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**MEETINGS**

Meetings were held remotely

**NEW GRADUATE DEGREE**

Master of Physician Assistant Science  
MS in Clinical and Diagnostic Sciences

**NEW GRADUATE CERTIFICATE PROGRAM**

Graduate Certificate in Communication for Organizations  
Graduate Certificate in Business Leadership  
Graduate Certificate in Health Equity  
Graduate Certificate in Global and Population Health Services  
Graduate Certificate in Epidemiological Research

**GRADUATE PROGRAM MODIFICATION**

PhD in Nursing BSN pathway  
MSN in Adult Gerontological Acute Care Nurse Practitioner  
Master of Science in Safety Management – added two concentrations: Management | Technical  
Retain MAT in Secondary Education (44-credits) and added MAT in Secondary Education with concentrations in  
K-12 Special Education (53-credits)  
Master of Arts in English

Post Master's Graduate Certificate in Reading and Language Arts  
Post Master's Graduate Certificate in Human Resource Management (15-credits) modification to offer  
Graduate Certificate in Human Resource Management (12-credits)  
Post Master's Graduate Certificate in Marketing (15-credits) modification to offer  
Graduate Certificate in Marketing (12-credits)

### **GRADUATE PROGRAM MODIFICATION TO MAJOR NAME**

Master of Science in Mechatronics to Master of Science in Mechatronics Systems Engineering

### **GRADUATE PROGRAM DELIVERY MODIFICATION**

PhD in Human Movement Science - 100% online

### **COMBINED BACHELOR AND MASTER PROGRAMS (4+1)**

Combined Bachelor of Science in Mathematics and Master of Arts in Mathematics

Combined Bachelor of Science in Environmental Health and Safety and Master of Science in Safety Management

Combined Bachelor of Science in Clinical and Diagnostic Science with a specialization in Medical Laboratory Science (MLS) and Master of Science in Clinical and Diagnostic Science

### **GRADUATE CERTIFICATE PROGRAM DISCONTINUED**

None

### **GRADUATE SCHOOL POLICY**

**Elimination** of Graduate Policy approved in 1979 that allowed 4000 level courses completed as undergraduate student later to be transferred to meet graduate program requirements.

**Modification to Graduate Policy to allow language of approved combined bachelor and master programs** to allow 5000-level graduate courses to satisfy baccalaureate credit requirements to fulfill the credit requirements of a graduate degree – if the undergraduate student is admitted to an approved combined bachelor and master program.

**Modification to Graduate Transfer Credit Policy.** Students enrolled in a graduate certificate, master's, or doctoral degree program may transfer up to 49% of the credits required for the program provided the transferred credits meet the requirements below. Credits to be transferred:

- \* are being transferred from a regionally accredited college or university in the U.S., or its equivalent from an international institution
- \* are verified by an official transcript
- \* are graduate level numbered 5000 or above (or equivalent) with satisfactory grades (at least 3.0, B, Satisfactory, Pass)
- \* have not been used for any other degree or awarded certificate
- \* have been taken within three years of when the graduate certificate will be earned or six years of when the master's degree or doctoral degree will be earned, except when revalidated by the student's Oakland University graduate program and approved by the Graduate School .

At least 51% of the credits required for the credential must be earned at Oakland University.

### **Students Accompanying a New Faculty Hire**

Qualified graduate students accompanying a new Oakland University faculty hire may qualify for a reduction and/or transfer of graduate credits that represent a larger portion of the credits required for the degree than is allowed in the transfer policy and/or that exceed course age requirements.

**Modification to Graduate Transfer Credit Policy: Students Accompanying a New Faculty Hire.** In the case of an incoming PhD student who has already passed a comprehensive/preliminary plan and achieved candidacy at the institution being transferred from, the program may determine that milestone has been achieved and does not need to be repeated. All incoming PhD students must fulfill Oakland's dissertation proposal requirement at Oakland with a committee that meets Oakland guidelines.

**Modification to the Admission to the Graduate Programs specific to Foreign Educational Credentials**

Applicants with a three-year baccalaureate degree from an institution outside of the U.S. are welcome provided: 1) they have been awarded the degree at the time of application; 2) the degree would qualify them for admission to an academic graduate program in the country in which it was earned; and 3) their degree evaluation must include a course-by-course (or detailed) transcript evaluation rather than the general transcript evaluation.

**Modification to Graduate Application Material Requirements – Refugee Exception.** There may be circumstances (e.g., war in home country, natural disaster) under which an applicant is unable to provide some of the required application materials; for example, the applicant may have only unofficial transcripts. The Dean of the Graduate School may grant an exception and allow the department to review and make a recommendation regarding the admissibility of the application provided that there is readily **confirmed documentation of the circumstances rendering the materials unavailable.**

**Modification to the Admission with Limited Standing – ESL Course Sequence Requirement Policy**

Applicants whose English language proficiency does not meet the standards for full admission, but whose scores fall within a specified range, may be admitted with limited standing and enroll in an ESL course sequence, as determined by the ESL Institute, along with required academic program courses starting in their first semester of registration and each subsequent semester until successful ESL completion. It is expected that applicants, granted admission with limited standing for ESL requirements, will successfully complete the required ESL course sequence within one year. Students not making satisfactory progress in the ESL course sequence and/or academic program courses will be denied full admission and further enrollment in their academic graduate program. The ESL Institute will monitor progress and provide written notification to the Graduate School, when the student has successfully completed three level 7 courses with a minimum of an A- or three level 8 courses with a minimum of B-, and if the student is in good academic standing, the Graduate School may extend the student full admission to the graduate program.

**Modification to the PhD Defense Policy.** The committee and the student shall decide whether the student will present their public defense in-person or remotely, as well as whether the audience or committee members are present in person or remotely. Whenever practical, providing a hybrid option for maximum participation is encouraged. . If there are technological issues that interfere with conducting a public defense, the defense must be rescheduled. The public presentation of the dissertation must be scheduled for the semester of the expected date of graduation, during regular office hours (except where doing so would prevent adequate audience participation, e.g., in a program where most of the students are employed in full-time daytime positions), and if held in person, take place in University facilities that are readily accessible to all members of the Dissertation Committee and others attending the examination.

Further research, analysis, or rewriting may be required by the committee as a result of discussions arising during the defense. If the student is unable to complete the revisions to the dissertation in time to graduate during the term the defense is held, they must do so by the dissertation submission deadline for the next term (inclusive of summer) and must be registered for academic credit during that term.

A student must be registered in the term of the oral defense of the dissertation and in good academic standing.

**Modification to the Graduate School Grading System: OUWB School of Medicine**

Renaming Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine grades “Pass” (PA) and “Pass with Remediation” (PR) to “Pass 1” (P1) and “Pass 2” (P2), respectively, for use in the Oakland University Grading scale beginning with the fall 2022 semester.

**Approved Revisions to Service Learning working definition for Oakland University Senate**