

### Assignment of Academic Credit

At St. Luke's College, semester hours of credit are awarded by the "Carnegie Unit" method. A semester credit hour is granted for satisfactory completion of one 50-minute session of classroom instruction per week for a semester of not less than sixteen weeks. Classes offered in this format provide a 10-minute break between each 50-minute session of classroom instruction. The number of credit hours assigned to a course quantitatively reflects expected outcomes, the mode of instruction, the amount of time spent in class, and the amount of outside work expected. The expectation is for students to have two hours per week per credit hour of out of class work. This out of class work is identified in the curricular material and syllabus.

St. Luke's College defines one credit hour of distant education as equal to 16 hours of online classroom engagement plus 32 hours of out of class work.

The College generally follows a semester system in which the academic year is divided into two instructional semesters with each approximately sixteen (16) weeks of instruction. An exception to this is semester courses offered in 4-, 6-, 8-, or 12-week sessions. College courses offered in these abbreviated sessions will still be required to have the same total number of student engagement hours per credit as full semester 16-week courses.

Academic credit is assigned to each course based upon the number of scheduled hours of class, laboratory, and clinical rotations per week each semester. Each semester encompasses sixteen (16) weeks.

- One semester hour of credit is assigned for each hour of theory class per week.
- One semester hour of credit is assigned for every two hours of science, imaging sciences, or respiratory care laboratory per week
- One semester hour of credit is assigned for every four hours of imaging sciences and respiratory care clinical per week.
- One semester hour of credit is assigned for every three hours of nursing clinical and laboratory per week