ACADEMIC INFORMATION AND POLICIES

Credit Hour Policy

Please refer to this link for the PCOM Credit Hour Policy: https://www.pcom.edu/disclosures/pdfs/credit-hour-policy.pdf

Maximum Timeframe for Degree Completion

Maximum timeframe for completion of degree from date of matriculation (unless otherwise specified by a program's accreditor):

Certificate - 3 years
Master degree - 5 years
Doctoral degree - 150% of the original program of study as detailed in the university catalog

Leaves of absence are included in the amount of time to complete the degree program. Students who are not on an approved leave of absence or are not enrolled for two consecutive terms will be administratively withdrawn from their program. Once a student has exceeded their maximum time frame, the student must appeal if they wish to continue in their program. Only appeals that demonstrate an extreme event, out of the student's control, that directly resulted in exceeding the time frame will be considered. The appeal can be found at https://www.pcom.edu/about/departments/registrar/.

Students who exceed the time frame who do not wish to appeal can reapply to their program. The student who reapplies to their program will be required to follow the new program of study of their program (as detailed in the catalog) and will need to discuss with their program director what, if any, previously passed coursework can be utilized as part of their new program of study.

Please note that financial aid can only be provided to a student for 150% of their program. Therefore, students in a certificate or master level program who take up to their maximum timeframe (as listed above) could possibly lose federal financial aid eligibility and would need to apply for private educational loan funding.

Exams: Verification of Student Identity

All students who take an off-campus exam will do so utilizing Examsoft and there is no additional cost to the student to do so beyond the required comprehensive fee charged for registering coursework for the term. Examsoft uses Exam ID (https://examsoft.com/solutions/id-verification/) to verify a student's identity prior to the student taking the exam.

DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES AWARDED

DOCTORAL DEGREES

Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (DO)
– Philadelphia, Georgia, and South Georgia

Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD)
– Georgia

Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT)
– Georgia

Doctor of Psychology (PsyD) – Clinical Psychology
– Philadelphia

Doctor of Psychology (PsyD) – School Psychology
– Philadelphia

Doctor of Philosophy in Educational Psychology (PhD)
– Philadelphia

Doctor of Philosophy in Cancer Biology (PhD)
– Philadelphia

EDUCATIONAL SPECIALIST DEGREES

Educational Specialist in School Psychology (EdS)
– Philadelphia

MASTER OF SCIENCE DEGREES

Master of Science in Applied Behavior Analysis (MS)
– Philadelphia

Master of Science in Applied Positive Psychology (MS)
– Philadelphia, Online Program

Master of Science in Biomedical Sciences (MS)
– Philadelphia, Georgia, South Georgia

Master of Science in Forensic Medicine (MS)
– Philadelphia

Master of Science in Health Sciences, Physician Assistant Studies (MS)
– Philadelphia and Georgia

Master of Science in Medical Laboratory Science, Pre-Professional (MS)
-Georgia

Master of Science in Medical Laboratory Science, Post-Professional (MS)
-Philadelphia

Master of Science in Mental Health Counseling (MS)
– Philadelphia

CERTIFICATES

Certificate of Graduate Studies in Biomedical Sciences
-Philadelphia, Georgia, and South Georgia

Certificate Advanced Graduate Studies in Biomedical Sciences, General Studies (CAGS)
-Georgia

Certificate of Advanced Graduate Studies in Applied Behavior Analysis (CAGS)
– Philadelphia, Online Program

Certificate of Advanced Graduate Studies in Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CAGS)
– Philadelphia

POSTDOCTORAL MEDICAL EDUCATION TRAINING PROGRAMS

Residency and Fellowship Programs

Dermatology

General Surgery

Geriatrics

Hospice and Palliative Medicine

Internal Medicine

Neurological Surgery

Ophthalmology

Orthopedic Surgery

Osteopathic Neuromusculoskeletal Medicine

Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery

Plastic Surgery

Transitional Year