

Number of Credits Required For Certificates, submitted by Howard Shanken 5/18/09

Community Colleges	Responses
Delta	5 credits or less: CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION 6 to 23 credits: CERIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT 24 or more credits: ADVANCED CERTIFICATE
Grand Rapids	Certificates 30 plus.
Gogebic	Beyond Associate's level: POST ASSOCIATE CERTIFICATE Gogebic is similar to Mid Michigan - "Certificates" that are 31 credits minimum and "Training Credentials" that are fewer than 31 credits and do not have to contain a full range of general education requirements.
Jackson Community	30 – 59 Credits – Certificates in _____ 16-29 credits –Concentration in _____ 15 or less – Skill Set in _____ We do report them all but Federal funding can only be applied to the 16 or more credit programs. However, there are other forms of ad available to students that can be used for the 15 or less credit Skill Sets.
Kirtland	Anything granted under 30 credit hours would be called a "special certificate."
Lake Michigan	LMC has two kinds of certificates. Certificate of Achievement - programs require 30 semester credits minimum Level I Certificates - programs require 1 to 29 credits
Mid Michigan	We have something similar. We have "Certificates" that are 31 credits minimum and must contain our Level I general education. We also have "Training Credentials" that are fewer than 31 credits and do not have to contain all of our Level I general education requirements.
Monroe	We have other course sequences, some as little as one course, from 5 credits to 44. All have been approved as "programs" by the curriculum committee and appear as a program in our catalog. These approved programs appear on the transcript as an award. We have other course sequences, some as little as one course, that may earn a completion certificate, but only those approved programs become part of academic history and the transcript. Certificates for programs that appear on the transcript are issued by my office, the other certificates are printed by the departments.

Montcalm

Our “regular” certificates must be at least 30 credit hours. We also have Job Readiness Certificates (and I wish the term certificate was not attached to this—but, it is). The JRTs are anywhere from 5 credits to 29.

Mott

Mott Community College is at 30 + credits for our certificate programs.

North Western

We have all different credit requirements from 16-48.

St. Clair County

We currently only have a certificate option that requires 30+ credits. There is talk of a “shorter” option as well but has not yet been approved...the skill set certificate concept will be explored here in the fall with the idea being they would contain 12-20 credit hours.

School Craft

Ours vary – we have some smaller ones – about 15 credits or one semester all the way up to 30ish. See page 14 of our catalog --- <http://www.schoolcraft.edu/pdfs/publications/catalog/2009-10.pdf> - it'll give you the descriptions of each type of certificate. As far as FA, not really --- we did have an issue when we first launched our NATP (nurse assistant training) because it was 10 credits and only one course --- that was not FA eligible. Since its launch, we've gone back and added a BIOL and HUM course to make it a little more rich, and help in getting it FA eligible.

Southwestern Michigan

1 year certificates are a minimum of 28 credits

West Shore

Our one and two year certificate programs range from 18 credits to 54 credits.