

Online CEUs

These are some offered thoughts on transferring CEUs to an online setting:

CEU Standards are rather interesting. Students receive 1 CEU for 10 *contact* hours. In a face-to-face setting, that would be the time spent listening to the lecture and the Q & A session. It would NOT include any outside prep time or homework time. It would also NOT include discussions outside of the classroom time with the instructor. It would NOT count time spent outside of the course completing course assignments.

So then we figure out how to translate that online. Videos and original written “lectures” are comparable to a face-to-face lecture, so we count that time. Then time spent on the discussion board is the only way they interact with their peers and the instructor in a group setting, so it is also counted. But time spent in Bible study, reading in an assigned book, and completing personal assignments would better equate to outside work than it would to “contact” time. (Exception: if reading in a book or an article is substitution for a lecture.) If the student emails you privately, that doesn’t count either.

So, to figure CEUs, estimate the time you think a participant should spend per day (or per week for longer courses) to adequately interact with the materials based on these criteria. Average should be 1 hour per sitting; few online workshops should require over 1 hour of work in a day. In general, a two-week workshop would be 1 CEU based on the plan for participation of one hour per weekday (10 days = 10 hours = 1 CEU).

If you’d like help figuring CEUs for a particular online class, email Lisa at BeADisciple@sckans.edu.