(A) PURPOSE

To establish the standards for transferring credits taken at another accredited university in the College of Graduate Studies.

(B) SCOPE

The scope of this policy includes all students enrolled in any degree or certificate programs in the College of Graduate Studies.

(C) DEFINITIONS

“Transfer Credit” refers to credit awarded by the University for course work earned at another accredited university. Transfer credits will be recorded on the transcript with a “T” grade and will have no impact on the student’s grade point average.

(D) BODY OF POLICY

(1) Master’s Degree Transfer Credits

If graduate credit earned at another accredited institution constitutes a logical part of the student's program, transfer of credit may be accepted by the NEOMED College of Graduate Studies. The student must have his/her Advisor and Program Director recommend the credit transfer and the Dean of the College of Graduate Studies must approve of the transfer in writing. Credit transfers cannot exceed six (6) semester hours for programs requiring fewer than forty (40) semester credits. A maximum of nine (9) semester credits may be accepted in transfer for programs requiring forty (40) or more semester credits, pending Dean’s approval. No grade below a “B” may be transferred. The courses to be transferred may not have been used in a degree program at another institution. Credit awarded by NEOMED for course work earned at another accredited university is recorded on the transcript with a “T” grade, which has no impact on the student's grade point average. All requests for transfer credit, with accompanying official transcripts, must be submitted to the program director no later than a full semester prior to
the student’s expected graduation date. Transfer credit may not be utilized toward fulfillment of certificate program requirements.

(2) Dual-Degree Transfer Credit

Students enrolled in a NEOMED professional program (medicine or pharmacy) who elect to enroll in the College of Graduate Studies in order to attain a doctoral degree in the Integrated Pharmaceutical Medicine (IPM) program are permitted to transfer credits earned in the following basic science courses to graduate program curriculum:

(a) Infection & Immunity;
(b) Molecules to Cells, Physiological Basis of Medicine;
(c) Brain, Mind & Behavior; and
(d) Either Human Development and Structure or Human Structure for Pharmacy.

These courses form a strong foundation for a research degree to which will be added required courses for the IPM curriculum as well as electives that will reflect the student’s area of specialization.

Exceptions to this policy include any coursework earned in a professional program that has been used in the pursuit of a baccalaureate degree. Any student who has obtained a baccalaureate degree through the transfer of medical or pharmacy coursework would be ineligible to use that same MD or PharmD coursework credits toward the PhD. This includes students who entered the medical or pharmacy program from a consortial university and later obtained a baccalaureate degree through an articulation agreement between NEOMED and the consortial university. However, a medical or pharmacy student with that degree would only be able to transfer Molecules to Cells and Human Development and Structure or Human Structure for Pharmacy course credits to the doctorate degree.
A minimum of seventy percent (70%) of the credits counted toward the credit hour requirement for the doctorate degree must be unique to that degree and cannot be used for dual credit. All other respective degree requirements must be completed independently.

(3) Master’s Degree Transfer Credit to a Doctoral Degree

A student who has completed a Master’s degree in the IPM program can apply to the doctorate program. If admitted, the student may use course credit earned in the pursuit of the Master’s degree toward the doctorate.

REFERENCES

FORMS

CROSS-REFERENCE

REVISION HISTORY

RULE PROMULGATED UNDER

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