# Transfer Student Guide: Pima Community College

Rehabilitation Studies @ Services - Pre-OT Pathway



#### **ADMISSIONS**

In preparation for transferring to the University of Arizona as a rehabilitation studies and services major student, Pima Community College courses, which can be completed prior to transferring to the UA, are listed below. Often, these courses can be applied to the AGEC, which is best to complete prior to transferring.

This sequence of courses is designed for students who intend on completing a bachelor's degree focusing on rehabilitation education, research, and service needs. The only program of its kind in the state of Arizona, the rehabilitation studies and services program offers students who plan on applying to graduate programs in occupational therapy an opportunity to complete additional coursework to simultaneously meet requirements for entering a graduate program. Students should verify requirements of the intended graduate program, as hey may vary. Students are also encouraged to work with pre-health advisors in the A Center at the UA for support with their OT goals.

## IN ADDITION TO COMPLETION OF THE AGEC OR AN ASSOCIATE DEGREE, THE FOLLOWING COURSES ARE RECOMMENDED

Pima Community College courses	Completion status at time of application	University of Arizona courses
MAT 151* & MAT 167*: College Algebra & Introductory Statistics	Preferred: completion prior to transfer for enhanced sequencing of courses	MATH 112 & MATH 163: Basic Statistics
BIO 156IN* or BIO 181IN* & BIO 157: Intro Biology Allied Health or General Biology and Basic Histology for Anatomy/Physiology (prerequisites for BIO 201IN)		UA does not require prerequisite course(s) for PSIO 201
BIO 201IN*: Human Anatomy/Physiology I		PSIO 201: Human Anatomy & Physiology I
BIO 202IN*: Human Anatomy/Physiology II PSY 101: Intro to Psychology - same for both Pima and UA		PSIO 202: Human Anatomy & Physiology II

<sup>\*</sup>Check with PCC advisor for applicability towards AGEC and Associate's requirements

Visit education.arizona.edu/transfer-students to learn more. Identify your UA COE major advisor at https://bit.ly/meet-your-advisor or 520-621-7865.

This information is provided as a transfer guide and does not constitute as academic advising. This is not intended for current University of Arizona students. Please see an advisor to discuss any non-UA coursework. Program requirements are subject to change.



## **College of Education Professional Admissions Application Process**

The Professional Admission application is used to ensure all eligible students meet coursework requirements by the application deadline. To be a qualified applicant, students should focus on strong overall academic performance and demonstrate commitment to the deaf community. **Applications are due the second Friday of February by 4 p.m.** to begin the program in the following fall semester. Those applying for the educational interpreting track must:

- Apply to be admitted to UA for summer (semester prior to fall start of professional program)
- Complete SERP 444a (Intensive ASL) in summer (typically held M-F in first 5 week session)
- Participate in interview process at the end of SERP 444a

## **UA Professional Admissions considers the following selection criteria:**

## **Grade Point Average**

Program applicants are required to demonstrate a strong GPA (minimum 2.5; 3.0 preferred), but all applicants are considered and reviewed holistically and on a case-by-case basis. Demonstrating a GPA below 2.5 does not necessarily indicate ineligibility for the program; speak with a UA COE advisor.

#### **Foundation Coursework**

Students should be approaching junior standing (60 units) by the end of the semester in which they are applying. AGEC or its equivalent should be completed and will likely include the required completed coursework:

- WRT 101 and WRT 102
- Foundational math (consult with UA advisor to discuss options)

#### **Recommendations**

You will need two original, professional letters of recommendation on the affiliated organization's letterhead:

- ▶ 1 letter to document your ASL fluency
- ▶ 1 letter to support your professionalism, strengths, and/or commitment to serving the deaf community

## Fingerprint Clearance Requirement (for educational interpreting track only)

Applicants must provide a copy (front and back) of their Arizona IVP fingerprint clearance card at the time of admission. If you do not have this card, visit <a href="https://education.arizona.edu/fingerprint-clearance-requirement">https://education.arizona.edu/fingerprint-clearance-requirement</a>.

### **Essay**

Describe your experience working with children and/or youth in educational settings and why you want to work in your chosen profession. This should be a 500-750 word essay that outlines some of the work you have done with children, including activities you have participated in or directed. It should summarize your overall experience and motivations for your intended profession in the deaf community or ASL interpreting.

(Optional) Additional Essay\*: If your GPA is below the required 2.50 and/or you are missing any application requirements, please prepare an additional essay addressing the circumstances that have affected your GPA/ability to complete all application requirements by the deadline. \*Ask your UA COE advisor if you are unsure about completing this essay.

## **Maintain Good Academic Standing**

Students must be admitted to the University of Arizona and be in good academic standing (UA GPA of 2.0 or higher) at the beginning of the semester in which they intend to begin their upper-division courses.