

Purpose

To provide incoming students with a method of applying previous learning to a new academic endeavor.

Scope

This policy pertains to all PA College students.

Definitions

Matriculation: A matriculated student is a student who is active in a degree-granting program or certificate. The start date of the first term in which the student is active in the respective program is the student's date of matriculation.

Policy Detail

Transfer credit may be awarded for previous coursework. Undergraduate courses with a grade of "C" (74%) or above and graduate courses with a grade of "B" (84%) or above will be accepted from other institutions that were regionally or programmatic accredited at the time courses were completed if the work satisfactorily parallels courses offered by PA College. "Pass"/"Fail" grades will not transfer.

For Baccalaureate students who matriculated Fall 2020, Health Science Associate students who matriculated Fall 2021, and ASN students who will matriculate Fall 2022:

Intensive requirements may be transferred in as follows:

- A. Writing intensive courses may be transferred in if the course transfers in as a PA College Writing intensive designated English course.
- B. Diversity intensive courses may be transferred in if the course transfers in as a PA College Diversity intensive designated course.
- C. Analysis and Critical Thinking intensive courses (Bachelor students only) may be transferred in if the course transfers in as a PA College Research or Statistics course.
- D. Problem Solving intensive courses (Associate students only) may be transferred in if the course transfers in as a PA College Problem Solving intensive designated Math course.
- E. Community Engagement (Bachelor students only) and Digital Literacy intensive courses must be taken at PA College.

A student may request additional review if coursework does not meet the standard of transfer credit. The review will be conducted by the appropriate faculty to determine whether the evidence is sufficient to award credit. Refer to [Policy 1.0.3 Alternative Credit Acceptance and Course Challenge](#) for additional information.

1. BSN (Pre-Licensure Track), Associate & Certificate Programs

- a. Earned credit may be submitted for review based on the following timeline:

<i>Course</i>	<i>Years Between Completion of Original Course and Date of Matriculation Into the Program at PA College</i>
Human Anatomy & Physiology I or II	≤ 10 *
Calculus	≤ 10
Microbiology	≤ 5

Nutrition ≤ 10

* If both of the Human Anatomy & Physiology I and II courses were successfully completed and are an exact curriculum match to the PA College Courses, and one course is outside the ten (10) year range, that course will not be accepted. If both of the Human Anatomy & Physiology I and II courses were successfully completed and are NOT an exact curriculum match to the PA College Courses, and one course is outside the ten (10) year range, neither course will be accepted. The student may either retake both courses or successfully complete the Excelsior Examination in Policy 1.0.3.

- b. All other courses will be reviewed regardless of the time since completion. Transfer credit for courses will be approved by the appropriate faculty.
- c. IPC 302 Introduction to Capstone and IPC 450 Capstone must be taken at PA College.

2. *Baccalaureate Programs*

Students will have their transcripts reviewed to determine credits to be awarded for previous coursework regardless of the time since completion.

- a. BSHA Program
 - i. HCA 448 Introduction to Internship, HCA 449 Internship, IPC 302 Introduction to Capstone and IPC 450 Capstone must be taken at PA College.
- b. BSHS Program
 - i. BSHS transfer students will receive 33 credits for the allied health education.
 - ii. Students may transfer up to six (6) additional allied health sciences course credits into the BSHS program. Refer to the [BSHS Handbook](#) for detailed information.
 - iii. ICP 302 Introduction to Capstone and IPC 450 Capstone must be taken at PA College.
 - iv. Graduates of diploma programs or hospital-based programs will earn the following additional equivalency credits:
 - A. Radiography (ARRT (R)), Nuclear Medicine Technology (ARRT (N), CNMT), and Diagnostic Medical Sonography (RDMS) receive:
 - I. A&P I and II: Eight (8) credits
 - II. Math: Three (3) credits lower level
 - III. Physics: Three (3) credits
 - B. Cardiac Electrophysiology (RCES) receive:
 - I. A&P I and II: Eight (8) credits
 - II. Math: Three (3) credits lower level
 - C. Surgical Technology (CST) receive:
 - I. A&P I and II: Eight (8) credits
 - II. Microbiology: Three (3) credits
- c. BSN (RN to BSN Track) Program:
 - i. Three (3)-Year diploma program graduates will receive 74 credits: 65 credits for the diploma education, three (3) credits for Humanities elective, and six (6) credits for free electives.
 - ii. Two (2)-Year diploma program graduates will receive 65 credits for the diploma education.

- iii. ASN program graduates will receive 65 credits for the ASN education.
- iv. Students may transfer up to six (6) NUR/IPC required course credits into the BSN Program (RN to BSN Track).
- v. IPC 302 Introduction to Capstone and IPC 450 Capstone must be taken at PA College.

3. Graduate Programs

Students entering a graduate program may request a transfer review. The course for transfer must have been taken at a regionally accredited institution and will be reviewed for currency as well as alignment with courses within the graduate program. Transfer credits are awarded with approval of the Program Director.

- a. Master of Health Administration (MHA) Program:
 - i. A student accepted into the MHA may request that graduate courses completed at a 500-level or above be transferred for credit.
 - ii. The number of transfer credits for a master's degree program shall not exceed six (6) credits.
 - iii. The course grade earned must be a minimum of a "B" (84%) to be eligible for transfer
 - iv. Transfer credits are not awarded for practicum/internship courses or the Integrating Experiences.
- b. Master of Science in Nursing (Nursing Administration and Nursing Education) Programs:
 - i. A student accepted into the Nursing Administration or Nursing Education programs may request that graduate courses completed at a 500-level or above be transferred for credit.
 - ii. The number of transfer credits for a master's degree program shall not exceed six (6) credits.
 - iii. The course grade earned must be a minimum of a "B" (84%) to be eligible for transfer
 - iv. Transfer credits are not awarded for practicum/internship courses or the Integrating Experiences.
- c. Masters of Science in Nursing (Nurse Practitioner Tracks) Program:
 - i. The course grade earned must be a minimum of a "B" (84%) to be eligible for transfer.
 - ii. The number of transfer credits for a master's degree program shall not exceed six (6) credits.
 - iii. NP specific courses must have been taken within the past five (5) years in order to be considered for transfer of credit at PA College of Health Sciences.
- d. Post-Master's Nurse Practitioner Certificate Program:
 - i. Post-Master's Certificate students, who are currently licensed as advanced practice nurses and whose physical assessment, pathophysiology, and pharmacology coursework is more than five (5) years old may be required to repeat those selected courses. In addition, students who do not have prescriptive authority may be required to re-take the aforementioned courses.
 - ii. There is no limit of transfer credits for Post-Masters Nurse Practitioner students. Nurse practitioner faculty will follow the gap analysis to determine an individualized plan for study for each Post-Masters Nurse Practitioner student.
- e. Doctor of Nursing Practice Program:
 - i. The course grade earned must be a minimum of a "B" (84%) to be eligible for transfer.

- ii. The number of transfer credits for the DNP program shall not exceed six (6) credits.
- iii. Transfer credits are not awarded for practicum/internship courses or the Integrating Experiences.

References:

[Policy 1.0.3 Alternative Credit Acceptance and Course Challenge](#)

[BSHS Program Handbook](#)

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