

## Acceptance in Transfer

This is the acceptance of students in transfer from other accredited graduate-level programs in the health sciences, in particular Physician Assistant programs. Due to the varied content and sequencing of courses in PA programs, advanced standing is to the first day of the second semester of the didactic phase of the curriculum.

A person who has met all prerequisite requirements and has been judged acceptable as a result of the interview process would be notified by the Office of Admissions of any offer of acceptance based on space available.

A minimum of 16 semesters or 24 quarter units of biological sciences are required for admission. Biological sciences courses must include classes in: anatomy, physiology, microbiology and an additional biology elective. See additional details below.

Prerequisite Requirement, Semester or Quarter Units

- **Human Anatomy**, introductory or advanced course is acceptable, no lab required. A combined course in A&P can be used to meet the requirement only if two combined A&P courses are presented, 4.0 semester or 6.0 quarter units
- **Human Physiology**, Introductory or advanced course is acceptable, no lab required. A combined course in A&P can be used to meet the requirement only if two combined A&P courses are presented, 4.0 semester or 6.0 quarter units
- **Microbiology**, introductory or advanced course is acceptable, no lab required, 4.0 semester or 6.0 quarter units
- **Biology Elective**, any area of the biological sciences, 4.0 semester or 6.0 quarter units
- **Statistics**, introductory or advanced course is acceptable, 3.0 semester or 5.0 quarter units
- **Inorganic/General Chemistry**, we will accept a standard Inorganic Chemistry course. Or the first course of a General Chemistry course series. We require chemistry courses at the level a biology or premed major would complete, 4.0 semester or 6.0 quarter units
- **Organic Chemistry**, we will accept a standard Organic Chemistry course or the second course of a General Chemistry course series. We require chemistry courses at the level a biology or premed major would complete, 4.0 semester or 6.0 quarter units

In addition to posted prerequisite requirements, individuals offered admission to the PA program must meet the published technical standards and all health requirements at the institutional level.

A student must be in good academic standing at their current health professions program in order to be accepted as a transfer student.

## Competency Documentation

Student transfers from other PA programs or medical schools are required to complete the following subject examinations and demonstrate the ability to effectively interview and examine a patient prior to matriculating:

- Submit completed IRB certification.

- Successful completion of Literature Review with a minimum passing grade of 70%.
- Successful completion of medical terminology examination with a minimum passing grade of 70%.
- Successful performance of patient interview by OSCE with a minimum passing grade of 75%.
- Successful performance of physical examination by OSCE with a minimum passing grade of 80%.
- Successful completion of Introduction to Pharmacology Case Management examination with a minimum passing grade of 70%.
- Successful completion of objective (MCQ) subject examinations in Human Anatomy and Microbiology & Infectious Diseases with a minimum passing grade of 70%.

### **Advanced Placement Requirements**

A student accepted with advanced placement as outlined above must also demonstrate compliance with the SMU PA passport and training requirements, including:

- Successful completion of TeamSTEPPS training, which is provided by OAA upon matriculation.
- Successful completion of three (3) PAHx Education modules as a requirement of orientation.
- Successful completion of required online modules for Fall 1 courses:
  - PA 615 Physical Diagnosis: [Smiles module: the oral exam](#)
  - PA 615 Physical Diagnosis: [LGBTQ-DSD eQuality Toolkit](#)
  - PA 617 Interpersonal & Professional Communication: Foundations of LGBTQIA+ Health: [Part 1](#) and [Part 2](#)
  - PA 617 Interpersonal & Professional Communication: AAPA: [The Role of Social Determinants of Health in Clinical Practice](#)
  - PA 617 Interpersonal & Professional Communication: AAPA: [Bias](#)
  - PA Student Handbook: any student accepted into the PA program must read the manual and sign an acknowledgement of understanding and agreement to all policies and procedures therein.

### **Program Completion**

Failure to pass any one of the subject or skills examinations or meet the admissions requirements will result in the denial of advanced standing and acceptance into the Samuel Merritt University PA Program without exception. Failure to complete the passport requirements will result in suspension until the requirements are met; this may result in deceleration or dismissal from the program. A student accepted as a transfer will be given reasonable opportunity to successfully complete the required training, and will be offered disability accommodations in accordance with the law and university policies. Upon acceptance into the program and once all requirements are met, students will be subject to the same academic and progression policies as all other students, including support services.