Summary of Comments & Responses: Chapter 11.16 Credential Policy

Policy Effective August 7, 2017

1. A commenter raised concerns about partner program's ability to report training that would include the participant in the Credential Attainment Rate or Measurable Skill Gain Rates. A commenter asked if training not approved by the WDA would be included in the Credential Attainment Rate and Measurable Skill Gain. Another commenter asked if a participant who took less than 12 credits because the participant does not have time for more credits would be included as a measurable skill gain.

Partner programs that report into ASSET have data validation requirements similar to the Title I programs. WIOA Core programs are required under Sec. 116 (d) to establish data validation procedures. Other ETA partner programs must comply with reporting requirements outlined in the ETA Specific Information Collection Requests. All partners in the one-stop center are expected to work together with each other to accurately report activity. All training/education provided by any WIOA core or partner program is reported in ASSET regardless of WDA approval. Partner programs must work together to assist participants meet their employment and education needs. Regarding the measurable skill gain, participants who are in postsecondary education and cannot earn 12 credits in 2 consecutive semesters do not meet the minimum credits to qualify for a measurable skill gain. States do not have the flexibility to lower the credit limits for part time and full-time students. Participants that do not meet the credit requirements of the state unit's policy for accademic standards should be reviewed to determine if they meet any of the other 4 methods. No changes were made to the policy will be made.