

## Transfer of Credit

Accepted students may receive a limited number of course credits in transfer. Transfer credit is not awarded for life experience or work experience. Transfer credit can be achieved through

- Coursework taken prior to enrollment at other regionally accredited, degree-granting colleges and universities
- Successful passing of the examinations listed below. Students receiving transfer credit for examinations must also pass the internal MCPHS placement exams during orientation in order to maintain their transfer credit. Transfer credits for examinations is limited to 18 credits overall.
  - Advanced Placement (AP) examinations (see below)
  - College-Level Examination Program (CLEP) examinations (see below)
  - International Baccalaureate (IB) examinations (see below).

The Admission Office conducts a transfer credit evaluation on all transcripts in a candidate's file during the application review process. Accepted transfer students receive a written *transfer credit evaluation* in their acceptance package. However non-transfer high school students receive *transfer credit evaluation* by the end of the student's first add/drop period, held the first week of classes. Courses considered for transfer credit must meet the following requirements:

- Comparable in breadth and depth to those in the preprofessional phase of the specific program to which the candidate is applying. Comparability is determined by the Admission Office in collaboration with the Office of the Registrar, school deans, program directors, and faculty in related discipline(s).
- Successfully completed with a grade of C (2.0) or better at a regionally accredited college or university.
- Completed within the last 10 years at the time of enrollment. This restriction is limited to courses in the area of mathematics and the natural, physical, and behavioral sciences.
- Submitted with an official transcript by the end of the student's first add/drop period, held the first week of classes.
- Courses not submitted by that time will not be awarded transfer credit.

## AP Transfer Credit

AP examination results are accepted for transfer credit for selected coursework. Students must achieve a score of 4 or better on an AP examination for transfer credit to be awarded. Credit in transfer for AP coursework is limited to 18 semester hours. No AP credit will be awarded for CHE 131 Chemical Principles I, CHE 132 Chemical Principles II, CHE 110 Basic Chemistry I, or CHE 210 Basic Chemistry II. No AP credit will be awarded to students in the Premedical and Health Studies program for BIO 151 Biology I or BIO 152 Biology II.

## CLEP Transfer Credit

CLEP results are accepted as transfer credit for selected subject matter. Candidates must receive a score of 50 or better per subject to be awarded CLEP credit. Transfer is limited to 18 CLEP credits, and the examination(s) must be taken before the student's first semester of enrollment at MCPHS. Those who achieve a score below 50 may not repeat the examination and must take the course. CLEP is an opportunity for students whose coursework is comparable but not otherwise transferable (e.g., exceeds the 10-year limit, earned grade is below C) and others who have not taken coursework but believe they have comparable knowledge.

## IB Transfer Credit

IB courses will be accepted for transfer credit for selected coursework (limit of 18 credits). Students must achieve a score of 5 or better on an HL (high-level) IB exam. Transfer credits are limited to exams for English, language, and the arts.

AP, CLEP and IB exceptions:

- Chemistry (AP scores of 4 or better, CLEP scores of 50 or better and IB scores of 5 or better) will be accepted as transfer credit for CHE 131 and CHE 132 for students who matriculate at MCPHS with previous college credit for organic chemistry. Please note Organic Chemistry must be completed in residence at MCPHS.

- Candidates who desire to receive credit based on AP, CLEP and IB examinations must arrange for official test score results to be sent directly from Educational Testing Service (ETS) to the Admission Office in Boston. A complete list of the AP, CLEP and IB examinations and the corresponding MCPHS courses for which transfer of credit is allowed is available upon request through the Admission Office.

### **Dual Credit Programs**

Courses taken for college credit that count toward the high school diploma will receive transfer credit only if the course credit is awarded by a regionally accredited, degree-granting college or university. Students must provide an official college transcript to receive credit.

Transfer credit for professional coursework:

This transfer credit is very limited and is awarded on a case-by-case basis through special petition to the dean of the school in which the program is offered. All petitions must be processed through the Admission Office and initiated by August 1 prior to fall enrollment or by January 1 if entering in the spring semester.

Policies that determine the amount of transfer credit awarded and that identify courses accepted in transfer vary among programs. Candidates interested in transfer credit should contact the Admission Office about their particular program of interest.

### **Petition for Additional Transfer Credit**

The Admission Office will work with students during the admission process and up to the start of the first term of entry to evaluate transfer credit requests. After classes start, petitions for additional transfer credit must be submitted with required documentation to the Academic Resource Center (Boston) or Academic Support Services office (Worcester and Manchester) no later than the add/drop deadline of the term of entry.