

STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
Academic and Student Affairs Committee
June 27, 2024

SUBJECT: Credit or Clock Hour for Combat Medic Experience Equivalency List

PROPOSED COMMITTEE ACTION

Consider approval of the Credit or Clock Hour for Combat Medic Experience Equivalency List.

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution; Board of Governors Regulation 6.013

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Section 1004.096, Florida Statutes, provides expanded opportunities for postsecondary students to have combat medic experience evaluated for postsecondary credit. The law directed the Articulation Coordinating Committee (ACC) to convene a workgroup to develop a process for awarding postsecondary credit or career education clock hours for the Pathway for Military Combat Medics. The workgroup included representatives from the ACC, State University System, Florida College System, district career centers, and veterans appointed by the Department of Veterans Affairs. The workgroup convened in September 2023 and recommended a policy and process for awarding postsecondary credit or career education clock hours for the Pathway for Military Combat Medics. This policy was approved by the Board of Governors at its November 2023 meeting.

Following approval of the policy, the Nursing Discipline Committee was convened to review the American Council on Education (ACE) recommendations for the assignment of postsecondary credit or clock hour awards for combat medic experience and courses. In May 2024, the Nursing Discipline Committee completed the review and proposed that the Credit or Clock Hour for Combat Medic Experience Equivalency List include 22 ACE courses and occupation titles.

As part of the policy, the ACC must annually approve a prioritized list of postsecondary course equivalents and the minimum postsecondary credit or career education clock hours that must be awarded for courses taken and occupations held by individuals for their combat medic experience. State University System institutions are required to award minimum credit for combat medic experience and courses, as designated on the Credit or Clock Hour for Combat Medic Experience Equivalency List.

The equivalency recommendations were presented to the ACC and approved at its June 7, 2024, meeting. These equivalencies are ready for the Board of Governors and the State Board of Education to consider for approval. If approved by the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, the list will be forwarded to the full Board for consideration.

If both boards approve, the Credit or Clock Hour for Combat Medic Experience Equivalency List will be administered identically across both systems. The equivalencies will go into effect upon approval.

Dr. Lynn Nelson, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs, will provide an overview of the list.

Supporting Documentation Included:

Credit or Clock Hour for Combat Medic Experience Equivalency List

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