Credit/Clock Hours and Length of Program

Computing program clock/contact hours
Program clock/contact hours should include the total clock hours spent in the NMT portion of the program, excluding general education courses and prerequisites. If a program integrates NMT courses with general education and other courses, only NMT courses should be reported.

A program’s total didactic clock hours may be higher than the total clock hours on Form G Professional Didactic Curriculum if the program includes healthcare courses or topics in the NMT program in addition to the professional content areas listed on Form G.

Credit hours
Credit hours are the credits assigned by the college/university for each course.

- Credits in the professional program are the credit hours for all NMT courses, excluding prerequisites and general education courses.
- Credits for the terminal award or degree are the total number of credits to earn the associate, baccalaureate or master’s degree. This total will include credits for all prerequisite, general education and NMT program courses.
- If a program is hospital-based and does not assign credit hours to courses then the response for all credit hours questions should be N/A.

Length of program
The Data Form in the JRCNMT self-study requests the length of the professional program in months and the length of time to complete the terminal award.

- The length of time, in months, of the professional program is the number of months students spend completing the NMT curriculum.
- The length of time, in months, to complete the terminal award is how many total months it takes for students to earn the certificate or degree offered.
- The two numbers may or may not be the same. Some examples follow:
  - 2+2 baccalaureate program = 24 months NMT and 48 months for degree
  - 3+1 baccalaureate program = 12 months NMT and 48 months for degree
  - 2-year associate program (all NMT final year) = 12 months NMT and 24 months for degree
  - 2-year associate program (fully integrated) = 24 months for NMT and degree
  - Hospital-based certificate program = 14 months for NMT and certificate