



School of University Arts and Sciences

Rural Pre-Medicine Program Policies

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CREDENTIAL(S):	Associate of Science in Rural Pre-Health Advanced Diploma in Rural Pre-Medicine
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PROGRAM OUTCOMES

In addition to the outcomes for University Arts and Sciences, on completion of the program graduates will be able to:

- Demonstrate an academic foundation in the health sciences.
- Demonstrate non-academic skills and strategies needed for subsequent health professional training.
- Apply competitively to health professional programs.
- Articulate the unique characteristics of rural health care.
- Distinguish different paths to careers as rural health professionals.

Students in the Rural Pre-Medicine Program are subject to the overall policies affecting all students at Selkirk College as well as the policies for the University Arts and Sciences (UAS), with the following additions listed below. College and UAS policies may be viewed online at the College website (<https://policies.selkirk.ca/>).

PART I: ADMISSIONS

A. ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

1. Individuals applying for admission to the Rural Pre-Medicine program should apply during the application period. Exact dates will be posted on the Rural Pre-Medicine page on the College website.
2. Academic Prerequisites:
 - a) Applicants must have graduated from secondary school (or equivalent) and completed the following BC Provincial Curriculum courses (or their equivalents) with a minimum mark of 67% in each course:
 - i) Chemistry 11

- ii) Physics 11
 - iii) English 12 or English First Peoples 12 or IELTS (minimum 6.5)
 - iv) Pre-calculus 12
 - v) Two other approved Grade 12 courses, one of which must be: Biology 12, Chemistry 12, Geography 12, Geology 12, or Physics 12. (Of these courses, Biology 12 and Chemistry 12 are strongly recommended.)
- b) Students interested in the program who do not have the prerequisites should consult with the UAS School Chair to discuss possible pathways.

B. APPLICATION PROCESS:

1. Before an application is considered complete, the following must be received by the Admissions Office:
 - a) Completed Selkirk College Application Form;
 - b) Completed RPM Program Application Form;
 - c) Official transcripts of all high school grades;
 - d) Official transcripts for any post-secondary studies in which the student has enrolled; and
 - e) Completed RPM Personal Reference Forms.
2. Admission to the Rural Pre-Medicine Program is a selective admission process. Successful applicants are identified through the combined evaluation of academic qualifications, non-academic activities, and connection to rurality. A limited number of the most qualified applicants will be admitted into the program based on availability of seats.
3. Written offers will be sent to successful applicants. Receipt of a \$500.00 non-refundable seat deposit by the offer-acceptance deadline is required otherwise the offer will be considered declined.
4. Once the available seats have been filled, a waitlist will be created for the current intake. The waitlist will be populated based on the review of applications in the original selection process. Applicants on the waitlist will be offered seats that become available after the offer-acceptance deadline.
5. Applicants who are not accepted into the program will receive notification.
6. Applicants who are not admitted or do not take a seat in a given year must reapply to be considered in a subsequent admission cycle.

C. ADVANCE CREDIT

1. Transfer credit for individual courses which form a part of the Rural Pre-Medicine Program will be given for equivalent courses taken in the last five years from an accredited post-secondary institution, provided a grade of 60% or better was achieved. Applicants who have completed such course(s) more than five years earlier require permission from the School Chair to receive transfer credit at Selkirk College. Applicants should be aware that Selkirk College cannot guarantee that subsequent receiving institutions will honour transfer credits which have been accepted by Selkirk College.
2. Applicants may apply for advanced credit to enter the program in Year 2 or 3. Such applications will only be considered if there are seats available.
 - a) The applicant must fill out the same application materials as first year entry students [outlined in I.B.1 above].

- b) In addition, the applicant must submit post-secondary transcripts demonstrating successful completion of the courses for which they are seeking advanced credit. Normally students will be required to have completed all courses (excepting RPM courses) for a particular program year.
- c) Students may be required to make-up any outstanding program requirements (e.g. RPM 120 and 121).

D. RE-ENTRY

1. Re-entry to RPM is permitted only when seats are available and with permission of the School Chair. Written requests for re-entry must be received 30 days in advance of the semester the student wishes to re-enter the program.
2. In the written request, a returning student will be required to outline their plans for success that address the factors that were salient in the student's original departure from the program.
3. Priority for re-entry will be given as follows:
 - a) Students in good standing who interrupted their program for illness or other personal reasons.
 - b) Students who failed to meet program requirements for promotion.
 - c) Where two or more applicants are from the same category, priority will be determined by the date of the written request for re-entry.
4. Students must complete the entire RPM Program within 72 calendar months (6 years) of initial entry. Re-entry applicants who cannot meet this deadline will not be readmitted.

PART II: ASSESSMENT, PROMOTION, AND GRADUATION

A. EVALUATION, ACADEMIC INTEGRITY, PROBATION, WITHDRAWING, APPEAL, and ATTENDANCE

1. See [University Arts & Sciences Program Policies](#) for relevant policy.

B. PROMOTION

1. For a student to remain in the RPM Program from one year to the next, the following requirements must be met:
 - a) Completion of all required RPM courses with a minimum grade of 60% in each course.
 - b) A minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 for the year.
2. A student who fails to satisfy 1a or 1b must receive permission from the School Chair or designate for an alternate plan for completing the required courses in the program.
3. If permission is not granted or the student fails to adhere to the plan, then the student may be withdrawn from the program.

C. GRADUATION

1. Credential: Associate of Science in Rural Pre-Health
 - a) Requirements: To qualify for graduation with an Associate of Science in Rural Pre-Health, a student must have a cumulative GPA of 3.00 and successfully complete all required courses from the first and second year of the RPM Program.
2. Credential: Advanced Diploma in Rural Pre-Medicine

- a) Requirements: To qualify for graduation with an Advanced Diploma in Rural Pre-Medicine, a student must have a cumulative GPA of 3.00 and successfully complete all required courses from the third year of the RPM Program.

First Year Rural Pre-Medicine						
Semester 1			Semester 2			
Code	Name	Credits	Code	Name	Credits	
BIOL 104	Biology I	3	BIOL 106	Biology II	3	
CHEM 122 or 110	General Chemistry I or Fundamentals of Chemistry	3	CHEM 125	Foundations of Chemistry II	4	
ENGL 110	College Composition	3	ENGL 111	Introduction to Literature	3	
MATH 100	Calculus I	3	MATH 101	Calculus II	3	
PSYC 100	Introductory Psychology I	3	PSYC 101	Introductory Psychology II	3	
RPM 120	Rural Health Issues I	1	RPM 121	Rural Health Issues II	1	
Semester Credits		16	Semester Credits		17	
					Total Year Credits	33

Second Year Rural Pre-Medicine						
Semester 3			Semester 4			
Code	Name	Credits	Code	Name	Credits	
BIOL 204	Cell Biology	3	BIOL 206	Introductory Biochemistry	3	
CHEM 212	Organic Chemistry I	3	BIOL 212	Microbiology	3	
INDG 101	Indigenous People's Relationships: Once You've Heard the Story	3	CHEM 213	Organic Chemistry II	3	
PHYS 102 or 104*	Basic Physics I or Fundamental Physics I	3	PHYS 103 or 105*	Basic Physics II or Fundamental Physics II	3	
STAT 206	Statistics	3	ARTS II** Elective	Second or Third Year UAS Arts Elective	3	
RPM 220	Rural Health Issues III	1	RPM 221	Rural Health Issues IV	1	
Semester Credits		16	Semester Credits		16	
					Total Year Credits	32

Students choose between completing:

Both PHYS 102 (Term 3) and PHYS 103 (Term 4) OR Both PHYS 104 (TERM 3) and PHYS 105 (Term 4)

The UAS elective could be any UAS Humanities or Social Science course of 3 or more credits as the 200-level or higher.

Third Year Rural Pre-Medicine						
Semester 5			Semester 6			
Code	Name	Credits	Code	Name	Credits	
BIOC 302	General Biochemistry	3	BIOL 202	Principles of Genetics	3	
BIOL 164 or Elective***	Human Anatomy and Physiology I or Elective	3 or 4	BIOL 165 or Elective***	Human Anatomy and Physiology II or Elective	3 or 4	
CHEM 225	Physical Chemistry for Biosciences	3	INDG 302	Indigenous Health and Healing	3	
PHIL 210	Biomedical Ethics	3	RPM 321	Rural Health Applied Research Project	3	
PSYC 202 or SOC 205	Research Methods or Introduction to Social Research	3	UAS II† Elective	Second or Third Year UAS Elective	3	
RPM 320	Rural Health Issues V	1				
Semester Credits		16 or 17	Semester Credits		15 or 16	
					Total Year Credits	31 to 33
					Total Program Credits	96 to 98

Students choose between completing:

Both BIOL 164 (Term 5) and BIOL 165 (Term 6) OR Two UAS electives (one in Term 5 and one in Term 6)

The UAS electives could be any UAS course of 3 or more credits at the 200-level or higher.

PART III: COLLEGE POLICIES RELEVANT TO ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS

Policy 3400: Student Code of Conduct

Policy 6550: Protection of Privacy

Policy 8400: Student Appeals

Policy 8600: Pre-Admissions Basic Skills Assessment

Policy 8611: Admission

Policy 8612: Grading

Policy 8613: Evaluation of Student Learning

Policy 8614: Advanced Standing – Course Challenge, PLA, Transfer Credit

Policy 8615: Standards of Academic Progress

Policy 8616: Student Withdrawals and Refunds

Policy 8617: Credentials and Graduation

Policy 8618: Cheating and Plagiarism

Policy 8619: Student Probation

Policy 8620: Interdisciplinary Studies