

Credit Transfer Policy

Scope

Applies to students within Mayo Clinic College of Medicine and Science (MCCMS) when they wish to transfer credits.

Purpose

To define if and how credits obtained at other accredited institutions of higher education are evaluated for fulfillment of degree or certificate requirements in MCCMS educational programs.

Policy

Mayo Clinic Alix School of Medicine

- Mayo Clinic Alix School of Medicine does not accept transfer students.

Mayo Clinic School of Health Sciences

- Mayo Clinic School of Health Sciences (MCSHS) does not accept transfer of credits, except on a limited basis for the following programs:
 - Nurse Anesthesia
 - Respiratory Care
- MCSHS program directors evaluate course work and make the final determination regarding credit transfer.

Mayo Clinic School of Graduate Medical Education

- Transfer of credits is not applicable to Mayo Clinic School of Graduate Medical Education.

Mayo Clinic Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences

- Mayo Clinic Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences (MCGSBS) students who wish to transfer graduate credits to substitute for a Mayo elective, core, or track-required course must obtain approval from both the Mayo course director and their Graduate Program Director.
- To substitute or to waive core or track-required course credits, the student may be required to prove competence by taking an exam as dictated by the course director on the subject.
- If the course director and the Graduate Program Director determine that a student has the knowledge equivalent to satisfactory performance in the Mayo course, written approval from the course director and the Graduate Program Director must be sent to MCGSBS to document the student's academic record accordingly.

- If a student wishes to count credits earned in a Mayo graduate course towards the program's required elective credits, but the Mayo course is not listed as an option for elective credit, the Graduate Program Director may approve at their discretion based on the student's career objectives. If approved, the Graduate Program Director must provide written approval to MCGSBS to document the student's academic record accordingly.

External Courses

- MCGSBS programs do not accept transfer students; however, transfer credits for graduate courses taken at another institution can be considered by submitting a [Transfer Credit Request Form](#).
- Students who wish to transfer credits for graduate courses taken at another institution must have earned a grade of A or B to request credit and provide a transcript. The student must also provide a course description or syllabus and grading scale from the institution to the Graduate Program Director for approval.
- The time interval since the credits were earned must be within five years unless exception approved by the Graduate Program Director.
- If the Graduate Program Director supports the credit transfer, written approval from the Graduate Program Director must be sent to MCGSBS, including the supporting course information from the other institution.

Total Credits Allowed

- A total of 21 didactic credits may be transferred into the Ph.D. Program.
- A total of 9 didactic credits may be transferred into the Employee Master's Program.
- A total of 6 didactic credits may be transferred into the Clinical Master's Program.
- A total of 6 didactic credits may be transferred into the Basic Science Master's Program.

Policy Notes

Veterans: MCCMS will request and evaluate all prior transcripts for those receiving veteran's educational benefits, including military training, and credit will be granted as appropriate.

Related Procedures

N/A

Related Documents

[Transfer Credit Request Form \(MCGSBS\)](#)

Definitions

Student: Non-resident/non-fellow individual enrolled in Mayo Clinic College of Medicine and Science.

References

N/A

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