

**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Consent Item**  
May 16, 2017

**SUBJECT:** Approval of Repeal of Rule 6A-10.033, Postsecondary Instructional Unit  
Definitions

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**PROPOSED BOARD ACTION**

For Approval

**AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION**

Sections 1001.02(1), (6)(c), 1001.03(12), 1004.94, (4)(c), 1007.24, Florida Statutes

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This rule is being consolidated within rule 6A-14.030, F.A.C. and will provide definitions and awards in one rule.

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**Supporting Documentation Included:** Proposed Rule 6A-10.033, F.A.C.

**Facilitator:** Chancellor Madeline Pumariega, Florida College System

### **6A-10.033 Postsecondary Instructional Unit Definitions.**

The definitions herein apply to instruction in postsecondary career centers operated by school districts and Florida College System institutions.

(1) Credit. Credit is a unit of measure assigned to courses or course equivalent learning. Credit is awarded if the learning activity it represents is part of, or preparatory for, an organized and specified program leading to a postsecondary certificate or degree. Credit is a device which indicates to the learner, to educational institutions, to employers, and to others how much of the program the learner has completed. The credit awarded may be independent of where the learning occurs. If a learning activity does not meet these requirements, credit shall not be awarded. The only types of postsecondary credit authorized are:

(a) College credit. College credit is the type of credit assigned by Florida College System institutions to courses or course equivalent learning that is part of an organized and specified program leading to a baccalaureate, associate degree, certificate, or Applied Technology Diploma pursuant to the stipulations in subsections 6A-14.030(5)-(8), F.A.C. One (1) college credit is based on the learning expected from the equivalent of fifteen (15) fifty-minute periods of classroom instruction; with credits for such activities as laboratory instruction, internships, and clinical experience determined by the institution based on the proportion of direct instruction to the laboratory exercise, internship hours, or clinical practice hours.

1. Lower division college credit. Lower division college credit is assigned to college credit courses offered to freshmen and sophomores (1000 and 2000 level courses).

2. Upper division college credit. Upper division college credit is assigned to college credit courses offered to juniors and seniors (3000 and 4000 level courses).

(b) Clock Hour. A clock hour is the unit assigned to courses or course equivalent learning that is part of an organized and specified program leading to a Career and Technical Certificate or Applied Technology Diploma pursuant to the stipulations in subsections 6A-14.030(6), (9), F.A.C. It applies to postsecondary adult career courses as defined in Section 1004.02(25), F.S. One (1) clock hour is based on the learning expected from the equivalent of thirty (30) hours of instruction. For purposes of Title IV Student Aid Programs under the Higher Education Act, colleges should defer to Title 34 Section 688 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

(c) Developmental credit. Developmental credit is the type of credit assigned by Florida College System institutions to courses that 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. One (1) developmental credit is based on the learning expected from the equivalent of fifteen (15) fifty-minute periods of classroom instruction. Developmental courses provide competency-based instruction to develop college entry competencies in the communication and computation skills described in Rule 6A-10.0319, F.A.C.

(d) Institutional credit. Institutional credit is postsecondary credit that is competency-based. Institutional credit is not guaranteed to automatically transfer.

(2) Noncredit. Noncredit is a term indicating that credit, as defined herein, is not awarded. It applies to the instructional classifications of noncredit continuing education, adult general education, citizenship, recreational, community education, and community instructional services. The unit of measure is hours of instruction.

*Rulemaking Authority 1001.02(1), (6)(c), 1001.03(12) FS. Law Implemented 1001.02, 1001.03, 1004.93, 1007.24 FS. History—New 7-13-83, Amended 5-14-85, Formerly 6A-10.33, Amended 11-21-05, 3-25-13, Repealed*