainment of predetermined and specified performance requirements, the high school diploma shall be awarded.

(12) Developmental instruction. Each Florida College System institution shall provide, according to the needs of its students, basic instruction to provide degree seeking students who wish to enroll in college credit courses with additional academic preparation determined to be needed pursuant to Rule 6A-10.0315, F.A.C. Satisfactory completion of such instruction shall be recognized by the award of units of measure called developmental credit as defined in paragraph 6A-10.033(1)(c), F.A.C.

(13) English for Academic Purposes. Each Florida College System institution is authorized to provide, according to the needs of its students, instruction that provides English Language Learners with essential language and academic preparation necessary to enroll in college credit instruction in Communications. Satisfactory completion of such instruction shall be recognized by the award of units of measure called institutional credit (0100-0400 series pursuant to the Statewide Course Numbering System EAP taxonomy) or college credit (1500-1600 series pursuant to the Statewide Course Numbering System EAP taxonomy) as defined in paragraphs 6A-10.033(1)(a), (d), F.A.C.

(14) Lifelong learning instruction. Each Florida College System institution shall provide noncredit instructional activities as defined in subsection 6A-10.033(2), F.A.C., to address community social and economic issues related to health and human relations, government, parenting, consumer economics, and senior citizens.

(15) Recreational and leisure time instruction. Each Florida College System institution shall provide noncredit instructional activities as defined in subsection 6A-10.033(2), F.A.C., to develop recreational or leisure time skills.

(16) These provisions shall not prevent Florida College System institutions from conferring honorary degrees, certificates, or diplomas, in accordance with the Florida College System board of trustees policy.

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