

## **Appendix 10.7.1 Policy on Transfer Students**

Whole Health School of Medicine

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#### **I. POLICY**

WHSOM does not accept transfer students from any other institution. WHSOM does not offer advanced placement into the MD degree program.

Individuals who wish to attend the WHSOM MD degree program must apply through the usual admissions process and if matriculated at WHSOM, complete the entire WHSOM MD curriculum and its requirements.

#### **II. PURPOSE**

The WHSOM MD curriculum provides a unique perspective and approach to integration. Coursework completed in other schools will not provide an experience that is comparable, and will not provide the integrated assessment activities that accompany the WHSOM curriculum.

#### **III. SCOPE**

This policy applies to:

- Prospective medical students / applicants

#### **IV. POLICY AUTHOR(S)**

- Office of Student Affairs

#### **V. RELATED POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

- Policy on Transfer Credit

#### **VI. REFERENCES**

HLC FDCR.A.10.040

Each institution shall determine its own policies and procedures for accepting transfer credits, including credits from accredited and non-accredited institutions, from foreign institutions, and from institutions which grant credit for experiential learning and for non-traditional adult learner programs in conformity with any expectations in HLC's Assumed Practices. An institution's periodic review of its transfer policies and procedures should include evaluation of their clarity to those who administer them, to the students who follow them, and to employers and other stakeholders. It should also include the consistency of their interpretation and application

throughout the institution, as well as their responsiveness to new types of learning opportunities outside institutions of higher education.

An institution shall demonstrate that it has transfer policies that are publicly disclosed and that such policies include a statement of criteria established by the institution regarding transfer of credit earned at another institution. An institution shall also demonstrate that it publishes a list of institutions or programs with which the institution has established articulation agreements to receive and send credit.

## **VII. APPROVALS**

Dean, School of Medicine

## Procedure on Immunization and Tuberculosis Testing

### **At Matriculation**

Students must provide the required evidence of immunization or immunity upon admission to medical school. Any student deficient in immunity will be required to initiate the vaccine series prior to the start date of the first year and must complete the vaccine series within 18 months of initiating the vaccine series.

### **While Enrolled**

Students must meet the annual influenza and TB test requirements detailed above or provide documentation supporting exemption.

### **Monitoring**

The Student Health Service will monitor adherence to the immunization and TB testing requirements. Students are not able to begin or continue clinical activities until they have achieved satisfactory completion of the initial or annual immunization and TB testing requirements. This includes shadowing and standardized patient activities.

### **Access to Immunization Records**

All immunization information/documentation provided by the student will become part of the student's permanent medical record at Student Health Service. These records are available to the student via the online Student Health Service portal. Students are encouraged to update their record at Student Health Service with any changes.

### **Additional Recommendations**

It is recommended that each entering student have a medical history and physical examination by a physician.

### **Required Immunizations**

All students are required to have the following immunizations or a positive titer, prior to matriculation.

MMR 2 doses OR Separately Mumps 2 doses; Rubella 1 dose; Measles 2 doses

Varicella 2 doses (having a history of the disease is not sufficient)

DPT (childhood) 3 doses

Tdap (adult) 1 dose dated within 10 years of expected graduation date

Hepatitis B 3 doses and a positive Hepatitis B surface antibody titer

COVID-19 2 doses

After matriculation:

Influenza, on a yearly basis

### **Tuberculosis Testing**

PPD dated after May 1 of the year of matriculation, and repeated annually.

If a student has a Positive TB Test Result, the student must provide documentation indicating date of positive test results and a clear chest x-ray dated within three months of their matriculation date. The student should not be re-tested for TB or provide a new chest x-ray, unless a new exposure occurs or the student becomes symptomatic.

### **Evidence of Immunity or Immunization**

The student must provide one of the following:

1. Copies of medical records from their health care providers that indicate the completion of the requirements listed above.
2. Copies of the lab reports indicating a positive titer.
3. A completed immunization form. This form is provided to students as part of the matriculation packet. This form must be completed and signed by the student's health care provider.

### **Reference:**

AAMC Standardized Immunization Form <https://www.aamc.org/media/23441/download>