DETERMINATION OF CREDIT HOURS FOR COURSEWORK

(b) A “credit hour” is an amount of work that reasonably approximates:
   (1) not less than one hour of classroom or direct faculty instruction and two hours of out-of-
       class student work per week for fifteen weeks, or the equivalent amount of work over a
different amount of time; or
   (2) at least an equivalent amount of work as required in subparagraph (1) of this definition
       for other academic activities as established by the institution, including simulation, field
placement, clinical, co-curricular, and other academic work leading to the award of credit
hours.

Interpretation
For purposes of this Standard, fifty minutes suffices for one hour of classroom or direct faculty
instruction.
An “hour” for out-of-class student work is sixty minutes. The fifteen-week period may include one week
for a final examination.

Interpretation
A school may award credit hours for coursework that extends over any period of time, if the coursework
entails no less than the minimum total amounts of classroom or direct faculty instruction and of out-of-
class student work specified in Standard 310(b).