

DEPARTMENT: Registrar/Admissions  
POLICY NAME: Student Transfer  
POLICY NUMBER:  
OWNER: Registrar  
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## SCOPE

This policy applies to all prospective applicants to the D.O. program at MSOM, as well as to current students who may consider transferring to another institution. It is intended to provide clear guidance on admissions eligibility, credit transfer restrictions, and the transferability of coursework completed at MSOM.

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## PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to outline the eligibility requirements for admission to the Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (D.O.) program at the Meritus School of Osteopathic Medicine (MSOM), as well as to define the institution's position regarding transfer students and the transferability of credits. This ensures transparency for all prospective applicants and enrolled students regarding MSOM's admissions standards and academic credit practices.

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## DEFINITIONS

**M.D.:** Doctor of Medicine, a medical degree awarded by accredited institutions.

**D.O.:** Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine, a medical degree awarded by COCA-accredited institutions.

**Equivalent Program:** Any domestic or international program considered comparable to an M.D. or D.O. degree.

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## POLICY

MSOM maintains the following admissions and credit transfer standards:

### 1. Eligibility for Admission

- Previous matriculants or graduates from M.D., D.O., or equivalent programs (domestic or international) are not eligible for consideration for admission to MSOM's D.O. program.

### 2. Transfer Students

- MSOM will not accept credits from another program or another post-secondary institution. Students will enroll at the beginning of a course or program.

### **3. Transferability of Credits Earned at MSOM**

- The acceptance and application of credits earned at MSOM to another institution are solely at the discretion of the receiving institution.
- MSOM does not guarantee the transferability of its credits to any other program or institution.
- Students who choose to transfer to another institution are responsible for confirming whether credits earned at MSOM will be accepted by that institution. If not, students may be required to repeat coursework.

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## **POLICY MANAGEMENT**

The Registrar, with help from the Office of Admissions, is responsible for the development and maintenance of the Transfer Policy. This policy is reviewed every three (3) years and is housed in the electronic policy management system. Questions regarding this policy should be directed to the Registrar.

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## **RELATED PROCEDURES**

[MSOM Academic Catalog and Student Handbook](#)