

Any individual who does not fall into either of these two groups is restricted in the number of education hours which can be used to meet the federal participation requirement. This is described in detail in this section. However, under WV State Law, those who are not mandatory for participation in educational activities may select other educational options which do not meet federal work participation requirements.

Under WV State Law: Any WV WORKS recipient who must meet a federal participation requirement may elect to participate in any educational activity, regardless of any restrictions in Section 24.5. The participation must be full-time as defined by the institution or course of study, regardless of the number of hours of actual participation. The client must not be required to participate in any other activity to increase his participation hours to the minimum federal requirement. However, the client may voluntarily participate in any other activity, but no sanction may be imposed for failure to participate in that other activity. If the educational activity is college, it is limited to **one** 2- or 4-year undergraduate degree program. Full-time college students must not be required to participate in another work activity for more than 10 hours per week in order to meet the participation requirement. Participants in educational activities must be making satisfactory progress as determined by the program in which they are enrolled.

Educational activities include but are not limited to:

- Vocational Training
- Literacy Skills
- English as a Second Language (ESL)
- College (does not include graduate school)
- Job Skills Related to Employment
- Education Related to Employment
- ABE to improve basic skills (for those already possessing a high school diploma or GED)
- Attendance in a Secondary School or GED Program.

**NOTE:** College hours must be entered into RAPIDS.