

Clock/Credit Hour Conversion Programs

About Clock /Credit Conversion

Some diploma and certificate programs offered at Richmond Community College are considered clock-hour to credit-hour conversion. Students enrolled in one of the following programs may receive less in federal student aid than the amounts indicated on their offer letter. Federal regulations require Richmond Community College to convert hours for the programs listed below.

D45660	Practical Nursing Diploma
D45970	Therapeutic & Diagnostic Services Diploma

Enrollment status is determined by how many clock/contact hours a student may be enrolled in each semester. For Fall/Spring semesters, the total of lecture and lab contact hours are multiplied by 16 and that total is then divided by 30 to obtain the number of converted credit hours. For Summer semester, the total lecture and lab hours are multiplied by 8 and then divided by 30. The converted credits are then used to determine the enrollment status of students.

What This May Mean To You

The Federal Pell Grant reflected in an offer letter is based on pre-converted enrollment in credit hours. Students who are in one of the programs listed above would need to be enrolled in at least 23 to 24 contact hours to receive a federal student aid award based on full-time status. Anything less than at least 23 to 24 contact hours will result in a reduction of federal student aid eligibility.

Note: Tuition and fee charges are NOT reduced based on this formula. Financial aid does not pay for courses outside of the official program of study listed in the College Catalog. Students who are enrolled or plan to enroll in one of these programs and have additional questions should contact Leigh Hoffman with the Financial Aid Department at 910-410-1764.