Dartmouth
GEISEL SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

Transfer Policy

Summary of Purpose

The purpose of this document is to outline the policy for accepting transfer students by the Admissions Committee.

Scope and Applicability

This policy applies to any student requesting to transfer to the Geisel School of Medicine.

Definitions

Transfer students: Students who have completed one or more years at another medical school and wish to enroll at Geisel as second, third- or fourth-year students.

Policy Statement

The Geisel School of Medicine does not accept transfer students. However, in the event of extreme circumstances (e.g. a natural disaster which leaves another school inoperable for an extended period of time), an exception for student transfers will be considered. Any transfer student would have to be from another LCME accredited medical school.

Any transfer request would be subject to our internal policy and procedures and considered on a case by case basis.

Procedure

Students would submit a full application to the Office of Admission, with transcripts, letters of recommendation, and Step 1 score if applicable.

LCME Standard

Standard 10.7 – Transfer Students

A medical school ensures that any student accepted for transfer or admission with advanced standing demonstrates academic achievements, completion of relevant prior coursework, and other relevant characteristics comparable to those of the medical students in the class that he or she would join. A medical school accepts a transfer medical student into the final year of a medical education program only in rare and extraordinary personal or educational circumstances.

Related Information: Documents, Policies, Links, Etc.

https://geiselmed.dartmouth.edu/admissions/applying/faq/

Policy Administration

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History

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Background

Geisel policy had previously been that transfer admissions were considered on a case by case basis depending on space available in each class. Beginning in 2012, it was determined that there is no room to accommodate transfer students. This led to the current version of the transfer policy. Geisel's small size, the unique nature of the curriculum (Patients & Populations, On Doctoring) and the flexibility of current students utilizing split years and Academic Scholar Years, are all factors that impact the school's ability to accept transfer students.