Principles of Accreditation

**Compliance Report**

Chipola College Compliance Audit Report

SACS Comprehensive Standard 3.5.2

3.5.2 - Institutional Credits for a Degree

At least 25 percent of the credit hours required for the degree are earned through the instruction offered by the institution awarding the degree. In the case of undergraduate degree programs offered through joint, cooperative, or consortia arrangements, the student earns 25 percent of the credits required for the degree through instruction offered by the participating institutions.

**Judgment of Compliance**

☑ **In Compliance**

**Statement of Rationale for Judgment of Compliance**

Chipola College awards degrees only to those students who have earned at least 25% of the credit hours required for the degrees through instruction offered by Chipola College ([1]; [2]).

Chipola College has the necessary controls in place to ensure the 25% resident credit hour requirement is met prior to awarding a degree. As part of the process, students are required to meet with academic advisors where graduation checks are performed. These checks ensure that students are on track to meet all necessary graduation requirements, including the 25% resident credit hour requirement. The final determination of compliance is initiated when a student completes an Application for Diploma. At this point, the Dean of Enrollment Services conducts a comprehensive degree audit prior to awarding a degree. AS degree graduation applicants are audited against the appropriate curriculum guide. Associate and Baccalaureate degree graduation applicants are audited using a diploma check sheet ([3]; [4]).

**Documentation:**

[1] [Chipola College 2006-2007 Catalog, p. 34](#)

[2] [Chipola College Board Policy Number 3.140: Graduation Requirements](#)

[3] [Application for Diploma Check Sheet - AA](#)