

Mayo School of Health Sciences (MSHS)

## **Program Classification**

### **Content Applies To: Arizona, Florida, Rochester**

## **Scope**

MSHS Programs

## **Purpose**

This classification is designed for internal Mayo use.

## **Policy Statements**

The Program Classification is designed to provide a reasonable guideline to group the wide variety of different types of programs within MSHS for administrative purposes. All programs are assigned to one of the following four program classifications.

### **Primary Professional Programs**

These are generally full-time programs offered by MSHS leading to a qualification in an allied health profession acceptable to an accrediting organization if available. These programs may be offered independently by MSHS leading to the school awarding a degree or certificate. Alternatively, they may be offered jointly with one or more other colleges or universities with MSHS providing the majority of the professional education and a completion certificate but the affiliated school providing the degree. Program length can vary from months to several years. Tuition is generally charged.

Primary professional programs are offered at one of the following levels:

- Post-high school / Associate level (program is at the level of the first or second year post high school education)
  
- Baccalaureate / Post Baccalaureate level (program is at junior or senior baccalaureate level but is sometimes offered as an independent program after completion of a bachelor's degree)
  
- Masters level
  
- Doctoral level

Programs are offered:

- Independently by MSHS
- Jointly with one or more colleges or universities
- As both independent and joint options

## **Residencies and Fellowships**

These are MSHS programs with a predominantly clinical focus and a strong service component (the learner participates in patient care under appropriate supervision and can generally bill independently for services provided) following completion of a primary educational program in a health science field. The residency or fellowship may either be general in nature or involve a more specialized area of the discipline. Duration is generally a year and participation usually full-time. Tuition is not generally charged and students usually receive a stipend. MSHS offers a certificate on completion of the program.

## **Clinical Rotations and Internships**

Clinical rotations are programs in which students studying for a professional degree at another educational institution are selected to complete only a portion of their professional education at Mayo. Clinical rotations generally last weeks to months. Internships are similar programs that are designed to enhance allied health students' skills but are not a required part of their formal curriculum and are often taken during vacations. A tuition sharing agreement is generally expected for clinical rotations.

## **Professional Enhancement Courses**

These are MSHS courses designed to enhance the knowledge and skills of practicing health science professionals who have completed their primary education. Such programs are partially or completely didactic with education offered on-line, in a classroom, or through a combination of methodologies. Clinical education without a service component may also be included. Programs may be offered part-time or full-time and generally last days to months. Credits are assigned and tuition is charged.

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