

WAC 392-121-255 Definition -- Academic credits.

academic credits means credits determined as follows:

- (1) Credits are earned after the awarding or conferring of the employee's first bachelor's degree;
- (2) Credits are earned on or before October 1 of the year for which allocations are being calculated pursuant to this chapter
- (3) Credits are earned from a regionally accredited institution of higher education:

Provided, That credits, determined eligible pursuant to subsections (1), (2), (4) and (6) of this section, earned from any other accredited community college, college, or university and reported on Form S-275 on or before December 31, 1992, shall continue to be reported;

Regionally accredited institution of higher education means a community college, college or university which is accredited by one of the following regional accrediting bodies:

- * Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools;
- * New England Association of Schools and Colleges;
- * North Central Association of Colleges and Schools;
- * Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges;
- * Southern Association of Colleges and Schools;
- * Western Association of Schools and Colleges;

Accrediting commission for Junior and Senior Colleges.

- (4) Credits are transferrable or applicable to a bachelor's or more advanced degree program:

Provided, That for educational courses which are the same or identical no more credits for that educational course than are transferrable or applicable to a bachelor's or more advanced degree program at that institution shall be counted.

- (5) Credits earned after September 1, 1995, must satisfy the additional requirements of WAC 392-121-262;
- (6) Credits are not counted as in-service credits pursuant to WAC 392-121-257 or nondegree credits pursuant to WAC 392-121-259;
- (7) The number of credits equals the number of quarter hours, units or semester hours each converted to quarter hours earned pursuant to this section; and
- (8) Accumulate credits rounded to one decimal place.

WAC 392-121-257 Definition -- In-service credits.

in-service credits means credits determined as follows:

- (1) Credits are earned:

- (a) After August 31, 1987; and
- (b) After the awarding or conferring of the employee's first bachelor's degree.

- (2) Credits are earned on or before October 1 of the year for which allocations are being calculated pursuant to this chapter

- (3) Credits are earned in either:

(a) A locally approved in-service training program which means a program approved by a school district board of directors, and meeting standards adopted by the state board of education pursuant to the standards in WAC 180-85-200 and the development of which has been participated in by an in-service training task force whose membership is the same as provided under RCW 28A.415.040; or

(b) A state approved continuing education program offered by an education agency approved to provide in-service for the purposes of continuing education as provided for under rules adopted by the state board of education pursuant to chapter 180-85 WAC.

- (4) Credits are not earned for the purpose of satisfying the requirements of the employee's next highest degree.

- (5) Credits earned after September 1, 1995, must satisfy the additional requirements of WAC 392-121-262.

- (6) Credits are not counted as academic credits pursuant to WAC 392-121-255 or nondegree credits pursuant to WAC 392-121-259.

- (7) Ten locally approved in-service or state approved continuing education credit hours defined in WAC 180-85-030 equal one in-service credit.

- (8) Each forty hours of participation in an approved internship with a business, industry, or government agency pursuant to chapter 180-83 WAC equals one in-service credit.

- (a) No more than two in-service credits may be earned as a result of an internship during any calendar-year period
- (b) Each individual is limited to a maximum of fifteen in-service credits earned from internships.

- (9) Accumulate credits rounded to one decimal place.