



Frequently Asked Questions

Question:

What is the definition of “**Participants Served**”?

Answer:¹

A student **can be counted as a participant** if s/he:

1. Takes a **health career course that’s required** for a SUN PATH Program of Study (even if the student is not in that program)
Or
2. Enrolls in a **course that uses SUN PATH’s TAACCCT-4 funded major equipment or instructional enhancements**

Question: Participants Served

What criteria guide the PI and Site Coordinator in determining whether a course and its participants count as SUN PATH (TAACCCT-4) funded for the purposes of reporting **Participants Served**?

Answer:

1. Courses listed as **REQUIRED to complete a SUN PATH Program of Study**²
OR
2. The course relies on TAACCCT-4 funded equipment or instructional enhancements such as:
 - a. The **Instructor is paid by SUN PATH,**
 - b. **Instructional design was funded by SUN PATH,**
 - c. The **course uses major equipment funded by SUN PATH** – e.g., Simulation Mannequin labs,
 - d. The **health career course uses instructional innovations** such as
 - i. **I-BEST**
 - ii. **SUN ONLINE**
 - iii. **Career readiness services provided by the JDCC**

¹ DOL Instructions for Rounds 2-3-4 FAQ "What is a Participant" 8.1.14; and Training and Employment Guidance Letter (TEGL) 10-15

² DOL Instructions for Rounds 2-3-4 FAQ "What is a Participant" 8.1.14; and Training and Employment Guidance Letter (TEGL) 10-15



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Question: What is the definition of “**Participants Enrolled**”?

Answer:

Students who are enrolled by a Site Coordinator or JDDC in the **DWS Online Connection System**, thereby get employment coaching services from the JDCC

AND

Are a **Participant** in a course in a SUN PATH Program of Study

Question:

How are students counted if they **WITHDRAW** from a SUN PATH course?

Answer³:

- A student who withdraws **BEFORE** the add/drop date is **NOT** counted as a participant.
- A student who withdraws **AFTER** the add/drop date has a **recorded grade = W** indicating that s/he **did not pass** the course.
 - This student **IS** counted as a participant.
 - The course’s credit hours will not be counted for this student
 - The student’s next steps will be monitored to see if s/he goes on to complete a program of study or exits SUN PATH

Question:

Can **non-credit courses** count for a SUN PATH Program of Study?

Answer⁴:

Credit and non-credit courses can count if they:

- Lead to an **industry-recognized credential** (degree, certificate, licensure or certification)
- AND
- Are **required for a Program of Study** in SUN PATH’s Statement of Work;
- AND
- Are **funded** in whole or in part **with TAACCCT-4 grant funds**

³ -TAACCCT Rounds 2/3/4 FAQ #5: What is a Participant? FAQ August 1, 2014

⁴ TAACCCT Rounds 2/3/4 FAQ #5: What is a Participant? FAQ August 1, 2014

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Question: What is the definition of **Credential** in SUN PATH?

A⁵: TAACCCT-4 defines credentials as a “**verification of qualification or competence** issued to an individual with the relevant authority or jurisdiction to issue such credentials” including:

- Educational diplomas, certificates and degrees;
- Registered apprenticeship certificates;
- Occupational licenses (typically awarded by State government agencies);
- Personnel certifications from industry or professional associations;
- Other skill certificates for specific skill sets or competencies within an industry or occupations.
 - a. Issued after an individual participates in a course (certificate of completion); or
 - b. Attests to knowledge attainment rather than competency

Question:

What is the definition of a **postsecondary award**, certificate, or diploma **of less than one academic year**?

Answer⁶:

An award that requires completion of an organized program of study at the postsecondary level of a full-time student:

- in **less than one academic year** (2 semesters or 3 quarters),
or
- designed for completion in **less than 30 semester or trimester credit hours**,
or
- **less than 45 quarter credit hours**,
or
- in **less than 900 contact or clock hours**.

⁵ Training and Employment Guidance Letter (TEGL) 10-15 Attachment 2

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