

Educational Component

Au Pairs have 12 months to complete at least 72 hours (6 units) of classes. The Host Families are required to pay up to \$500 for these classes. If a course is more expensive, the au pair will have to pay the rest. However, if the Au Pair takes classes that are for free or have a smaller tuition, she/he cannot request the rest of the \$500 from the family. Au pairs can take credit courses, non-credit courses, or credit courses not for credit

What types of courses can Au Pairs take?

- ✓ **Credit Course:** Generally any course that is offered to a full-time student for which a school has assigned a set credit value that the student will receive upon completion. We will count the credits that the school assigned to the course.
- ✓ **Non-Credit Course:** A non-credit course is a course that a school has not assigned a set credit value to. These are usually offered through the community or continuing education departments of colleges and universities. We will count the classroom hours of the course since no credits are assigned to the course and go by the educational standard that 12 hours = 1 credit. A noncredit course might also be offered for continuing education units (CEU). We will count 1 CEU = 1 credit if it is offered through a post-secondary accredited institution.

Finding and appropriate School

- Classes must be taken at a university, college or continuing education program sponsored by a college. It cannot be an online/distance-learning course, hybrid course, study tour, internship or volunteering program
- To make sure the school you are considering is a post-secondary accredited institution, please check if it is listed on either of the following websites:
 - U.S. Department of Education Office of Post-Secondary Education at: ope.ed.gov/accreditation/Search.aspx
 - Council for Higher Education Accreditation at: chea.org/search/default.asp