# Policy Title Preclerkship Hours Policy

# **Policy Intent**

The intent of this policy is to ensure students have time to pursue independent or self-directed learning activities in order to further develop habits and skills in lifelong learning. This policy defines the number of scheduled hours and required activities outside of regularly scheduled class time per week during the preclerkship period and how these hours will be monitored.

# **Policy Definitions**

<u>Scheduled hours</u>: Scheduled hours is defined as all sessions accounted for in the CUSOM curriculum and learning management systems, including (but not limited to) lectures, exams, small groups, labs, team-based learning and problem-based learning, and preceptor sessions.

Required activities outside of regularly-scheduled class time: This is defined as activities required by a Block, Course, or Thread Director that occur outside of scheduled hours. Examples of such activities include completion of modules, preparation for problem-based learning or team-based learning sessions, or required reading prior to lectures or small groups. These required activities do not include time for regular study or review.

#### Policy

Scheduled hours and required activities outside of regularly-scheduled class time in Phases I and II shall not exceed 24 hours per week, averaged for each Phase across the academic year. Students shall have at least two half days per week of unscheduled time for self-directed, independent learning.

The CUSOM curriculum and learning management systems will be used to monitor compliance, which will be reviewed annually by the Curriculum Steering Committee.

# Information Related to Policy Implementation

# **Related Policies**

Phases I & II General Information Guide:

http://www.ucdenver.edu/academics/colleges/medicalschool/education/degree programs/MDProgram/essentialscore/Documents/Phasel-IIGeneralInformationGuide.pdf

#### Implementation Guidelines

None.

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Policy Summary	This policy defines the number of scheduled hours and required
	activities outside of regularly scheduled class time per week during
	the preclerkship period and how these hours will be monitored.
Policy Scope	Preclerkship curriculum (Phase I & II) delivered to students enrolled
	in the Medical Degree Program, at the University of Colorado School
	of Medicine.
Effective Date	Effective for AY 2016-2017.
Target Review Period	Yearly
Primary Governance Cmte	Curriculum Steering Committee

Unit or Persons Implementing P		Essentials Core and Longitudinal Curriculum faculty directors, Assistant Dean of Essentials Core, Assistant Dean of the Longitudinal
		Curriculum, and Assistant Dean of Integrated Curriculum.
CUSOM Website Location		http://www.ucdenver.edu/academics/colleges/medicalschool/education/degree_pr
		ograms/MDProgram/administration/policy/Pages/default.aspx
Authorization/Change History of Policy		
10/5/2016	Approved by	the Curriculum Steering Committee.
9/27/2016	Reviewed an	d approved by the Essentials Core Block Directors Committee
9/12/2016	Reviewed and approved by Longitudinal Curriculum Committee.	
6/13/2016	Placed into new policy template.	
5/7/2014	Revised policy was reviewed and approved by the Curriculum Steering Committee.	
	Replaces pric	or policy, and took effect in AY 2014-2015.