

Advanced Standing in Pharmaceutical Evaluation and Policy (PEP)

Applicants may petition the PEP Graduate Program Committee (GPC) to allow transfer credit of up to 6 credit hours for M.S. degrees and up to 9 hours for Ph.D. degrees of previously completed graduate coursework to be applied toward PEP graduate degrees. Transfer credit approved by the PEP GPC may be used to meet the course requirements of the PEP program as well as satisfy the minimum graduate credit hours necessary to earn a PEP M.S. or Ph.D. Students without Advanced Standing may request required courses to be waived from their program of study based on previously completed graduate course work but transfer credit hours will not be applied to their program of study without Advanced Standing.

Advanced Standing is designed to facilitate the training of persons with exceptional health care research experience with completed graduate coursework that satisfies PEP curriculum requirement(s). These applicants may pursue graduate studies while maintaining full-time professional positions. In general, few students will be expected to be granted Advanced Standing.

Criteria for Advanced Standing in the PEP Graduate Program

1. Previous U.S.-based training leading to a terminal professional degree in a health care field such as pharmacy, medicine, nursing or graduate degree in public health.
2. Successfully completed graduate-level coursework that is the equivalent to courses required by the PEP graduate program.
 - a. Transfer credit will only be considered for courses where a grade of 'B' or higher is earned.
 - b. Syllabi of courses must be submitted to evaluate the equivalency with PEP courses.
3. Professional experience in a PEP-oriented position such as a faculty appointment or scientist position in industry.
4. First author or senior author publication(s) of PEP-oriented research is preferred.

Notes:

No more than 6 credit hours can be accepted as transfer credit for the M.S. degree and no more than 9 credit hours for the Ph.D. degree. Persons requesting more than 6 credit hours will also have to petition the Dean of the Graduate School.

Transfer credit cannot be accepted for required courses offered by PEP faculty for the M.S. degree and transfer credit can be accepted for at most one required course offered by PEP faculty for the Ph.D. degree.

Transcripts and course syllabi of courses petitioned to be accepted as transfer credit must be submitted to the graduate program director along with a plan of study indicating which courses for which transfer credit is petitioned.

A statement of purpose describing professional background, prior training, future career goals, and a description of the plan of study and employment plans while in the graduate program must be submitted to the graduate program director.

Completion of the UAMS TRANSFER CREDIT APPROVAL FORM.

<http://registrar.uams.edu/files/2016/08/UAMS-Transfer-Credit-Approval-Form.pdf>