Transfer admission policy

A student who is currently enrolled in good academic standing in a Doctor of Pharmacy program at another campus, and is applying to the WSU Pharmacy program, is considered a transfer student.

Students who have been decertified or asked to leave their original program due to academic deficiencies, are not eligible for transfer into the WSU program.

Students requesting to transfer from their original school/college of pharmacy into the professional program at the WSU College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences (CPPS) must submit the following materials to PharmCAS by April 1 of the year they wish to transfer:

1. Two letters of recommendation, including one from a counterpart to the WSU CPPS Director of Student Services (e.g. the Director of Student Services or Academic Affairs) from the student's current college of pharmacy, and at least one from a pharmacist who has firsthand knowledge of the student's capabilities, must be provided.
2. Official transcripts from the student's current school/college of pharmacy. The student must also submit transcripts from the institutions where the Pre-Pharmacy coursework was completed.
3. Dates and hours of the student's pharmacy experience (e.g., retail or hospital-based clinical experience—volunteer, shadow, paid—outside of the professional curriculum) must be listed. Any applicable Introductory Pharmacy Practice Experiences that have been completed must be listed and documented.
4. A letter detailing the reasons why the student wants to transfer into our program.
5. The student must provide course syllabi from the previous program (to help determine which WSU courses will be waived).
6. Evidence that any current intern license remains valid.
7. Information about any participation in student pharmacy organizations.

All materials should be submitted to directly to PharmCAS. If materials are not received by April 1, the student will not be considered for transfer into the WSU College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences Doctor of Pharmacy Professional Program.

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*Please note that official transcripts must be unopened and mailed, not emailed.*
The admissions committee will consider requests from students from other professional programs to transfer into our program on a case-by-case basis. A student wishing to transfer into our program must be in good standing at his/her current college/school, academically strong and competitive with those students who are admitted to our program through the regular process. However, a strong academic record, pharmacy experience, and professional involvement do not guarantee admission into our program.

Because of differences in professional pharmacy programs, if a student is approved for transfer into our program, there is no guarantee that the student will be granted the same year of standing as in the pharmacy school of origin. This is determined by the Director of Student Services following a careful analysis of the student's transcripts, letters, course syllabi, documentation of IPPE activities, and E-portfolio (if this latter item exists).