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*Transfer Guide*

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

Transfer information is available to help you become more knowledgeable in your quest to find the college or university that is best for you. We are happy to work with you to determine which program of study best suits your needs.

We welcome students who wish to apply to any of our undergraduate or professional programs. Applications for most of our majors can be submitted on a rolling admission basis, however a few majors have priority application dates and deadlines:

### Application Deadline:

Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD): December 1

Doctor of Physical Therapy: December 1

Master's in Occupational Therapy: March 1

Physician Assistant: March 15

### Rolling Admissions:

Biochemistry	Pharmaceutical Chemistry
Bioinformatics	Pharmaceutical Marketing & Management
Biology	Pharmaceutical Sciences
Chemistry	Pharmacology & Toxicology
Computer Science	Physics
Environmental Science	Psychology
Exercise Science and Wellness Management	Advisory Tracks
Health Science	• Forensic Science Program*
Humanities and Science	• Pre Dental*
Medical Technology	• Pre Medical*
Microbiology	• Pre Veterinary*

- Transfer students are generally admitted only in the Fall semester of each academic year.
- Science and math courses taken at other institutions must be for science majors.
- Science courses must include at least 1 credit hour of lab work.
- No grade less than a "C" (2.0) at the collegiate level will be accepted for transfer.
- There is a ten-year limit on the transferability of science and math courses.
- Other courses are reviewed on a course-by-course basis.

### Transfer credit policy:

Accepted students receive a preliminary transfer credit evaluation that includes the courses and credits acceptable by the University for transfer. Transfer credit is usually granted for comparable coursework completed at an accredited college or university. A grade of "C" or better must be achieved and the coursework must meet the specific requirements of the applicant's program of study. (Physician assistant students must achieve a grade of "B" or higher in science courses that are scheduled in years two and three of the program).

Credits earned for the first half of a two-semester course sequence will only be accepted for transfer if the second half is successfully completed (e.g., General Biology I will only be accepted for transfer if General Biology II is successfully completed).

Pre-professional courses completed 10 or more years prior to enrollment may not be accepted for transfer credit or may require additional validation by the University.

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## TRANSFER CANDIDATE CHECKLIST OF REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

- Completed Application for Admission available on our website at [www.usp.edu/applying](http://www.usp.edu/applying).
- \$45 non-refundable application fee. Please make your check or money order payable to University of the Sciences and include your name in the memo section.
- If you have not completed a bachelors degree or associates degree, please submit an official high school transcript. If you have earned a General Equivalency Diploma (GED), an official copy of the GED must also be submitted.
- Official SAT scores or American College Test (ACT) scores. (May be included on high school transcript). If not, please contact The College Board at 609.771.7600 or ACT Assessment at 319.337.1313, to obtain your scores. If you have completed a bachelors degree or associates degree, you do not need to submit these scores.
- Official transcripts from all colleges and/or universities attended.
- Applicants for transfer into the first professional year of the Doctor of Pharmacy program are required to submit scores from the Pharmacy College Admission Test (PCAT). Information concerning the PCAT can be found at [www.pcatweb.info](http://www.pcatweb.info). The University school code is 056. The June or October test dates are recommended. Upcoming PCAT testing dates to be considered for Fall 2010 admission are June 20, 2009, August 22, 2009, and October 17, 2009. Registration will open March 2nd.
- Completed Pre-Professional Requirement Form for Pharmacy, Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy and Physician Assistant applicants, which can be found on the web site at [www.usp.edu/applying/transfer.aspx](http://www.usp.edu/applying/transfer.aspx)
- All transfer applicants into the professional phase of Pharmacy, Physical Therapy, and Occupational Therapy are required to submit a personal statement and resume. The statement should explain in detail: your interest in the professional program to which you are applying, how you developed this interest, your career goals, and any attributes and accomplishments you believe will enhance your future academic and career success. Also please tell us why you have included University of the Sciences as one of your college choices.

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## INTERVIEW INFORMATION

### **Selection/Assessment Interviews**

Program interviews are required as part of the evaluation process for applicants into the professional phase of the Doctor of Pharmacy, Doctor of Physical Therapy, and Master's in Occupational Therapy programs. These interviews will be conducted by the PharmD, DPT, MOT admission committees and by invitation only.

**Informational Interviews** with the Admission Staff are available during the week, Monday through Friday from 10:00 AM through 3:00 PM on an appointment basis. Staff limitations and off-campus travel requirements preclude accommodating walk-in appointments. Please make appointments at least 2 weeks in advance by calling 215.596.8810 or 888.996.8747 between 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM only.

These interviews are strictly to review credentials, provide you with a preliminary and unofficial review of what courses will transfer and what courses you have left to complete prior to enrollment.

Unofficial or official documents should be brought with you for informational interviews. Transcripts, WES evaluations, and grade reports are acceptable.

Students may email us at [admit@usp.edu](mailto:admit@usp.edu). Our website is [www.usp.edu](http://www.usp.edu).

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## NOTIFICATION OF ADMISSION

- Decisions are generally made between January 15th and May 1st for admission to the Doctor Pharmacy program and second and fourth year admission to the Doctor of Physical Therapy program.
- Decisions are made on a rolling basis for all Physician Assistant, Occupational Therapy and all other transfer candidates, and for first year transfer candidates for Pharmacy and Physical Therapy.
- All applicants will be sent a decision letter whether the decision is acceptance, denial or wait-list status.
- If you are accepted, your letter of acceptance will state the minimum time it will take to receive a degree, what courses have transferred and when your tuition deposit is due.

### IF WAIT LISTED:

- Your letter will state the length of time the wait-list status is in effect.
- If space becomes available, all wait-list status applications are reviewed as a group with the most qualified candidates being selected. **No rankings are assigned to a wait-list status nor is a wait-list status a guarantee that a space will become available.**
- If you are not admitted, wait listed or decide not to enroll, you **may reactivate your application once, without an additional application fee, for the next academic year.** Wait list status *does not* guarantee an acceptance the following year.

**\*\*NOTE\*\***

**Acceptance as a transfer candidate may not be deferred from one year to the next.**

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## INTERNATIONAL STUDENT INFORMATION

### TRANSCRIPT EVALUATION

**The University utilizes the World Education Services (WES) and Educational Credential Evaluators (ECE) for evaluation of all credentials from colleges and universities outside of the United States.**

**WES evaluations and ECE evaluations must be a Course-by-Course Report Evaluation for consideration.**

The determinations of international coursework equivalency to University of the Sciences coursework will only be made through the evaluation by the World Education Services or Educational Credential Evaluators.

Contact World Education Services at:

Main Office	Postal Address
Tel: 212-966-6311	Bowling Green Station
Fax: 212-739-6100	P.O. Box 5087
info@wes.org	New York, NY 10274-5087
www.wes.org	

Contact Educational Credential Evaluators, Inc. at:

Main Office	Postal Address
Tel: 414-289-3400	P.O. Box 514070
eval@ece.org	Milwaukee, WI 53203-3470
www.ece.org	

### COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAMS

International applicants are required to submit Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) scores, if their studies were not conducted in the English language.

### PHARMACY CANDIDATES

If you have a Pharmacy degree from an institution outside of the United States and would like information concerning the Foreign Pharmacy Equivalency Examination, we suggest you contact:

National Association Boards of Pharmacy Foundation  
Foreign Pharmacy Graduate Examination Committee  
1600 Feehanville Drive  
Mount Prospect, IL 60056  
847.391.4406

**Also please note:** A previously earned Pharmacy degree from a university outside of the United States, or enrollment in a Pharmacy program outside of the United States provides no priority consideration for admission. **Only non-professional level courses and PCAT scores are considered in the review process.**

### ADMISSION DEADLINE

**International students requiring an F-1 Student Visa must be admitted no later than April 30th.** It is recommended that applications be submitted as early as possible due to space limitations in certain programs. Certain transfer admission deadline and filing dates will take precedence over the April 30th submission dates.

International students are required to confirm their intention to enroll by submitting a tuition deposit, which is credited to their first semester's tuition costs. They must also provide documentation of sufficient financial resources for their studies by completing a Certification of Finance Form. A Form I-20, Certificate of Eligibility for Student Status, will then be provided in order for the student to obtain an F-1 Visa.

Student financial assistance is generally not available to international applicants through the University of the Sciences in Philadelphia. International applicants are not eligible for state or federal financial assistance. Merit awards cover a portion of tuition and are available upon admission.

## UNDERGRADUATE MAJORS

Biochemistry	Health Science	Pharmacology & Toxicology
Bioinformatics	Humanities and Science	Physics
Biology	Medical Technology	Psychology
Chemistry	Microbiology	Advisory Tracks
Computer Science	Pharmaceutical Chemistry	• Forensic Science Program*
Environmental Science	Pharmaceutical Marketing &	• Pre Dental*
Exercise Science and Wellness	Management	• Pre Medical*
Management	Pharmaceutical Sciences	• Pre Veterinary*

\* Students with an eye toward Medical, Dental or Veterinary school are encouraged to select one of these majors.

\*\* Program concentrations that accompany a major or are integrated into a major.

You are eligible for **SECOND-YEAR CONSIDERATION** if you have completed, at the collegiate level, the following first year courses:

1. General Biology I & II with labs (NOT Anatomy & Physiology) .....8 cr.
2. General Chemistry I & II (for science majors) with labs .....8 cr.
3. Math Analysis I & II (Pre-calculus & Calculus I) .....6-8 cr.
4. Writing and Rhetoric I and II .....6 cr.
5. General Education–Social Science Requirement .....3 cr.  
*Can be fulfilled with any of the two courses below.*
- Introduction to Psychology .....3 cr.
- Economics .....3 cr.
- Political Science .....3 cr.
- Anthropology .....3 cr.

You are eligible for **THIRD-YEAR CONSIDERATION** if you have completed, at the collegiate level, the above first year courses and the following second year coursework:

1. Organic Chemistry I & II with labs .....8 cr.
2. Physics I & II with labs .....8 cr.
3. Introduction to Communication .....3 cr.
4. General Education–Humanities Requirement .....6 cr.  
*Can be fulfilled with any of the two courses below.*
- Art Appreciation
- History of Western Civilization I
- History of Western Civilization II
- Music Appreciation
- Philosophy–Ethics and Values
- Language Study: Elm. Arabic I/II; Elm. Chinese I/II; Elm/Int. French I/II;  
 Elm/Int. German I/II; Italian I/II; El. Latin I; or El/Int Spanish I/II
5. Calculus II and III may be required in some majors. Confirm specific course requirements for each prospective major at: <http://catalog.usp.edu/>

**Please note:** The courses listed above represent the “typical” year one and two course-of-study for many of the majors listed above. There are however, unique differences in these requirements, which modify an individual major. **Prospective students are encouraged to check with the Admission Office or review year one and two (2) course requirements online at: <http://catalog.usp.edu/>**

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## REQUIREMENTS FOR PROFESSIONAL PROGRAMS

- Occupational Therapy
- Pharmacy
- Physical Therapy
- Physician Assistant

### ACADEMIC REVIEW

Demonstration of academic achievement is a necessary prerequisite for admission and is assessed by an academic review. This review is made in order to assess a candidate's ability to complete a professional program of study. This academic review includes consideration of all of the following:

- College(s) and/or universities attended
- Full-time/part-time study
- Intensity and rigor of course study
- Completion of a degree program
- Dates attended
- Required standardized test scores

### RECOMMENDED STANDARDS FOR CONSIDERATION

#### **Occupational Therapy Majors**

- minimum 2.7 overall GPA for 2nd year consideration
- minimum 3.0 overall GPA for 3rd year consideration
- correct sequence of coursework completed

#### **Pharmacy**

- minimum 3.0 overall GPA
- correct sequence of course work completed and fulfillment of required patient contact hours
- PCAT scores

#### **Physical Therapy Majors**

- minimum 3.0 overall GPA
- correct sequence of coursework completed

#### **Physician Assistant Majors**

- minimum 3.0 overall GPA
- correct sequence of course work completed and fulfillment of required patient contact hours

### RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS

The minimum attendance required to obtain a degree from University of the Sciences is as follows:

1. 4 years for the Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD)
2. Master of Occupational Therapy–3 years  
–2 1/2 years for Post-baccalaureate students
3. Doctor of Pharmacy–4 years
4. Doctor of Physical Therapy–3 years
5. Physician Assistant–2 years for students entering year 2 of the pre-professional phase. Students with a Bachelor of Science degree in a science or health field, please apply directly to the professional phase at the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine (PCOM). To obtain an application, please contact PCOM Office of Admission at 215.871.6700 or 800.999.6998. They can also be reached by fax at 215.871.6719 or on their website at [www.pcom.edu](http://www.pcom.edu).

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## OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

### MOT—Master in Occupational Therapy

#### Application Deadline—March 1

The University offers two different entrance options to enroll in the Master of Occupational Therapy degree program.

1. **Post Baccalaureate**—If you have earned or will have earned a Bachelor’s degree prior to the start of the summer semester classes, you may be eligible for entrance into the professional phase of the Master of Occupational Therapy degree (MOT) as a Post-Baccalaureate student. Candidates may qualify through a variety of degrees in the basic sciences, social sciences or health sciences. Required prerequisite courses include:

#### SUBJECT AREA

Anatomy & Physiology

Coursework should be a 2 semester sequence

Abnormal Psychology

Sociology or Cultural Anthropology

Physics (with or without lab)

Psychology of Human Growth and Development

2. **Transfer**—If you have not or will not have earned a Bachelor’s degree in any of the above listed areas, you are eligible for admission to the Bachelor of Science in Health Science/Master of Occupational Therapy degree (BS/MOT) track.

Applicants are reviewed for enrollment into the second or third year of the program based upon the completion of all required coursework and achievement in these courses.

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You are eligible for **SECOND-YEAR CONSIDERATION** in the Occupational Therapy program if you have completed, at the collegiate level, the following first year courses:

1. General Biology I & II with labs (NOT Anatomy & Physiology) .....8 cr.
2. Survey of Chemistry (General/Intro Chemistry I) .....4 cr.
3. Math Analysis I & II (Pre-calculus & Calculus) .....6 cr.
4. Writing and Rhetoric I and II .....6 cr.
5. Introduction to Psychology .....3 cr.
6. Introduction to Sociology .....3 cr.

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You are eligible for **THIRD-YEAR CONSIDERATION** in the Occupational Therapy program if you have completed, at the collegiate level, the above first year courses and the following second year coursework:

1. Human Structure and Function I & II .....8 cr.  
(Anatomy & Physiology I & II with Labs)
2. Survey of Physics (General/Intro Physics I) .....4 cr.
3. Biostatistics .....3 cr.
4. Psychology of Human Development .....3 cr.
5. Abnormal Psychology .....3 cr.
6. Introduction to Communication .....3 cr.

**Important Note:** If you are considering being a candidate for Admission and have completed some but not all of our required first and/or second year courses, we still encourage you to apply for admission in order to assess your qualifications for admission and potential placement in the sequence and year of the curriculum. We will work with you to create a individualized curriculum which may allow you to progress towards completion of your degree.

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## PHARMACY

### PharmD—Doctor of Pharmacy

#### Application Deadline—December 1

- Applicants for transfer into the first professional year of the entry-level Doctor of Pharmacy are required to submit their scores from the Pharmacy College Aptitude Test (PCAT). Information concerning the PCAT can be found at [www.pcatweb.info](http://www.pcatweb.info). The University school code is 056. The June or October test dates are recommended. Upcoming PCAT testing dates to be considered for Fall 2010 admission are June 20, 2009, August 22, 2009, and October 17, 2009. Registration will open March 2nd.
- You may request consideration for first year entrance if you have not completed the following courses: Biology, Chemistry or Calculus
- First year admission for transfer consideration is competitive. It is based **both** upon previously completed college courses and the academic criteria required for all first year applicants (SAT results and completion of required high school prerequisites). All entering first year students must have the appropriate academic preparation required for the first year course work in the PharmD curriculum.
- No completed courses with a grade lower than a "C", (2.0), at the college level, will be considered for transfer.
- If you have completed university level coursework outside of the United States, you must have a course-by-course evaluation completed by the World Education Services (WES). The determination of international coursework equivalency to University of the Sciences coursework will only be made through the evaluation provided by World Education Services. You can obtain information about WES by accessing their website at [www.wes.org](http://www.wes.org) or toll free at 1.800.937.3895.
- If you have a Pharmacy degree from an institution outside of the United States and would like information concerning the Foreign Pharmacy Equivalency Examination, we suggest you contact:

National Association Boards of Pharmacy Foundation  
Foreign Pharmacy Graduate Examination Committee  
1600 Feehanville Drive  
Mount Prospect, IL 60056  
847.391.4406

- **Also please note:** A previously earned Pharmacy degree from a university outside of the United States, or enrollment in a Pharmacy program outside of the United States provides no priority consideration for admission. **Only non-professional level courses and PCAT scores are considered in the review process.**

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## PHARMACY *(continued)*

We accept applicants for transfer only into the third year, or first-professional year, of the Doctor of Pharmacy program. Applicant's are reviewed based upon the availability of space in the program, completion of all required coursework, the grades in each course, scores on the PCAT examination and a required interview.

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You are eligible for **THIRD-YEAR CONSIDERATION (first professional year)** in the Pharmacy program if you have completed the courses listed below, at the collegiate level:

1. General Biology I & II with labs (NOT Anatomy & Physiology) . . . . . 8 cr.
2. General Chemistry I & II (for science majors) with labs . . . . . 8 cr.
3. Math Analysis I & II (Pre-calculus & Calculus I) . . . . . 6-8 cr.
4. Writing and Rhetoric I and II . . . . . 6 cr.
5. Introduction to Sociology . . . . . 3 cr.
6. Organic Chemistry I & II (for science majors) with labs . . . . . 8 cr.
7. Physics I & II with labs (either Calculus or non-Calculus based) . . . . . 8 cr.
8. Functional Human Anatomy/Histology OR Anatomy & Physiology I & II . . . . . 3-8 cr.  
~ *The Anatomy requirement can be fulfilled by completing a one-semester Human Anatomy course OR a two-semester sequence of a combined Anatomy & Physiology I & II.*
9. Microbiology with lab . . . . . 4 cr.
10. General Education–Social Science Requirement . . . . . 3 cr.  
*Can be fulfilled with a course below.*  
Introduction to Psychology  
Economics  
Political Science  
Anthropology
11. General Education–Humanities Requirement. . . . . 6 cr.  
*Can be fulfilled with any of the two courses below.*  
Art Appreciation  
History of Western Civilization I  
History of Western Civilization II  
Music Appreciation  
Philosophy–Ethics and Values  
Language Study:  
Elementary Arabic I/II  
Elementary Chinese I/II  
Elementary or Intermediate French I/II  
Elementary or Intermediate German I/II  
Elementary or Intermediate Italian I/II  
Elementary Latin I  
Elementary or Intermediate Spanish I/II

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# PHYSICAL THERAPY

## DPT—Doctor of Physical Therapy

### Application Deadline—December 1

University of the Sciences offers two different entrance options to enroll in the Doctor of Physical Therapy degree program.

1. **Post Baccalaureate**—If you have earned or will have earned a Bachelor’s degree prior to the start of the summer semester classes, you may be eligible for entrance into the professional phase of the Doctor of Physical Therapy degree (DPT) as a Post-Baccalaureate student. A total of 57 credits in the courses listed below are required:

SUBJECT AREA	CREDITS	
Chemistry w/lab	8 credits	Coursework should be a 2 semester sequence
Biology w/lab	8 credits	Coursework should be a 2 semester sequence
Physics w/ lab	8 credits	Coursework should be a 2 semester sequence
Anatomy & Physiology	6 credits	Coursework should be a 2 semester sequence
Mathematics	9 credits	Including Calculus & Statistics (1 semester each)
Social Sciences	12 credits	Psychology—6 credits and an additional 6 credits of introductory/advanced coursework
English	6 credits	Including one 3 credit writing intensive course
<b>Total</b>	<b>57 credits</b>	

2. **Transfer**—If you have not or will not have earned a Bachelor’s degree (or have not completed the required 57 credits listed above as part of your BS course work) you are eligible for admission to the Bachelor of Science in Health Science/Doctor of Physical Therapy degree (BS/DPT) track. Applicants are reviewed for enrollment into the second or fourth year of the program based upon availability of space, the completion of all required coursework and achievement in these courses.

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You are eligible for **SECOND-YEAR CONSIDERATION** in the Physical Therapy program if you have completed, at the collegiate level, the following first year courses:

1. General Chemistry I & II (for science majors) with labs . . . . .8 cr.
2. Math Analysis I & II (Pre-calculus & Calculus) . . . . .6–8 cr.
3. Writing and Rhetoric I and II . . . . .6 cr.
4. General Education—Humanities Requirement . . . . .6 cr.  
*Can be fulfilled with any of the two courses below.*
  - Art Appreciation
  - History of Western Civilization I
  - History of Western Civilization II
  - Music Appreciation
  - Philosophy—Ethics and Values
  - Language Study:
    - Elementary Arabic I/II
    - Elementary Chinese I/II
    - Elementary or Intermediate French I/II
    - Elementary or Intermediate German I/II
    - Elementary or Intermediate Italian I/II
    - Elementary Latin I
    - Elementary or Intermediate Spanish I/II

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**PHYSICAL THERAPY** *(continued)*  
**DPT—Doctor of Physical Therapy**

You are eligible for **FOURTH-YEAR CONSIDERATION** in the Physical Therapy program if you have completed, at the collegiate level, the above first year courses and the following second and third year coursework:

1. General Biology I & II with labs (NOT Anatomy & Physiology) .....8 cr.
2. Introduction to Psychology .....3 cr.
3. Introduction to Sociology .....3 cr.
4. Introduction to Communication .....3 cr.
5. Core Distribution Requirement: History/Literature; Advanced Social Science .....6 cr.
6. Anatomy and Physiology I & II .....6 cr.
7. Introductory Physics I & II with labs .....8 cr.
8. Psychology of Human Development .....3 cr.
9. Scientific Writing .....3 cr.
10. Biostatistics .....3 cr.
11. Psychology of Learning .....3 cr.
12. Service Learning Elective .....3 cr.

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## PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT PRE-PROFESSIONAL PHASE

Leading to a BSHS from University of the Sciences and MS from PCOM\*  
(Years 1 and 2)

### Application Deadline—March 15

Applicants are reviewed for enrollment into the first or second year of the program based upon the completion of all required coursework and the grades in these courses.

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You are eligible for **SECOND-YEAR CONSIDERATION** in the Physician Assistant program if you have completed at the collegiate level the following first year courses:

1. General Biology I & II with labs . . . . .8 cr.
2. General Chemistry I & II (for science majors) with labs . . . . .8 cr.
3. Math Analysis I & II (Pre-calculus & Calculus I) . . . . .6–8 cr.
4. Writing and Rhetoric I and II . . . . .6 cr.
5. Introduction to Psychology . . . . .3 cr.

### Students applying as transfers should have:

- Minimum college GPA of 3.0 with no science grades below a C.
- Direct patient contact hours are required.** Direct patient contact is defined as any shadowing, volunteering or paid work that places the student in a medical venue with direct contact/observation of patients being interviewed, examined, treated and/or counseled. Shadowing may be of a physician assistant, physician, nurse practitioner, nurse. Diversity of venues and medical specialties are encouraged to allow for gaining knowledge of the many aspects of patient care and the scope of physician assistant practice. Documentation of these experiences must be provided.
  - Students **transferring into 1st year** must have a minimum of 20 hours of direct patient contact, prior to beginning course work.
  - Students **transferring into 2nd year** must have a minimum of 100 hours of direct patient contact.

**\* Acceptance into the pre-professional phase of the Physician Assistant program reserves you the opportunity to apply and interview for a seat in the Professional Phase of the program, however it does not guarantee admission into the professional phase at PCOM.**

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## PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT PROFESSIONAL PHASE

(Years 4 and 5)

**\* Acceptance into the pre-professional phase of the Physician Assistant program reserves you the opportunity to apply and interview for a seat in the Professional Phase of the program, however it does not guarantee admission into the professional phase at PCOM. In order to progress to the professional phase, students must fulfill the following academic and non-academic requirements:**

### Academic Requirements

- Successful completion of the pre-professional coursework with a cumulative GPA no less than 2.75 and a 2.50 minimum GPA in the natural sciences with no grades below C-.
- Successful completion of the Writing Proficiency Exam and Computer Proficiency course.

### Non-Academic Requirements

- Documented completion of 200 hours of shadowing, volunteer or paid experience with an appropriate health or medical professional.
- Recommendation letters from three health/medical professionals including at least one from an MD/DO or PA.
- A narrative statement about your career aspirations.
- Successful completion of the PCOM entrance interview.

At the beginning of the third year the University, students are encouraged to submit their required application for entrance into the professional phase via the Central Application Service for Physician Assistants (CASPA).

**\*\*NOTE\*\***

**Students who already have a bachelors or a graduate degree in a science or a health related field should apply directly to the Professional Phase at the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine (PCOM).** The PCOM Office of Admission can be reached at 215.871.6700 or 800.999.6998. They can also be reached by fax at 215.871.6719 or on the web at [www.pcom.edu](http://www.pcom.edu).

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## ARTICULATION AGREEMENTS

The University is committed to enhancing our relationship with transfer candidates for all University of the Sciences programs and majors. As we continue to serve our transfer student pool, we hope to increase the number of articulation agreements with other colleges and universities throughout the area. Here are three agreements we currently offer to students who wish to transfer into one of our degree-granting programs.

**Camden County College**—Students with an AS degree in Biology, a cumulative GPA of 2.75 or higher and a grade of “C” or better in all courses specified in the agreement, will be accepted into the third year of the BS in Biology Program on a seat available basis. The agreement, assures transfer of credit of equivalent courses, is not a guarantee for admission to the University. Specific course equivalencies are given.

**Delaware County Community College**—Students with an AS degree in Science for Health Professions, a cumulative GPA of 2.75 or higher and a grade of “C” or better in all courses specified in the agreement, will be granted status as a third year student in the Pharmaceutical Marketing and Management Program. The maximum number of credits transferable is 67.

**Middlesex Community College**—Students with an AS degree in Applied Science or Associate Science, a cumulative GPA of 2.75 or higher and a grade of “C” or better in all courses specified in the agreement, will be granted status as a third year student in the Pharmaceutical Marketing and Management Program. The maximum number of credits transferable is 66.