



**Weill Cornell Medicine**

Graduate School of  
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## **Academic Policy on Pre-Doctoral Students Transferring to WCGS**

*Premise:* Predoctoral students who transfer to WCGS must complete all WCGS requirements to receive their PhD from WCGS. The following transfer-student situations are envisioned:

1. Students who have not completed their candidacy examination at their prior institution:
  - The Student must complete a WCGS application. Acceptance, which will require that the student meets the typical WCGS standards, will be decided by the selected Program and Dean of WCGS.
  - Once matriculated, the student must complete all Program curricular requirements (e.g., coursework, ACE). Credit for coursework completed at the student's prior institution will be at the Program's discretion.
  
2. Students who have completed their candidacy examination at their prior institution (typically, such a student would be moving to the WCMC campus as a result of their mentor relocating to WCMC):
  - The student would remain matriculated at their prior institution and would be expected to meet all graduation requirements of that institution.
  - The student would become a "visiting graduate assistant" appointed through WCMC or equivalent at MSKCC.
  - WCGS would welcome the student into all activities/events/programs.
  - If the student prefers to matriculate into WCGS, he/she would be subject to the same process and requirements as students who have not completed their candidacy examination at their prior institution.

Any deviations from the above policy must be approved by the Dean of WCGS.