Calendar & Curriculum Conversion FAQ

As ACTCM moves toward a full merger with CIIS, we will transition from a quarter system into a semester system. The Spring and Summer 2015 will be special 10-week terms due to this transition. Beginning on September 3, 2015, both CIIS and ACTCM will be on the same 15-week semester calendar.

ACTCM’s top priorities in this process are (1) that our students will not face any delay in completing their degree programs on time; (2) that our students will not face any gap in financial aid coverage through the transition period.

Conversion Calendar

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We understand that these changes are challenging. We will work with you during this transition period. Please consult Andrea Natta, Academic Advisor, Daryl Cullen, Financial Aid Director, for questions related with the program of studies and financial aid. If you have other concerns, please contact Michael Sano, Dr. Bingzeng Zou, Dr. Carla Wilson or Dr. Steve Given.

FAQ

1. **How will the calendar change affect my graduation date and my ability to sit for CALE?**

   As stated above, a top priority for ACTCM is that our students would not have a delay to complete their degree programs on time due to these changes. Courses will be offered so that students can graduate in close proximity to their intended graduation date and in time to sit for the CALE following the original intended graduation date.

2. **How will the calendar change affect my financial aid?**

   The current disbursement on the quarter system is the Stafford loan in the amount of $20,500 over nine months. The amount will be the same but the disbursement will change from $6,834 to $10,250. You will receive the same amount of federal loan over the nine month period. Instead of the $20,500 being divided by three (3 quarter for one academic year) it will change to 2 disbursement per academic year (still nine months). If you have any questions on the changes please contact Daryl Cullen, Director of Financial Aid.
3. **How will the calendar change affect my tuition?**

   As ACTCM adopts a semester system, tuition rates per credit will be adjusted to the semester credit rates. Simultaneously, ACTCM will adopt simplified MSTCM tuition rates so that didactic and clinic credits will be charged at the same rate.

   The total tuition cost of attending the program will not change due to the shift to the semester system but will face normal annual increases.

4. **How will the calendar change affect the credits I receive per class? And the hours of attendance?**

   Under the quarter system, ACTCM students received 1 quarter credit for each 11 hours of meeting time in a didactic course and 22-24 clinic hours. Under the semester system ACTCM students will receive 1 semester credit for each 15 hours of meeting time in a didactic course and 30 clinic hours. The total number of hours to complete the program will not exceed the current requirements under the quarter system and will continue to meet ACAOM and CAB standards.

5. **When will information about the new and transition curriculum be available for students?**

   The [MSTCM semester curriculum](#) is now available to view online.

6. **When and how long will classes be under the semester system?**

   This information is included in the [MSTCM semester curriculum](#). Courses will meet for a total of 15 hours per semester credit. Scheduling of classes will be developed to meet the needs of students.

7. **When will future comprehensive exams be held?**

   Comprehensive Exams will be held on June 19 & 20, 2015 and on January 8 & 10, 2016. Please see the [Comp Exam Memo](#) for all details related to these exams.

8. **How will the clinic schedule change to accommodate the necessary number of hours during the two 10-week terms?**

   In the Spring 2015 10-week quarter the clinic schedule will remain the same; students will need to complete 1 make-up clinic shift to compensate for the 11th week.

   In the Summer 2015 10-week semester the schedule at the Connecticut St. clinic will change; shifts will be 6 hours from 8:30am-2:30pm or 3:00-9:00pm. The schedule at off-site clinics will remain the same. Additional make-up shifts will be offered for students who need them due to schedule restraints; more information will be provided about these shifts soon.
In the Fall 2015 the clinic schedule will return to its regular hours.

9. **When will the 2015 graduation ceremony be held?**

   The 2015 graduation ceremony date will remain as scheduled on Sunday, June 21, 2015.