

SCHOOL POLICY

Section Title: Academic Matters

Policy Name: Transfer of Credits

Responsible Executive: Associate Dean for Academic Affairs

Responsible Office: Office of the Registrar

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I. PURPOSE

This policy defines the process for requesting academic transfer credits toward degree programs at the Rutgers School of Public Health.

II. ACCOUNTABILITY

The Office of the Registrar is responsible for implementing this policy under the general direction of the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs.

III. APPLICABILITY

Matriculated master's degree and doctoral students in the School of Public Health may be allowed to transfer credits earned at other accredited institutions of higher education as well as for other degree programs at the School of Public Health.

A. Eligibility

Students eligible for Transfer Credits include matriculated degree students enrolled in the Rutgers School of Public Health. Previous coursework eligible for transfer must apply to and address the student's concentration's curriculum and competencies.

Students enrolled in a certificate program may transfer credits from another CEPH-accredited school or program of public health to apply toward this credential. Students from Rutgers University who took courses at the School of Public Health as cross-enrolled graduate students may apply these credits and courses to a certificate program after submission of an application and acceptance to the certificate program. Students who have taken courses equivalent to courses required for a certificate may be exempted from repeating the same courses at the School of Public Health, but will be expected to complete replacement courses to achieve the required credits for the program.

B. Applying for Transfer Credits

Students may officially apply for transfer credits prior to their first semester at the School, and are encouraged to start discussions prior to or upon acceptance. Students may also apply for transfer credit at any time during their enrollment, but are encouraged to start the process before their last semester.

C. Approval for Transfer Credits

Any student who wishes to apply for Transfer Credits must complete and submit the Application for Transfer Credit form along with all required supporting documentation (e.g., course syllabus, reading lists, or other relevant materials).

- Admitted students work with the Office of Admissions and Recruitment to initiate the transfer credit review process prior to matriculation.
- Matriculated students work with their academic advisor to initiate the transfer credit review process after enrollment.

Courses approved for transfer must meet transfer credit requirements, including:

- Been completed within seven years^{1,2} of matriculation;
- Earned a grade of B or better (or equivalent, such as a grade of Pass or higher);
- Taken for graduate credit at a school/college accredited by a U.S. federally recognized accrediting agency; and
- Addresses the student's concentration's curriculum and competencies.

Matriculated dual degree students enrolled in the School of Public Health and another approved health professional school should consult their academic advisor for a list of approved courses for transfer.

Such grades of transfer credits will not, however, influence the student's grade point average in the School unless credits are from a previous School of Public Health master's degree (see Section III-E).

D. Approval for Transfer Credits of Core Courses (PHCO courses)

Core course(s) transfer credit for MPH and MS students who have completed core course(s) at another CEPH-accredited school or program of public health may be reviewed and approved by the student's department chair/vice-chair/concentration director/leader or a designee in lieu of individual core courses instructors. Core course(s) transfer credit for doctoral students who graduated from CEPH-accredited schools and programs of public health will be reviewed and approved through the PhD Degree program prerequisite review process.

E. Maximum Transfer Credits

The maximum number of credits eligible for transfer for each program level are indicated in the table.

¹The time limit for the MS in Health Outcomes, Policy, and Economics is three years.

²An exemption may be provided by the student's Department Chair/Vice-Chair/Concentration Director/Leader.

Program	Maximum Transfer Credits
Certificate	See note below ³
Master of Science in Biostatistics	9 credits
Master of Science in Epidemiology	9 credits
Master of Science in Health Outcomes, Policy, and Economics	12 credits
Master of Science in Sustainability and Health	9 credits
Master of Public Health	12 credits
Doctor of Philosophy (former Rutgers School of Public Health or UMDNJ-School of Public Health students, either MPH or MS)	24 credits
Doctor of Philosophy (external applicants)	24 credits
Doctor of Public Health (Leadership, Practice and Research)	See note below ⁴

If credits from a previous Rutgers School of Public Health master's degree are used toward a second School of Public Health master's degree, the maximum number of transfer credits is indicated in the table above. Please note these credits will be applied to the new degree with the corresponding grades and will be calculated into the overall grade point average.

If credits from a previous Rutgers School of Public Health master's degree are used toward a School of Public Health doctoral degree, the maximum number of transfer credits is indicated in the table above. Please note these credits will be applied to the new degree and grades from these credits will not be calculated into the overall grade point average.

If a student transfers in less than the maximum number of transfer credits from a previous Rutgers School of Public Health degree, courses from another institution may be allowed, up to the maximum number of transfer credits, if approved.

³Graduates of CEPH-accredited graduate schools and programs of public health may transfer up to six (6) credits towards a certificate program if the credits were earned within the past seven years with a grade of B or better and are deemed appropriate by the respective Certificate Program Coordinator.

⁴Transferred courses are not accepted in the DrPH in Leadership, Practice, and Research degree program unless the transferred courses were taken at a doctoral level, are equivalent to the required degree coursework, and comply with this Transfer Credit policy.