

Academic Credit

Semester hours credit (SHC) is earned when a student learns a skill, such as welding, or an academic body of knowledge, such as history.

Courses for which credits hours are awarded toward a certificate, diploma, or degree are called curriculum or credit courses. The number of credit hours for each course is determined by the State Board of Community Colleges and specified in the [North Carolina Community College System Combined Course Library](#). The Combined Course Library allows you to search through all of the Curriculum and Continuing Education courses offered by the NC Community College System.