Transfer Credit and Articulation Agreement Information

PA Program

The PA Program does not accept transfer credits or experiential learning credits. CLEP credit, AP credit and Pass/Fail credit cannot be counted toward prerequisite coursework either. We do not allow for advanced standing, regardless of previous graduate work in healthcare. All incoming students must complete the entire PA curriculum.

*The PA Program has no articulation agreements, see below for memo of understanding (MOU).*

MSA Program

Students may request transfer credit for previous graduate work completed at other regionally accredited (or equivalent) educational institutions. Additional information is outlined within the Academic Catalog.

Dual degree students may receive advanced standing credit for some required courses in other programs as long as the courses were taken at Des Moines University and the student received a grade of B or above in each course for which advanced standing credit is requested. Credit is awarded after consultation with the Course Director, program director, and the Dean or Associate Dean for Academic Curriculum and Medical Programs.

*The MSA Program has no articulation agreements.*

MSBS Program

Students may request transfer credit for previous graduate work completed at other regionally accredited (or equivalent) educational institutions. Additional information is outlined within the Academic Catalog.

Dual degree students may receive advanced standing credit for some required courses in other programs as long as the courses were taken at Des Moines University and the student received a grade of B or above in each course for which advanced standing credit is requested. Credit is awarded after consultation with the Course Director, program director, and the Dean or Associate Dean for Academic Curriculum and Medical Programs.
The MSBS Program has an articulation agreement with Drake University College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences. Additional information can be found at [https://www.dmu.edu/admission/university-partnerships/](https://www.dmu.edu/admission/university-partnerships/).

The MSBS program has an articulation agreement with Mercy College. Additional information can be found at: [https://www.dmu.edu/admission/university-partnerships/](https://www.dmu.edu/admission/university-partnerships/).

**DO Program**

Students wishing to be considered for transfer into the DO program must meet specific criteria as outlined in the [Academic Catalog](https://www.dmu.edu/). Students who have completed coursework in the MHA, MPH, MSA or MSBS program and are accepted into the DO program may petition to receive advanced standing for courses completed in those programs. A maximum of 12.0 advanced standing credit hours can be requested. Courses must have been completed within the last two years and students must have earned a minimum of a “B” grade in order to be considered for advanced standing credit. Credit is awarded after consultation with the Course Director, program director, and the Dean or Associate Dean for Academic Curriculum and Medical Programs.

*The DO Program has no articulation agreements.*

**MHA Program**

Students may request to transfer up to 12 hours of graduate credit from a previously attended, regionally accredited institution. Students who seek to transfer credit from another institution to meet a degree requirement must complete a [transfer credit request form](https://www.dmu.edu/) and submit to the Program Director for approval. If approved, the Office of the Registrar will post to the student’s academic transcript. It is the responsibility of the student to provide to the Office of the Registrar an official transcript from the accredited university or college showing the course number and title, grade earned, and graduate credit received.

Criteria for acceptable transfer credit as follows:

- The student must have earned a minimum grade of “B-”
- P/F courses are accepted only if the credit-granting institution substantiates in writing that the grade of P was equivalent to a grade of “B-” or higher.
- Courses in which the student earned a grade of “Credit” or “CR” are not transferable.
- The course must have been taken within four (4) years prior to acceptance.
Credit from a college or university using quarter hours will be converted to semester hours. One quarter hour is equivalent to 0.67 semester hour. The quarter-credit course may be approved by the program to fulfill a course requirement however the conversion may affect the student fulfilling the required credits for graduation. Transfer credit courses will appear on the student’s transcript with a grade of “TC”. The credit is not calculated into the student’s GPA but is calculated into total credits earned.

For transfer credit replacing a course taken but failed in the program, the original grade of “F” will remain on the transcript and will be calculated into the GPA.

A student who wishes to appeal this policy may do so through the Dean of the College of Health Sciences.

For students pursuing a dual degree of DPT/MHA, three (3) credit hours for MHA 650 “Basic Statistics and Research” may be transferred from the clinical didactic coursework (so long as a grade of B- or above was earned) toward the MHA degree.

*The MHA Program has articulation agreements with Drake University Law School and Drake University College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences. Additional information can be found at [https://www.dmu.edu/admission/university-partnerships/](https://www.dmu.edu/admission/university-partnerships/).*

**MPH Program**

Students may request to transfer up to 12 hours of graduate credit from a previously attended, regionally accredited institution. Students who seek to transfer credit from another institution to meet a degree requirement must complete a [transfer credit request form](https://www.dmu.edu/admission/university-partnerships/) and submit to the Program Director for approval. If approved, the Office of the Registrar will post to the student’s academic transcript. It is the responsibility of the student to provide to the Office of the Registrar an official transcript from the accredited university or college showing the course number and title, grade earned, and graduate credit received.

Criteria for acceptable transfer credit as follows:

- The student must have earned a minimum grade of “B-”
- P/F courses are accepted only if the credit-granting institution substantiates in writing that the grade of P was equivalent to a grade of “B-” or higher.
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For transfer credit replacing a course taken but failed in the program, the original grade of “F” will remain on the transcript and will be calculated into the GPA.

A student who wishes to appeal this policy may do so through the Dean of the College of Health Sciences.

For students pursuing a dual degree, up to 12 credit hours may be transferred from the clinical didactic coursework (so long as a grade of B- or above was earned) toward the MPH degree. 1. Three (3) hours of credit for MPH 657 “Survey of Human Health and Disease” 2. Six (6) hours of elective credit 3. Three (3) credit hours from a pre-approved elective clinical rotation for the MPH 658 “Public Health internship”

DPT/MPH dual degree students will receive three (3) credit hours for MPH 650 “Basic Statistics and Research”.

The MPH Program has articulation agreements with Drake University Law School and Drake University College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences. Additional information can be found at https://www.dmu.edu/admission/university-partnerships/.

**DPM Program**

Students wishing to be considered for transfer into the DPM program from another podiatric program must meet specific criteria as outlined in the [Academic Catalog](#). Students who have completed coursework in the MHA, MPH, MSA or MSBS program and are accepted into the DPM program may petition to receive advanced standing for courses completed in those programs. A maximum of 12.0 advanced standing credit hours can be requested. Courses must have been completed within the last two years and students must have earned a minimum of a “B” grade in order to be considered for advanced standing credit. Credit is awarded after consultation with the Course Director, program director, and the Dean.

*The DPM Program has no articulation agreements.*

**DPT Program**

*The DPT program does not accept transfer credits and has no articulation agreements.*

**Memo of Understanding (MOU)**

The PA Program has a memo of understanding (MOU) with South Dakota State University, SDSU, for admission purposes only. Due to diminished opportunities for medical training in the United States and a chronic shortage of providers and those providing care for underserved populations and medical missions, SDSU and DMU have created a program by which qualified students are offered
an Interview Day at DMU in the Physician Assistant Program by following a distinct academic protocol and by demonstrating high achievement.