



# STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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Dear Ms. Christie,

The South Carolina Department of Education, Office of Career and Technology Education (OCTE) approves the South Carolina Area Health Education Consortium (AHEC) to award a maximum of  $\frac{1}{2}$  Carnegie credit **per year** for each participant's successful completion of requirements associated with the Health Careers Academy four-year curriculum. A maximum of two Carnegie credits can be awarded per student, but only one of those units can be counted toward being a completer. The credit can be awarded to those students who are enrolled in grades 9–12 during the applicable academic year. Your event supports our mission to educate students to the many careers available under the health science career cluster. Your curriculum includes a combination of service learning, health career exploration, health career techniques, and professional and academic development through laboratory and classroom instruction. Each Academy participant may accumulate *health science work-based credit\** by earning a grade of 85 or higher and with the approval of the student's school in accordance with graduation guidelines utilizing the course code 5590 as outlined in the latest edition of the Career and Technology Education (CATE) Student Reporting Procedures Guide.

*\*Health Science work-based credit (WB) experiences provide opportunities for students to enter the workplace for a specified period of time to gain skills and knowledge in health science education. Students' workplace activities may include working on special projects, sampling tasks from different jobs, and learning tasks related to health careers. These experiences provide opportunities for students to interact with proper role models and learn about appropriate behavior and ethics in the workplace. Work-based credit experiences should include at least 60 contact hours for  $\frac{1}{2}$  credit or 120 contact hours for one credit. Students receiving a minimum of a full credit for this work-based experience may count this toward being a Health Science completer. (A maximum of one unit of WB credit may be counted towards being a completer in the Health Science Cluster)*

Sincerely,  
Angel W. Clark  
Health Science Education Associate

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Angel W. Clark".

Cc: Susan Flanagan, CATE Director