

Washington community and technical college boards of trustees and administrators, with the assistance of the faculty, have statutory authority to establish the course of study for community and technical colleges and to publish catalogs and bulletins that describe the conditions under which college programs may be utilized by students (see RCW 28B.50.140(11)).

In accordance with this authority, BBCC follows consistent and clearly published policies for the conversion of classroom contact hours to credit hour equivalents. BBCC credit hour policies will comply with state and federal regulations (RCW 28B.50.090; 34 CFR 600), as well as the accreditation standards of the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU).

BBCC establishes standard ratios for the translation of classroom contact hours into credit hours. These ratios comply with guidelines established in the Washington State Board for Community & Technical Colleges Policy Manual (Chapter 4, Appendix B), and are updated as changes to state or federal regulations or NWCCU standards mandate.