

Academic Residence Policy

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Background and Scope

The Academic Residence Policy at The Ontario Institute for Health and Innovation (OIHI) is designed to ensure that students complete a significant portion of their academic program within the institution, fostering a strong academic community and maintaining the integrity of OIHI's credentials. This policy outlines the requirements for academic residence, including the minimum number of credits or courses that must be completed at OIHI to qualify for a credential.

This policy applies to all students enrolled in programs that lead to an academic credential at OIHI.

Purpose of the Policy

The purpose of this policy is to establish the academic residence requirements necessary for the completion of a certificate, diploma, or degree at OIHI. The policy ensures that students engage meaningfully with the academic offerings and community of the institution, thereby reinforcing the value and integrity of the credentials awarded.

Definitions

Academic Residence: The requirement that students complete a specified minimum portion of their program's coursework at OIHI to be eligible for graduation.

Transfer Credit: Credits earned at another recognized institution that are accepted towards the completion of a program at OIHI.

Policy Statement

1. Minimum Academic Residence Requirement

- 1.1. To qualify for a certificate, diploma, or degree from OIHI, students must complete at least two thirds “2/3rd” of the required credits or courses for their program at OIHI.
- 1.2. Specific programs may have higher academic residence requirements based on accreditation or program-specific standards.

2. Transfer Credits and Academic Residence

- 2.1. While transfer credits from other recognized institutions may count towards the total credit requirements for a program, they do not count towards the academic residence requirement.
- 2.2. Students transferring into a program at OIHI must meet the academic residence requirement by completing the required percentage of their program at OIHI, regardless of the number of transfer credits accepted.

3. Practicum Residence Requirements

- 3.1. All students must complete two-thirds “2/3rd” of their practicum at OIHI, if applicable.

4. Exceptions and Waivers

- 4.1. Exceptions to the academic residence requirement may be granted in extraordinary circumstances, such as significant personal hardship or institutional agreements with other educational institutions.
- 4.2. Requests for exceptions must be submitted in writing and will be reviewed by a committee appointed by the Vice President, Academic.
- 4.3. Waivers for the academic residence requirement will be considered on a case-by-case basis and must be approved by the Vice President, Academic.

5. Monitoring and Enforcement

- 5.1. OIHI is responsible for monitoring students’ progress towards meeting the academic residence requirement and for ensuring that students are informed of their status.
- 5.2. Students who do not meet the academic residence requirement will not be eligible for graduation and will be notified by the OIHI of any deficiencies in their academic record.

Related Policies

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Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR) and Credit Transfer Policy	2-205

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