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(a) Group Courses: Non-college. Continuing education credit for a group course that is not part of a college curriculum is given based on contact hours. A contact hour is 50 minutes of instruction. Credit is granted only for full contact hours.(b) College Courses. Continuing education credit for a college course in the college curriculum is given based on college credit hours. One semester hour of college credit is 16 contact hours; and one continuing education unit is 10 contact hours.

(c) Self-Study Courses. Continuing education credit for a self-study course is given based on the average number of contact hours needed to complete the course. The course shall include study text and a written examination having a minimum of 25 questions for each two contact hours course credit and a minimum passing grade of 70. A sponsor must determine the average number of contact hours it takes to complete the self-study course and submit this information with its application for continuing education course sponsor approval.

(d) Examination. Continuing education credit for an examination is given based on the type of examination, number of questions, number of hours permitted to take the examination, and passing grade. The examination shall include a minimum of 25 questions for each two contact hours course credit and a minimum passing grade of 70. A sponsor must set the number of hours permitted to take the examination and submit this information with its application for continuing education course sponsor approval.

(e) Totaling Annual Hours. No credit shall be allowed for a course having fewer than two contact hours required for the license classification pursuant to Rule .1101(b) of this Section. Credit hours for more than one year are subject to the provisions of Rule .1104(c) of this Section.

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