

TRANSFER CREDIT FOR MPH AND MHA

The acceptance of transfer credit from another institution for the MPH and MHA degrees is determined in accordance with the following criteria:

1. Twelve transfer hours may be accepted in a 45-hour program and thirteen hours in a 52-hour program. Any other request should not exceed 25% of the degree program.
2. The coursework transferred must represent valid advanced credit earned in courses from an accredited college or university.
3. The credit must carry a grade of A, B, or S.
4. The credit must be applicable to the degree program.
5. The transfer credit must not be more than six years old at the time of admission to the degree program. In special cases, credit more than six years old may be transferred if recommended and validated by the department and approved by the Dean or his designee. The departmental procedures to validate the student's current knowledge and competency must have the approval of the Dean or his designee.
6. Coursework completed at the University of Oklahoma Norman and Tulsa campuses will be considered as residence credit, and upon approval of the department or program and the Dean or his designee, may be used without limitation as credit toward a master's degree.
7. Credit hours previously presented and counted for one master's degree or certificate may not be applied toward satisfying the requirements of a second master's degree or certificate with the exception of approved dual degree programs.
8. All transfer coursework must be approved by the department or program and by the Dean or his designee. Departments or programs with transfer rules more stringent than those listed in this section shall take precedence and shall be listed in the departmental section of this publication.
9. Transfer credit is considered neutral in computing the University of Oklahoma grade point average for the purpose of determining academic status, probation, and graduation.

Time Limits for Completing Professional Master's Degrees (MPH and MHA)

A student registered in a master's degree program typically will complete work within six calendar years after the student's first enrollment at the Hudson College of Public Health. Departments with shorter time limits have so indicated in the section of this Bulletin that refers specifically to their program.

When additional time is necessary and appropriate, the student and advisor will petition the student's department for an extension. The extension may be denied, in which case the student will be dismissed, or it may be granted with qualification. The department must inform the student, advisor, and Dean of its decision in writing. If the extension exceeds one year, approval by the Dean is required. Extensions needing approval by the Dean will require that the department or program unit certify that the student's knowledge will be current and appropriate to the degree at the time the degree is awarded.

Credit for individual courses taken at the University of Oklahoma or at another accredited university that is to be applied toward a master's degree must not be more than six years old at the time of admission or readmission to the Hudson College of Public Health. No more than one

quarter of the credit hours (transfer credit and residence credit) applied toward a master's degree can be more than six years old at the time of graduation.

A student's registration in a master's degree program is terminated upon receiving the degree. To continue studies in the Hudson College of Public Health, re-application in another degree program or as a special student must be made and approved. Course work applied toward the awarded master's degree cannot be applied for credit for a second master's degree. Coursework taken after award of a master's degree may not be applied to a doctoral degree program unless they were taken after acceptance to the program.

Dual Degree Programs

A student may pursue two academic degrees simultaneously via a dual degree program. Additional information is available from the Office of Student Services. Currently available dual degree programs are:

- MPH in Health Promotion Sciences + Master of Social Work
- MPH in Health Administration and Policy + Juris Doctor
- Doctor Master of Health Administration + Juris Doctor

Dual / Accelerated Degree Programs

The accelerated dual degree program establishes a framework of rules by which academic units may offer students the option of earning combined bachelor's and advanced degrees in an accelerated manner. Interested applicants should contact the academic programs of interest to design a degree plan. An example of this type of program is the BS in Mathematics / MS in Biostatistics, which is described in detail in the Department of Biostatistics and Epidemiology section of this Bulletin.

- BA in Community Health + MPH Epidemiology
- BS in Community Health + MPH Epidemiology
- BA in Community Health + MPH Health Promotion Sciences
- BS in Community Health + MPH Health Promotion Sciences
- MS in Biostatistics + BS in Mathematics

Graduate Degree Programs

For all students admitted to the Master of Science (MS) and Doctor of Philosophy (PhD), the degree authority resides with the OUHSC Graduate College and the student's Dean is the Graduate Dean.

Master of Science Degree (MS)

The Master of Science (MS) degree is a Graduate College degree and is awarded in recognition of the successful completion of substantial post-baccalaureate study in a chosen field. It may be a course of study designed to serve as a foundation for more advanced work leading to the doctoral degree. Students enrolled in the Master of Science degree programs are responsible for the policies and procedures as defined in this Bulletin and the Graduate College Bulletin, which may be found online at <https://graduate.ouhsc.edu/Information-For/Current-Students/Policies-and-Procedures> (<https://graduate.ouhsc.edu/Information-For/Current-Students/Policies-and-Procedures/>).

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)

Students enrolled in the PhD programs are responsible for the policies and procedures as defined in this Bulletin and the Graduate College Bulletin, which may be found online at <https://graduate.ouhsc.edu/Information-For/Current-Students/Policies-and-Procedures> (<https://graduate.ouhsc.edu/Information-For/Current-Students/Policies-and-Procedures/>).

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