

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

Compliance       Partial Compliance       Non-Compliance

**Narrative:**

**Items Related to Program Length**

Chattahoochee Valley Community College (CVCC) offers Short Certificates, Certificates, Associate of Science (AS), Associate of Arts (AA), and Associate of Applied Science (AAS) programs. Each of these programs is appropriate in length and meets core curriculum general education requirements and complies with State Board Policy [712.01](#) and the corresponding [guidelines](#) established by the Alabama State Board of Education (SBE). The AS degree and AA degree also meets the requirements established by the [Alabama Statewide Transfer and Articulation Reporting System](#) and established by the Articulation and General Studies Committee.

All programs offered by CVCC are presented in the [College Catalog and Student Handbook](#). CVCC offers ten Associate in Applied Science degree programs, nine technical certificates, and 17 Short Certificates. All certificate and degree programs have been established according to Alabama State Board Policy [712.01](#).

The [AA and AS](#) degrees require a range of 60-64 semester credit hours, and the [AAS](#) degree requires 60-76 semester credit hours. The Short Certificate programs require at least 10 semester credit hours, but no more than 29 semester credit hours. The Certificate programs required at least 30 semester credit hours, but no more than 60 semester credit hours.

Table 4.4-A shows the number of credit hours required for the Associate of Science (AS) and Associate and Arts (AA) transfer degrees. State Board Policy [712.01](#) defines parameters for the degree to be at least 60-64 semester credit hours.

Table 4.4-A

**Credit Hours Required for Degree Program**

<b>Degree Program Title</b>	<b># of Semester Credit Hours Required</b>
Associate of Science (AS)	<a href="#">60-64</a>
Associate of Arts (AA)	<a href="#">60-64</a>

Table 4.4-B offers information on the Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degrees containing at least 60 to 76 semester credit hours per program at CVCC.

Table 4.4-B

**Credit Hours Required for Associate of Applied Science Programs**

<b>Associate of Applied Science Degree Programs</b>	<b># of Semester Credit Hours Required</b>
Applied Technology	<a href="#"><u>68-75</u></a>
Business	<a href="#"><u>69</u></a>
Business & Office Technology	<a href="#"><u>69-72</u></a>
Computer Information Systems	<a href="#"><u>66-67</u></a>
Criminal Justice	<a href="#"><u>69</u></a>
Fire Science	<a href="#"><u>69</u></a>
Homeland Security	<a href="#"><u>68-70</u></a>
Medical Assisting	<a href="#"><u>71-72</u></a>
Nursing	<a href="#"><u>72</u></a>
Visual Communications	<a href="#"><u>70-71</u></a>

Table 4.4-C offers information on the Certificate programs offered at CVCC consisting of 30 to 60 semester credit hours per program.

Table 4.4-C

**Credit Hours Required for Certificates**

<b>Certificate Title</b>	<b># of Semester Credit Hours Required</b>
Air Conditioning & Refrigeration (HVAC)	<a href="#"><u>58</u></a>
Automotive Manufacturing	<a href="#"><u>60</u></a>
Industrial Maintenance	<a href="#"><u>60</u></a>
Sustainable Construction/Renewable Energy	<a href="#"><u>58</u></a>
CISCO Networking	<a href="#"><u>30</u></a>
Information Technology	<a href="#"><u>31</u></a>
Criminal Justice	<a href="#"><u>41</u></a>
Homeland Security	<a href="#"><u>49</u></a>
Licensed Practical Nursing	<a href="#"><u>49</u></a>

Table 4.4-D offers information on the Short Certificate programs offered at CVCC consisting of 10 to 29 semester credit hours.

Table 4.4-D

**Credit Hours Required for Short Certificates**

<b>Short Certificate Title</b>	<b># of Semester Credit Hours Required</b>
Air Conditioning & Refrigeration (HVAC)	<a href="#"><u>22</u></a>
Automotive Manufacturing	<a href="#"><u>24</u></a>
Industrial Maintenance	<a href="#"><u>27</u></a>
Sustainable Construction/Renewable Energy	<a href="#"><u>22</u></a>
Administrative Technology	<a href="#"><u>27</u></a>
Child Care & Development	<a href="#"><u>27</u></a>
Child Care & Development Administrator	<a href="#"><u>27</u></a>
Child Care & Development Paraprofessional/Teacher Aide	<a href="#"><u>27</u></a>
Child Care & Development Advanced Paraprofessional/Teacher Aide	<a href="#"><u>24</u></a>
Computer Information Systems: Networking Technology	<a href="#"><u>15</u></a>
Simulation and Modeling	<a href="#"><u>12</u></a>
Emergency Medical Technician – Basic	<a href="#"><u>11</u></a>
Advanced Emergency Medical Technician	<a href="#"><u>10</u></a>
Fire Science	<a href="#"><u>27</u></a>
Homeland Security	<a href="#"><u>28</u></a>
Medical Assisting	<a href="#"><u>20</u></a>
Phlebotomy	<a href="#"><u>10</u></a>
Multimedia Graphic Design	<a href="#"><u>27</u></a>

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**SUPPORT DOCUMENTATION**

[State Board Policy 712.01: Degrees and Awards](#)

[Guidelines for State Board Policy 712.01: Degrees and Awards](#)

[Statewide Articulation Agreement \(STARS\)](#)

[College Catalog and Student Handbook, Programs of Study – Pages 78-114](#)