I. Purpose

The UW SMPH Health Profession Programs offer innovative and highly integrated courses of study that are not conducive to accepting transfer students. This document sets out the policy that transfer students are generally not accepted by UW SMPH Health Profession Programs except in rare instances, to be considered on a case-by-case basis.

II. Definitions

Health Profession Program: Any of the UW SMPH Doctor of Medicine, Doctor of Physical Therapy, Master of Genetic Counselor Studies, Master of Physician Assistant Studies, and Master of Public Health Programs

Transfer Student: Any student seeking to gain admission to a UW SMPH Health Profession Program when not admitted as an entering first year student and/or having completed one or more years of the program at a different institution

III. Policy

1. Due to the highly integrated and longitudinal natures of the UW SMPH Health Profession Programs’ curricula, beginning immediately upon matriculation, transfer students are not accepted.
2. Written petition for exception must clearly document that the transferring student’s education can only be completed at the UW SMPH and must state why the student’s original institution cannot fulfill the training needs of the student.
3. Master of Public Health (MPH) Students:
   a. Due to the interdisciplinary nature of the MPH Program, certain coursework may be eligible for transfer of credit, waiver, or substitution.
   b. Requests for transfer, waiver, or substitution must be made to the MPH student services coordinator for consideration by the Curriculum Committee.
c. Students must follow the approval process set out by the MPH Program, and courses submitted for transfer, waiver, or substitution must meet the Curriculum Committee’s stated criteria.

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