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The university's Title IX coordinator monitors compliance with Title IX and its accompanying regulations. Individuals with questions or concerns about Title IX and/or those who wish to file a complaint of non-compliance may contact the Title IX coordinator or deputy coordinators: The university's Title IX coordinator is Assistant Director for Employee Relations Grace Karmioli, One University Place, Chester, PA 19013; tel. 610-499-1301; e-mail gckarmioli@widener.edu. The university has also appointed several deputy Title IX coordinators: For students on the Chester, PA, campus and Continuing Studies students: Assistant Dean for Student Development and Engagement Catherine Feminella, One University Place, Chester, PA 19013; tel. 610-499-4390; e-mail cafeminella@widener.edu. For Athletics: Assistant Director of Athletics Larissa Gillespie, One University Place, Chester, PA 19013; tel. 610-499-4434; e-mail lagillespie@widener.edu. For students and employees on the Wilmington, DE, campus: Associate Dean for Student Services Susan Goldberg, Widener University Delaware Law School, 4601 Concord Pike, Wilmington, DE 19803; tel. 302-477-2173; e-mail slgoldberg@widener.edu. For students and employees on the Harrisburg, PA, campus: Assistant Dean Keith Sealing, Widener University Commonwealth Law School, 3800 Vartan Way, Harrisburg, PA 17106; tel. 717-541-3952; e-mail ksealing@widener.edu.

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This publication contains information, policies, procedures, regulations, and requirements that were correct at the time of publication. In keeping with the educational mission of the university, the information, policies, procedures, regulations, and requirements contained herein are continually being reviewed, changed, and updated. Consequently, this document cannot be considered binding and must be used solely as an informational guide. Students are responsible for keeping informed of official policies and meeting all relevant requirements.

The university reserves the right and authority at any time to alter any or all of the statements contained herein, to modify the requirements for admission and graduation, to change or discontinue programs of study, to amend any regulation or policy affecting the student body, to increase tuition and fees, to deny admission, to revoke an offer of admission, and to dismiss from the university any student at any time, if it is deemed by the university to be in the best interest of the university, the university community, or the student to do so. The provisions of this publication are subject to change without notice, and nothing in this publication may be considered as setting forth terms of a contract between a student or a prospective student and Widener University.

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Widener University is a member of the Association for Continuing Higher Education and is accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education.

Widener University's graduate programs are additionally accredited by the following: AACSB International—The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (School of Business Administration), American Association of Sexuality Educators, Counselors, and Therapists (Center for Human Sexuality Studies), American Bar Association (School of Law), American Psychological Association (Doctor of Psychology; Clinical Psychology Internship), Commission on Accreditation for Healthcare Management Education (MBA in Healthcare Management), Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (Doctor of Physical Therapy), Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (School of Nursing), Commission on Continuing Legal Education of the Supreme Court of Delaware (Delaware Law School), Council on Social Work Education (Center for Social Work Education), National Association for Education of Young Children (Child Development Center), National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Educators (Center for Education), Pennsylvania State Board of Nursing (School of Nursing), Pennsylvania Continuing Legal Education Board of the Supreme Court (Commonwealth Law School), Pennsylvania Department of Education (Center for Education), Pennsylvania Department of Welfare (Child Development Center), Pennsylvania Private School Board (Center for Education).

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Center for Education General Information

PHILOSOPHY AND PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAMS

The Center for Education aspires to prepare individuals to become innovative scholars-practitioners-citizens. The disciplines of the center use dynamic teaching, active scholarship, personal attention, and community involvement in order to foster leadership, ethical and professional decision-making, interdisciplinary dialogue, a competent responsiveness to the needs of a culturally diverse community, and a commitment to the value of lifelong learning.

COURSE OFFERINGS

Graduate studies brochures are published for the fall and spring semesters and summer sessions. These fully describe registration policies, course schedules, and tuition and fee obligations. Schedules are available online at www.widener.edu.

DROP/ADD POLICY

Students may withdraw from a course at any time prior to the final examination and receive the grade of W. If a course offered through these programs does not include a final examination, the deadline for withdrawing from the course with a grade of W is the final class meeting of the course.

Graduate students begin the withdrawal process by notifying their advisor of their intent to withdraw, either orally or in writing. The advisor submits a drop/add form, which includes the student's last date of attendance at an academically related activity, to the Registrar's Office.

Students may add a course without special permission no later than one week after the semester has begun. If a student wishes to add a course after one week, written permission must be obtained from both the instructor and the dean's office.

AUDITING

Students will be permitted to audit courses in the graduate program with the approval of the instructor. No grade or credit is given for auditing a course, and examinations need not be taken; however, the registration procedure and fee structure are the same as that for other students.

GRADING SYSTEM

Grades are recorded as follows:

A	4.0 points
A-	3.7
B+	3.3
B	3.0
B-	2.7
C+	2.3
C	2.0
C-	1.7
F	0.0
I (Incomplete)	0.0
W (Withdrawal without prejudice)	0.0
P/NP (Pass/No Pass)	0.0
AU (Audit—no credit)	0.0

Note: Individual instructors may elect, at their discretion, not to use plus/minus grades.

The grade of I is given when a student has not completed course requirements because of excusable reasons. A student who receives a grade of incomplete must arrange to make up all deficiencies with the instructor issuing the grade. If the work is not made up within one calendar year from the end of the semester in which the incomplete is received, the grade will be automatically converted to F, unless the course in question is a thesis research course or a dissertation research course. Upon completion of the requirements, the instructor will institute a change of grade. (Note: A student does not register again for a course in which the grade of incomplete has been received.) A student cannot be awarded a degree when there is an outstanding incomplete grade on the transcript, even if the incomplete is in a course not required in the degree program.

If a course is repeated, both grades will be recorded on the transcript, but only the most recent grade will be used in calculating the grade point average (GPA). When a student is found to have violated Widener's academic fraud policies, that student is prohibited from exercising the repeat-of-course option to remove the F grade (given as a result of fraud) from the GPA calculation.

If a student fails to meet the degree requirements in a timely manner or if repeated failure has occurred, the center may terminate the graduate program for the student. Conduct inconsistent with the ethical and professional standards of the discipline, whether it occurs before or after matriculation, is also grounds for dismissal from the program. Such conduct includes academic fraud. A student dismissed for academic fraud may no longer enroll in the graduate programs of the university and may not apply for admission into another division of the university. Please see the section entitled "Standards for Academic Integrity."

STANDARDS FOR ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY STATEMENT

Widener University strongly supports the concepts of academic freedom and academic integrity and expects students and all other members of the Widener University community to be honest in all academic endeavors. Cheating, plagiarism, and all other forms of academic fraud are serious and unacceptable violations of university policy. Widener University expects all students to be familiar with university policies on academic honesty and will not accept a claim of ignorance—either of the policy itself or of what constitutes academic fraud—as a valid defense against such a charge.

This statement was adopted by the Faculty Council on February 24, 1998, upon recommendation of the Academic Affairs Committee.

DEFINITION OF VIOLATIONS OF THE STANDARDS FOR ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

Violations of the Standards of Academic Integrity constitute academic fraud. Academic fraud consists of any actions that serve to undermine the integrity of the academic process, including:

- unauthorized inspection or duplication of test materials, cheating, attempting to cheat, or assisting others to cheat in a classroom test, take-home examination, final examination, or comprehensive/qualifying/candidacy examination.

- post-test alteration of examination responses.
- plagiarism.
- electronic or computer fraud.

Additionally, each university program may have specific acts particular to a discipline that constitute academic fraud.

DEFINITION OF PLAGIARISM

One of the most common violations of the Standards for Academic Integrity is plagiarism. Plagiarism can be intentional or unintentional. However, since each student is responsible for knowing what constitutes plagiarism, unintentional plagiarism is as unacceptable as intentional plagiarism and commission of it will bring the same penalties. In many classes, faculty members will provide their definitions of plagiarism. In classes where a definition is not provided, students are invited to follow the standards articulated in the following statement.

STATEMENT ON PLAGIARISM

PLAGIARISM—passing off the work of others as your own—is a serious offense. In the academic world, plagiarism is theft. Information from sources—whether quoted, paraphrased, or summarized—must be given credit through specific in-text citations. All sources used in the preparation of an academic paper must also be listed with full bibliographic details at the end of the paper. It is especially important that paraphrase be both cited and put into your own words. Merely rearranging a sentence or changing a few words is not sufficient.

PROCEDURES FOR STUDENTS ACCUSED OF VIOLATING THE STANDARDS FOR ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

Informal Process

- A faculty member who obtains evidence of academic fraud should inform the student of this evidence, either orally or in writing. The faculty member may also provide the student with the opportunity to respond to the charges. If the matter is resolved informally between the faculty member and the student, the faculty member must communicate in writing to the dean of his/her school or college the nature of the charges made against the student and how the matter was resolved.
- If the faculty member cannot resolve the matter satisfactorily with the student, he or she may file a formal complaint against the student through the office of the dean of the faculty member's school or college.

Formal Process

- Upon receiving formal charges of academic fraud, the office of the dean of the school or college shall thereupon notify the student in writing of the complaint, the evidence upon which the complaint is based, the penalty to be imposed, and all rights of appeal.
- If a student wishes to contest the allegations of the complaint, he or she may do so according to the process stipulated in the by-laws of the school or college in which the alleged offense occurred. In such a case, the student will also be informed of the time and location of a hearing on the complaint and of all rights of appeal.
- Upon determination by the school/college committee that hears the initial appeal that sufficient evidence exists to support the allegations contained in the complaint, or in cases in which the student chooses not to contest the complaint, the prescribed penalty shall be imposed.

- The dean will notify the associate provost in writing of the name of the student who has been found to have engaged in academic fraud.
- Appeals beyond an individual school/college body may be made by the student to the university's Academic Review Board. Please see the following section for board duties. Appeal to the Academic Review Board must be initiated by the student through the Office of the Associate Provost.
- In the event a complaint is filed against a student alleging academic fraud and the student is not enrolled in the course in which academic fraud is alleged, action will be taken by the dean's office of the school/college where the student is matriculated.
- An "F" for academic fraud will supersede any other mark including a "W" for withdrawal. When a student is found to have engaged in academic fraud under Widener's academic fraud policies, that student is prohibited from exercising the repeat-of-course option to remove the "F" grade (given as a result of fraud) from the GPA calculation.
- A confidential, centralized listing of students disciplined for academic fraud will be maintained by the Office of the Provost. In the event of the filing of a complaint alleging a second offense, the student will be informed, in writing, by the Office of the Provost of such complaint. Names will be dropped from the list of first offenders upon graduation or at the end of seven years after the last attendance.
- The above articulated steps constitute due process when students are accused of academic fraud.

PENALTIES

- The minimum penalty for individuals found through the formal complaint process described above to have engaged in academic fraud will be failure in the course. For a second offense, the penalty will be failure in the course and expulsion from the university.
- For attempting to steal or stealing an examination for a course, students will be failed in the course and expelled from the university. For attempting to steal or stealing a comprehensive/qualifying/candidacy examination in a program, students will be expelled from the university.
- Programs that require comprehensive/qualifying/candidacy examinations may elect to impose the penalties of failure on the examination and expulsion from the university for individuals who cheat or attempt to cheat on the comprehensive/qualifying/candidacy examination.
- Individuals found through the formal complaint process described above to have engaged in academic fraud in the completion of a dissertation or thesis may be expelled from the university.

These policies and procedures were approved by Faculty Council on April 28, 2008.

ACADEMIC REVIEW BOARD

The Academic Review Board consists of the provost, the associate provosts, the deans of each school/college, the vice-chairperson of the Faculty Council, and the chair of the Faculty Council Academic Affairs Committee. Duties of the board include: (1) hearing petitions for the waiver of academic regulations that transcend a single school/college (e.g., withdrawal from a course); (2) serving as the appeal body in cases where there is an alleged violation of procedure in school/college Academic Council hearings.

ACADEMIC GRIEVANCE APPEAL PROCEDURE

If a student has a grievance concerning a class in which he or she is enrolled, he/she will first try to resolve the problem with the instructor of the class. If a student has a grievance concerning an academic requirement of the program (e.g., comprehensive examination, final clinical oral examination, clinical placements), he/she will first try to resolve the problem with the director of the program. If it is impossible to resolve the matter at this initial level, the grievance must be placed in writing. Then the student may appeal to the next higher level. The student should inquire in the office of the dean responsible for the course or program in question for the proper appeal procedure if the student's grievance is not resolved to the student's satisfaction after initial appeal to the instructor or the program director.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS AND AWARDING OF DEGREES

Students are responsible for knowing and meeting curriculum requirements as shown in this bulletin.

Those who expect to receive a graduate degree should make clear their intentions to their advisors. A student who completes requirements for the degree at the conclusion of either summer session will be awarded the degree in August of that year; **the student must submit a graduation petition online via CampusCruiser by March 1.** A student who completes requirements for the degree at the conclusion of the fall semester will be awarded the degree in December of that year; **the student must submit a graduation petition online via CampusCruiser by July 1.** A student who completes requirements for the degree at the conclusion of the spring semester will be awarded the degree in May of that year; **the student must submit a graduation petition online via CampusCruiser by November 1 of the previous year.** The university holds only one formal commencement in the spring to which August, December, and May graduates are invited.

A student who petitions for graduation and who, for whatever reason, is not awarded the degree, must re-petition.

STUDENT STATUS

Students pursuing a course of study in the Center for Education are considered to be full-time graduate students when they are enrolled in 9 or more hours of graduate study **or** when they are enrolled in ED 999 Dissertation Research. It is recommended that students take no more than 12 semester hours of graduate study. Students in these programs who enroll in at least 5 semester hours of graduate study are considered to be half-time students.

Students pursuing a course of study in the clinical psychology or physical therapy programs or the full-time option in the social work program must register for at least 12 semester hours each semester until all course work in the program has been completed. Students in the clinical psychology, physical therapy, and social work programs may not register for more than 18 credits a semester.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

At the start of each semester, students should check their online CampusCruiser account for academic calendar and deadline information.

TRANSCRIPTS

Students in good financial standing may have copies of their transcripts forwarded to employers, agents, or institutions of higher education by contacting the Office of the Registrar.

FINANCIAL AID

Widener University offers a wide range of financial aid programs. Financial information is available on the university's website and on CampusCruiser.

ANNUAL NOTICE TO STUDENTS REGARDING EDUCATION RECORDS

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords eligible students certain rights with respect to their education records. (An "eligible student" under FERPA is a student who is 18 years of age or older or who attends a postsecondary institution.) These rights include:

- The right to inspect and review the student's education records within 45 days after the day the university receives a request for access. A student should submit to the registrar, dean, head of the academic department, or other appropriate official, a written request that identifies the record(s) the student wishes to inspect. The university official will make arrangements for access and notify the student of the time and place where the records may be inspected. If the records are not maintained by the university official to whom the request was submitted, that official shall advise the student of the correct official to whom the request should be addressed.
- The right to request the amendment of the student's education records that the student believes are inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of the student's privacy rights under FERPA.

A student who wishes to ask the university to amend a record should write the university official responsible for the record, clearly identify the part of the record the student wants changed, and specify why it should be changed.

If the university decides not to amend the record as requested, the university will notify the student in writing of the decision and the student's right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the student when notified of the right to a hearing.

- The right to provide written consent before the university discloses personally identifiable information (PII) from the student's education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent.

The university discloses education records without a student's prior written consent under the FERPA exception for disclosure to university officials with legitimate educational interests. A university official is a person employed by the university in an administrative, supervisory, academic, research, or support staff position (including, without limitation, law enforcement unit personnel, health staff, athletic coaches and trainers, and admissions counselors and recruiters); a person serving on the board of trustees; or a student serving on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee. A university official also may include a volunteer or contractor outside of the university who performs an institutional service or function for which the university would otherwise use its own employees and

who is under the direct control of the university with respect to the use and maintenance of PII from education records, such as an attorney, auditor, contractor, consultant, or collection agent, or a student volunteering to assist another university official in performing his or her tasks. A university official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibilities for the university.

Upon request, the university also discloses education records without consent to officials of another school in which a student seeks or intends to enroll. Such education records may include updated or corrected information, including, without limitation, disciplinary and health records.

- The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the university to comply with the requirements of FERPA. The name and address of the Office that administers FERPA is:
Family Policy Compliance Office
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20202
- The right to withhold public disclosure of any or all items of “directory information” by written notification to the Registrar’s Office of the university or the law school, as applicable, within two weeks after the commencement of the fall or spring semesters of any given academic year. Under current university policy, the term “directory information” includes, without limitation, a student’s name, home and campus address, telephone listing(s), electronic mail address, photograph, major field of study, grade level, enrollment status (e.g., undergraduate or graduate, full-time or part-time); dates of attendance, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, weight and height of members of athletic teams, dates of attendance, degrees, honors, and awards received, and the most recent educational agency or institution attended.

CAMPUS SAFETY

Widener is committed to the safety and security of all members of the Widener University community. The university’s annual Campus Safety and Fire Safety Reports are on the Widener website and contain information on campus security and personal safety, including crime prevention, university law enforcement authority, crime reporting policies, disciplinary procedures, and other campus security matters. The Campus Safety Reports contain statistics for the three previous calendar years on reported crimes that occurred on campus, in certain off-campus buildings and property owned and controlled by the university, and on public property within or immediately adjacent to and accessible from campus.

The Fire Safety Report contains information on fire safety systems in on-campus student housing facilities, the number of fire drills held during the previous year, the university’s policies on portable electrical appliances, smoking, and open flames in student housing facilities, the university’s procedures for student housing evacuation in the case of a fire, policies regarding fire safety education and training programs provided to students and employees, a listing of persons or organizations to which fires should be reported, and plans for future improvements in fire safety. It also contains statistics for the three most recent calendar years concerning the number of fires and cause of each fire in each on-campus student housing facility, the number of persons who received fire-

related injuries that resulted in treatment at a medical facility, the number of deaths related to a fire, and the value of property damage caused by a fire.

The annual Campus Safety and Fire Safety Reports are available online.

Main and Exton Campuses: www.widener.edu/campusafety

Delaware Campus: delawarelaw.widener.edu and click on Current Students then Campus Safety.

Harrisburg Campus: commonwealthlaw.widener.edu and click on Current Students then Campus Safety.

If you would like a printed copy of these reports, contact the Campus Safety Office at 610-499-4203 to have a copy mailed to you. The information in these reports is required by law and is provided by the Campus Safety Office.

CENTER FOR EDUCATION INFORMATION

MATRICULATION

A matriculated student is one who has been officially admitted to an approved program leading to a graduate degree or certificate.

SPECIAL STATUS

A “special status” student is a nonmatriculated student. Special status students typically register for courses for professional development. While a student in this category can take an unlimited number of courses, a student must become matriculated in order to pursue a degree or certification through the Center for Education. Courses completed under special status will not automatically transfer toward a degree or certificate program. No more than six credits should be taken before matriculating.

GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIPS

A limited number of graduate assistantships are available each year for graduate students. Students receive tuition remission for course work and a stipend based on 20 hours of work per week. Graduate assistants work with the center’s faculty and administration on special research and administrative projects. For further information, contact the associate dean of the Center for Education.

GRADING AND DISMISSAL

Graduate students in the Center for Education are expected to maintain satisfactory rates of progress toward their graduate degree. The graduate record for students begins with the first course in which they enroll and includes all subsequent courses.

Students who earn a grade of less than B in courses totaling six semester hours will be subject to academic dismissal. If a student earns a grade of B– or below, the course may be repeated only once. Both grades will be recorded on the transcript, but only the most recent grade will be used in calculating the GPA. When a student is found to have violated Widener’s academic fraud policies, that student is prohibited from exercising the repeat-of-course option to remove the F grade (given as a result of fraud) from the GPA calculation. To graduate, students must achieve an overall GPA of 3.0 on a standard 4.0 system. No student will graduate from education programs with an incomplete grade.

Conduct inconsistent with the ethical and professional standards of the discipline, whether it occurs before or after matriculation, is grounds for dismissal from the program.

PASS/NO PASS

Almost all graduate courses in education will give standard letter grades. Occasionally, the special nature of some courses will require that they be graded on a pass/no pass basis. The decision to grade on a pass/no pass basis will be included on the course syllabus and will apply to only that course. This is not an option for any course except one in which the instructor has determined this to be the appropriate form of grading.

GRADUATION

Students planning to graduate must file a petition. (For particulars, see “Graduation Requirements and Awarding of Degrees,” on page 6.) A student cannot be awarded a degree when there is an outstanding incomplete grade on the transcript, even if the incomplete is in a course not required in the degree program.

MASTER OF EDUCATION IN ALLIED HEALTH EDUCATION

The master of education (MEd) in allied health education is an online program designed for health professionals who wish to teach in colleges or schools housing allied health programs, hospital-based programs, and community health related fields. It prepares students for expanded roles in teaching and educational administration related to the allied health professions. Graduates of this program will:

- Be prepared to lead and work in an allied health field in a community college, hospital-based program, community setting, or other education institution.
- Apply the pedagogy needed to function as educators in academic, clinical, and community settings.
- Become sensitive to the health care environment in which they work, so that they can positively lead change.
- Know the importance and differentiation among certification, licensure, registration, and accreditation.

GOALS

The MEd in allied health education program has a commitment to the development of advanced learning experiences that are appropriate to the needs of practicing professionals and provide opportunities for professional enrichment and development.

ADMISSION

Application for admission to the MEd in allied health education program should be made through the graduate admissions website: www.widener.edu/admissions.

A bachelor’s degree from a regionally accredited institution of higher education is a prerequisite for admission to graduate study. The following requirements must be met for admission:

- Complete the application form.
- Have an official transcript sent from **all** previous graduate and undergraduate programs.
- Submit two letters of recommendation from colleagues, supervisors, or college professors.
- Complete a writing sample. Contact the Writing Center at 610-499-4332 to schedule an appointment.

International Students

International students should consult the International Student Services web page at www.widener.edu for international graduate student guidelines or contact the Office of International Student Services at Widener University, One University Place, Chester, PA 19013; phone: 610-499-4499.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

To qualify for the master of education in allied health education degree, the candidate must:

- Complete all the degree requirements within a total of *six* calendar years from the date of matriculation.
- Complete at least 30 semester hours of credit in the graduate program, including transfer credit and replacements for waived courses.

Please note that a waiver of any required courses for the master’s degree must be approved in writing by the major advisor and the dean of the school. No credit is granted for waived courses.

CURRICULUM

MEd in ALLIED HEALTH EDUCATION

Foundation Courses (9 semester hours)

ED 583	Education of Adults from a Developmental Perspective
PRWR 580	Professional Communication for Allied Health
ALLH 530	Issues in Diversity & Culture for Allied Health Professionals

Research (3 semester hours)

ED 510	Applications in Educational Research
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Professional Core (15 semester hours)

ALLH 540	Legal & Ethical Issues in Health Care
ALLH 550	Health Care Education
ALLH 620	Trends in Health Care
ALLH 630	Assessment in Allied Health Care Education
ALLH 640	Health Care Policy

Portfolio Project (3 semester hours)

ALLH 650	Portfolio Project
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TOTAL CREDITS

30

TRANSFER CREDIT

Students who have been officially admitted to the master of education program may transfer a maximum of six semester hours of graduate course work. A grade of B or better, or Pass (only if taken on a Pass/No Pass grading system) must be achieved if transfer credit is to be awarded, and the course work must be recent (within seven calendar years). For this transfer process to occur, students must file official transcripts from all other graduate institutions in which course work was completed and must meet with their advisor for a transcript analysis. Under no circumstances will an in-service education credit that was awarded through a state education department or professional association be transferred as graduate credit. Research courses can only be approved for transfer credit by a member of the research committee following a syllabus review.

ADVISORS

Matriculated students have assigned advisors and *must* contact their advisors for advising plans.

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

ALLH 530 ISSUES IN DIVERSITY AND CULTURE FOR ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONALS

This course provides in-depth study of the differing populations allied health professionals may encounter in a clinical or educational setting and the relationship between these populations and their attitudes toward health care and its delivery. Major topics include race, culture, gender, socio-economic status, and sexual orientation. Current world issues in health are addressed. 3 semester hours

ALLH 540 LEGAL AND ETHICAL ISSUES IN HEALTH CARE

This course provides broad-based knowledge of legal and ethical issues in health care. Issues facing individual health care providers, managers of clinics and hospitals, and major health care corporations are explored. 3 semester hours

ALLH 550 HEALTH CARE EDUCATION

This course educates students about the history of health care education. Current practices covering classroom, laboratory, and clinical allied health education are reviewed. The impacts of accreditation and public policy are also incorporated into how these effect educational practices. 3 semester hours

ALLH 620 TRENDS IN HEALTH CARE

The course explores how public policy, the media, and advancements in health care have impacted the industry. The impact of the above is also discussed in relation to various segments of the population. 3 semester hours

ALLH 630 ASSESSMENT IN ALLIED HEALTH CARE EDUCATION

Assessment methods designed for health care education are discussed. These methods include classroom, laboratory, and clinical assessments with an emphasis on competency-based assessment. Program assessment is also discussed, and general assessment techniques and methods are reviewed as well. 3 semester hours

ALLH 640 HEALTH CARE POLICY

This course examines how public health care policy is developed. The roles of government, professional organizations, practitioners, media, and the public are discussed. The history of health care policy development is reviewed, as well as the impact of policy on the consumer. 3 semester hours

ALLH 650 PORTFOLIO PROJECT IN ALLIED HEALTH

Throughout the master's program, students must maintain a portfolio that documents evidence of their competencies in allied health education. A professional portfolio serves as an extension of an official vita and can be used to demonstrate the expertise gained and tangible proof of their skills and experiences in education. This portfolio includes a reflection paper on each master-level course taken, a least two signature assignments from each course, peer analysis of each assignment, and a final thesis that details the personal impact of the program and how it will benefit the student and his/her profession in the future. 3 semester hours

ED 510 APPLICATIONS OF EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH

This course teaches students modern techniques for conducting educational research. They will understand research methods in education so they can apply recent developments in their own teaching environments. 3 semester hours

ED 583 THE EDUCATION OF ADULTS FROM A DEVELOPMENTAL PERSPECTIVE

This course provides students with an introduction to the field of adult education within the context of adult learning and development. The course explores the foundations of adult education with a review of the philosophical concepts and their application to the practice of educating adults. Newly emerging theories of late adolescent and adult development provide a rich and comprehensive perspective on the educational motives and needs of adult students, as lifelong learning and mass education become realities. This course examines the implications of adult development theories for education, with particular attention to the increasing numbers of adult students in various educational institutions. 3 semester hours

PRWR 580 PROFESSIONAL COMMUNICATION FOR ALLIED HEALTH

Allied health professionals need to communicate efficiently and effectively with various audiences—particularly laypersons, administrators, and practitioners. This course examines the types of writing particular to the fields of health and medicine. Students critique, plan, prepare, and revise documents from fields such as medicine, pharmacy, physical therapy, and nursing. Multimedia techniques are also covered. (This graduate-level course is cross-listed with PRWR 380, Writing for Health and Medicine, at the undergraduate level; additional work is required for graduate credit.) 3 semester hours

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