

4020 – Program, Curriculum, and Course Development

CGCC strives to provide a diverse range of credit and non-credit academic programs. The programs and curricula of CGCC shall be of high quality, relevant to community and student needs, and evaluated regularly to ensure quality and currency. To that end, the President shall establish procedures for the development and review of all curricular offerings, including their establishment, modification, or discontinuance.

Credit Programs

CGCC follows all applicable state, national, Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU), and other related accrediting bodies' guidelines in establishing degree and certificate requirements.

Non-Credit Programs

CGCC offers non-credit programs in accordance with Oregon adult basic skills provider certification and other related accrediting bodies' guidelines.

Credit Hour

Consistent with federal regulations applicable to federal financial aid eligibility, the college shall assess and designate each of its programs as either a "credit hour" program or a "clock hour" program.

The President will establish procedures which prescribe the definition of "credit hour" consistent with applicable federal regulations.

The President shall establish procedures to assure that curriculum at the college complies with the definition of "credit hour" or "clock hour," where applicable.

The President shall also establish procedure for using a clock-to-credit hour conversion formula to determine whether a credit hour program is eligible for federal financial aid. The conversion formula is used to determine whether such a credit-hour program has an appropriate minimum number of clock hours of instruction for each credit hour it claims.

Legal Reference(s):

1. Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities, Standards 1.C.1, 1.C.2
2. U.S. Department of Education Regulations on the Integrity of Federal Student Financial Aid Programs under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended;

3. 34 Code of Federal Regulations Pats 600.2, 602.24, 603.24, 668.8