

2.7.1 Offers one or more degree programs based on at least 60 semester credit hours or the equivalent at the associate level; at least 120 semester credit hours or the equivalent at the baccalaureate level; or at least 30 semester credit hours or the equivalent at the post-baccalaureate, graduate, or professional level. If an institution uses a unit other than semester credit hours, it provides an explanation for the equivalency. The institution also provides a justification for all degrees that include fewer than the required number of semester credit hours or its equivalent unit.
(Program length)

Compliance Status: Compliance

The College of Coastal Georgia offers six baccalaureate programs, five associate of arts concentrations, 39 associate of science concentrations, and four career associate degree programs.

Baccalaureate

All baccalaureate degree programs at the College of Coastal Georgia consist of a minimum of 120 semester credit hours of coursework

The USG Board of Regents requires that each baccalaureate degree program be based on a substantial general education core of 42 semester hours and 18 semester hours related to the discipline program of study and prerequisite to courses in the major at higher levels, for a total of 60 hours. The baccalaureate degree program must require at least 21 semester hours of upper division courses in the major field and at least 39 semester hours of upper division work overall, according to [Section 2.3.5](#) in the *USG Board of Regents Academic Affairs Handbook*.

The approved minimum total semester credit requirements for each baccalaureate major/track are as follows:

- General Business (122)
- Biological Sciences – coastal ecology track (122)
- Biological Sciences – pre-professional track (122)
- Biological Sciences – secondary education track (127)
- Early Childhood/Special Education (126)
- Health Informatics (122)
- Middle Grades Education (120)
- Nursing – pre-licensure BSN track (122)
- Nursing – RN-to-BSN track (122)

Pre-Baccalaureate

Associate of Arts and Associate of Science transfer degree programs consist of a minimum of 60 semester credit hours of coursework required for graduation.

The College awards either the Associate of Arts degree or the Associate of Science degree to the student who successfully completes the requirements of a pre-baccalaureate or college transfer program and requests the degree. The Associate of Arts and Associate of Science degrees are specifically designed as transfer programs; that is, they constitute the first two years of a four-year program of study leading to a baccalaureate degree.

Career Associate

Career associate degree programs range from 69 to 78 semester credit hours of required coursework – see Table 1 below.

Table 1: Career Associate Credit Hour Distribution

| Program | Credit Hours |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| Clinical Laboratory Technology | 69 |
| Hospitality Management | 70 |
| Nursing (RN) | 70 |
| Radiologic Science | 78 |

Career programs are designed to prepare graduates to seek employment in the area of their concentration immediately upon graduation. Students pursuing career associate degrees may complete the requirements within five or six semesters.

Course requirements for all degrees offered are outlined in the [2010-2011 College of Coastal Georgia Catalog](#).

Supporting Documentation

[USG Academic Affairs Handbook, Section 2.3.5](#)

[2010-2011 College of Coastal Georgia Catalog](#)