Appendix B

Courses with six or more credits awarded:

For dental assisting courses (DAA116 and DAA138) our accreditation body (The Commission on Dental Accreditation through the American Dental Association) states the dental assisting curriculum must be structured on the basis of a minimum of 900 instructional hours at the postsecondary level that includes 300 hours of practice hours (externships in various dental office). Bottom line, there is a large amount of content that needs to be completed during 25 weeks of instruction and the other 12 weeks are spent at externship sites.

DAA116 – Assisting in General Dentistry
6 Credit Hours/ 10 Contact hours consisting of 2 hours lecture per week and 8 hours of lab per week. This is a 1 to 1 credit to contact on the lecture hours, and a 1 to 2 credit to contact for the lab hours. The schedule only reflects the lecture hours, since lab hours are individually scheduled for students.

For the dental hygiene program, our accreditation body (The Commission on Dental Accreditation through the American Dental Association) states the dental hygiene preclinical DHY119, DHY129 (first seven weeks only) must be a minimum of 6 hours a week and DHY139, DHY249 and DHY259 must be a minimum of 12-16 hours of practice with patients per week.

DHY119 – Pre-Clinical I
6 Credit Hours/10 Contact hours consisting of 2 hours lecture per week and 8 hours of lab per week. This is a 1 to 1 credit to contact on the lecture hours, and a 1 to 2 credit to contact for the lab hours. The schedule only reflects the lecture hours, since lab hours are individually scheduled for students.

DHY249 – Clinical Dental Hygiene 2
6 Credit Hours/12 Contact hours consisting of 12 hours of clinical per week. This is a 1 to 2 credit to contact ratio. The 12 hours a week are scheduled in our dental clinic.

All of our nursing courses contain both a clinical and lecture/theory component in a combined format. Thus in addition to the traditional lecture/theory content that is delivered, there are also a significant number of clinical hours that are required for students to demonstrate the application of such theory content in a practice or clinical setting. As a result, and along with the increasing level of complex content at higher levels in the program, the number of credit hours assigned to these courses increases as we move beyond the first semester. Totaling fewer overall courses, the PN program consists of a combined Obstetrics and Pediatrics course, as well as courses with condensed med-surg and geriatric content, leading to higher (6) overall credit hours assigned to each course.

AD 245 Medical-Surgical Nursing V
6 Credit Hours/10 Contact Hours consisting of 4 hours of lecture and 6 hours of clinical per week. This is a 1 to 1 credit to contact on the lecture hours, and a 1 to 3 credit to contact for the clinical hours. The schedule only reflects the lecture hours, since the clinical hours are individually scheduled for students.
PN141 Medical- Surgical Nursing IV
6 Credit Hours/10 Contact Hours consisting of 4 hours of lecture and 6 hours of clinical per week. This is a 1 to 1 credit to contact on the lecture hours, and a 1 to 3 credit to contact for the clinical hours. The schedule only reflects the lecture hours, since the clinical hours are individually scheduled for students.