

**4.4** Program length is appropriate for each of the institution's educational programs.  
**(Program length)**

**Compliance Status:** Compliance

The USG Board of Regents lists specified criteria for program length of all degree programs for all levels in [Section 2.3.5](#) of the *USG Academic Affairs Handbook*.

- 60 credit hours for associate of arts/associate of science for transfer
- 120 credit hours for baccalaureate

For the career associates degree, 69-78 credit hours are required for successful program completion.

The approved minimum total semester credit requirements for each career associates degree program are as follows:

- Clinical Laboratory Technology (69)
- Hospitality Management (70)
- Nursing (70)
- Radiologic Science (78)

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

- General Business (122)
- Biological Sciences – pre-professional track (122)
- Biological Sciences – coastal ecology 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)

The [2010-2011 College of Coastal Georgia Catalog](#) provides more detailed information on program length and educational program requirements.

### **Ensuring Program Length**

When new degree programs are proposed (discussed in [Federal Requirement 4.2](#) – Program Curriculum), as part of the development process, the length of the program is reviewed by the faculty to ensure adherence to policies established by the Board of Regents.

All degree programs are reviewed every seven years following the Comprehensive Program Review process established by the USG Board of Regents; the review process ensures that all degree programs are of appropriate length.

Career associate degree programs – clinical laboratory technology, hospitality management, nursing, and radiologic science – are reviewed as part of a specialized accreditation process conducted by the respective professional organization; program length is reviewed as part of these accreditation processes.

**Supporting Documentation**

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

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