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**CHAPTER 1 - GENERAL PROVISIONS****SUBCHAPTER 1A - ORGANIZATION****.0101 DEFINITIONS**

The following terms shall have the following meanings throughout this Title unless the context of a specific rule requires a different interpretation:

**(1) Credit Hours:**

- (a) Credit of one semester hour is awarded for each 16 hours of "class work." Class work is lecture and other classroom instruction. Class work is under the supervision of an instructor.
- (b) Credit of one semester hour is awarded for each 32 hours of "experiential laboratory work." Experiential laboratory work means instruction given to a student by an instructor to increase the student's knowledge and skills without immediate student application.
- (c) Credit of one semester hour is awarded for each 48 hours of "faculty directed laboratory work." Faculty directed laboratory involves structured and coordinated demonstration by an instructor with immediate student application.
- (d) Credit of one semester hour is awarded for each 48 hours of "clinical practice." Clinical practice is a structured, faculty-directed learning experience in a health sciences program which develops job proficiency. Clinical practice requires significant preparation, coordination, and scheduling by the faculty and is under the supervision of an instructor or preceptor who is qualified for the particular program.
- (e) Credit of one semester hour is awarded for each 160 hours of "work experience" such as cooperative education, practicums, and internships. Work experience involves the development of job skills by providing the student with employment that is directly related to, and coordinated with, the educational program. Student activity in work experience is planned and coordinated by a college representative, and the employer is responsible for the control and supervision of the student on the job.

- (2) Full-time Student means a student enrolled in 12 or more credit hours. For the summer session, Full-time Student means a student enrolled in nine or more credit hours.
- (3) Part-time Student means a student enrolled in less than 12 credit hours.
- (4) FTE means one full-time equivalent (FTE) student or 256 student membership hours per semester (based on a typical semester of 16 weeks x 16 student membership hours per week).
- (5) Student Membership Hour means one hour of scheduled class or laboratory for which the student is enrolled. A college shall provide a minimum of 50 minutes of instruction for each scheduled class hour.
- (6) Annual Curriculum FTE means the total of the student hours in membership for fall and spring semesters divided by 512 (256 student hours per semester x 2).
- (7) Annual Continuing Education (non-credit) FTE means the total of the student hours in membership for the three reporting periods divided by 688 (based on two typical semesters of 16 weeks and a typical summer term of 11 weeks). The three reporting periods are fall semester, spring semester, and the summer term.
- (8) Budget Full-time Equivalent (B/FTE). B/FTE means the number of FTE which determines a college's operating budget.
- (9) College means any institution established pursuant to G.S. 115D except for the N. C. Center for Textile Technology.

**Note:** Substance of 23 NCAC 2D .0317 and 2E .0104 was incorporated into this Rule.

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#### **.0102 RESERVED FOR FUTURE CODIFICATION**

#### **.0103 AUTHORITY**

(a) Each college within the system shall operate under the direction of a board of trustees, a corporate body, which derives its authority from the law and rules of the State Board.

(b) All power and authority vested by law in the State Board which relates to the internal administration, regulation, and governance of any individual college of the community college system are hereby delegated to the board of trustees of such college with the following exceptions and reservations:

- (1) Power or authority that is non-delegable as a matter of law;
- (2) Power or authority in matters of systemwide or inter-college importance is reserved for determination by the State Board;
- (3) The State Board reserves the right to rescind any power or authority as it deems necessary in accordance with G.S. 150B; and
- (4) The governing authority of the State Board pertaining to the assurance of:
  - (A) fiscal accountability,
  - (B) program accountability, and
  - (C) satisfaction of state priorities.

**Note:** Substance of former 23 NCAC 2A .0003 and 2B .0303 was incorporated into this Rule.

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#### **.0104 RESERVED FOR FUTURE CODIFICATION**

#### **.0105 STATE PLANNING**

The State Board shall review the priorities of the system and adopt a system-level plan on at least a biennial basis, coordinated with the budget cycle. The plan shall take into account the current and future needs of the system and clarify the priorities essential to carrying out the mission of the system.

**Note:** Substance of former 23 NCAC 2B .0204 was incorporated into this Rule.