



RUSH UNIVERSITY GRADUATE COLLEGE

MEMO

To: Brenda Weddington, Med, Chief Enrollment Management Officer and University Registrar

From: Andrew Bean, PhD, Dean, Graduate College and Interim Program Director, Clinical Research Master's Degree

CC: Marendra Wilson-Pham, PhD, Associate Dean, Graduate College; Mai Aly, Director of Registration and Records; Helen Wood, EdD, Academic Program Manager

Date: May 28, 2019

RE: Clarification of minimum hour requirements for the Clinical Research Master's Degree Program.

This memo clarifies the minimum hour requirements for the Clinical Research Master's Degree Program for students whose catalog start date is 2017. The 2017-2018 catalog does not delineate the number of hours required in each of the programmatic areas for successful completion of the program (32 hours). However, the 2018-2019 catalog provides the specific minimum hour requirement in each of the three programmatic areas: Core, Electives, and Research.

"Minimum Credit Hours Required Successful completion of the clinical research program requires 32 semester hours as a minimum for graduation... Of the 32 semester hours required to complete the program; 13 credit hours should come from required courses, a minimum of 12 semester hours from Thesis Research, and a minimum of 2 semester hours of electives." (pg. 265)

Therefore the following hour requirements should be followed when evaluating a Clinical Research student's degree progression when using the 2017 catalog.

Required Core Courses: (13 hours)

CRE 557, CRE 558, GCC 546, GCC 547, GCC 551, GCC 552 and PHR 556

Required Research Course: (minimum 12 hours)

CRE 597

Elective Courses: (minimum 2 hours)

CRE 523, CRE 559, GCC 548, GCC 549, GCC 593 and PVM 553

Additional credit hours can be completed in either research or elective courses to attain the 32 hours in order to be eligible for graduation.

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