



## Frequently Asked Questions About the MS in Biomedicine Program Series

**MS in Biomedicine and Business**

**MS in Biomedicine and Digital Media**

**MS in Biomedicine and Entrepreneurship**

**MS in Biomedicine and Law**

### **How do I apply if already applied to another graduate program at Drexel University but my application was denied?**

There will be some minimal work you will have to do at your end in order to initiate the application process for a new program. The good news is that your application materials that are already in the Drexel system can be reused to apply to a different program or programs, in this case within the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences and Professional Studies at College of Medicine. Please contact Ms. Stephanie Schleidt ([Stephanie.Schleidt@DrexelMed.edu](mailto:Stephanie.Schleidt@DrexelMed.edu)), our Academic Administrator, for further instructions on what exactly you would need to do. She will also assist in transferring your existing documents into the new application.

A different admission committee within the College of Medicine will review your new application once it is complete. However, since these programs are taught jointly with faculty in the other Drexel Schools or Colleges, there is at least one member in this committee that represents the collaborating school and that participates in the admission process. You will not need to be accepted into both Drexel's College of Medicine and the other Drexel College or School to be admitted into any MS in Biomedicine program, you only need acceptance of admission into the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences and Professional Studies at College of Medicine. We can initially review the application documents that are in the system. If we need any additional documentation or information, we will let you know.

### **Can I apply to more than one program?**

Yes. However, we encourage you to narrow down your selection to the program that you think best fits your career aspirations. Review the information on the websites for each program and feel free to contact the Director of this program series, Dr. Sandra Urdaneta-Hartmann ([slu22@drexel.edu](mailto:slu22@drexel.edu)) with any questions related to the academic content of the programs. She can help you decide which program is best for you and your career aspirations. You can read more about each new MS in Biomedicine program in the following websites:

Biomedicine and Business: <http://www.drexel.edu/medicine/businessbiomed>

Biomedicine and Digital Media: <http://www.drexel.edu/medicine/digitalbiomed>

Biomedicine and Entrepreneurship: <http://www.drexel.edu/medicine/biomedinnovation>

Biomedicine and Law: <http://www.drexel.edu/medicine/biomedlaw>

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### Do I need to pay another application fee if I already paid to apply to another program at Drexel University?

No. You will not need to pay another application fee to re-apply to any of the following MS Programs: Biomedicine and Business, Biomedicine and Digital Media, Biomedicine and Entrepreneurship, or Biomedicine and Law. We will also waive the application fee if you chose to apply to any of these other MS program offered by the Department of Microbiology and Immunology: Molecular Medicine, Infectious Disease or Immunology.

### Do I need to have a science background or undergraduate degree in biology or a related field to qualify for any of the MS in Biomedicine programs?

No, you do not need to have a science background or an undergraduate degree in biology or related field if you are interested in applying to any of the following MS Programs: Biomedicine and Business, Biomedicine and Digital Media, Biomedicine and Entrepreneurship, or Biomedicine and Law. We have a course series designed especially for you. It's the MIIM-515S Concepts in Biomedicine I and MIIM-516S Concepts in Biomedicine II course series in the first year of studies. Students that do have a science background are encouraged to complete the MIIM 530S Fundamentals of Molecular Medicine I and MIIM 531S Fundamentals of Molecular Medicine II course series instead.

### How flexible is the curriculum of the MS in Biomedicine programs?

Very flexible, and in several different ways:

- 1. Course scheduling:** These programs were designed with flexibility and convenience in mind. So they have a significant online component. You can mix and match online and face-to-face courses to best suit your schedule. However, you must enroll at least in one science course in any format each semester. Online course availability varies by program and by semester. We have many students in our MS programs that have no prior online learning experience, and this poses no difficulty thus far. Your course faculty will give you all the instructions you need to actively participate in the course. Our online courses give you the flexibility to balance your coursework along with your other personal responsibilities. The program director and advisors can help you decide which format is best for you.

Here is what is planned as of now in terms of course formats:

- a. Required science courses are only available online:** Note that some online courses may have synchronous sessions, so you will need to be available at certain times to join the class live. The course faculty will notify the students of any synchronous sessions at the beginning of the course.
- b. Science electives courses are offered as face-to-face and/or online:** The format of the science elective courses varies by semester. Select courses are available in both formats in the same semester (varies by course and by semester). Face-to-face science courses are taught at the College of Medicine (Center City or Queen Lane campus). You can choose which campus to attend face-to-face since classes are video-conferenced simultaneously across campuses. The face-to-face courses are typically offered in the evening. You are allowed to mix-and-match course formats as it best suits your scheduling needs.
- c. All business and digital media courses are only available face-to-face:** This applies only to MS in Biomedicine and Business and MS in Biomedicine and Digital Media, respectively. These courses are taught at Drexel's Main Campus (LeBow College of Business and Westphal College of Media Arts and Design).

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Business courses are typically evening courses. Digital media courses have variable hours during the day, typically between 9:00 am and 6:30 pm.

- d. All law and entrepreneurship courses are only available online:** This applies only to MS in Biomedicine and Law and MS in Biomedicine and Entrepreneurship, respectively. Note that some online courses may have synchronous sessions, so you will need to be available at certain times to join the class live. The course faculty will notify the students of any synchronous sessions at the beginning of the course.
2. **Part-time vs. Full-time:** You may enroll full-time to complete any of the MS in Biomedicine programs in 2 years (minimum 9.0 credits/semester). Our flexible scheduling and workload may allow you to finish even sooner (18 months), or to complete the program at your own pace as a part-time student. Part-time students must complete the program within 4 years. A minimum of 4.5 credits/semester is required to qualify for financial aid.
3. **Individualized plans of study:** Our MS in Biomedicine program's "flex-credit" option allows you to customize your plan of study with your choice of advanced elective courses depending on your individual academic and professional aspirations. The flexibility of our programs allows you to also tailor your experiential learning requirement to best fit your future career expectations and your present personal needs. There are several ways to customize the experiential learning component (2.0 - 6.0 semester credits) so it satisfies both the degree requirements and, especially, your own personal situation. The duration of the internship may vary. Shorter rotations may require that the student enroll in elective courses to meet the semester credit requirements for degree. You can read more about this in each program's website:

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4. **Easy transfer from one MS in Biomedicine program into another MS program:** If once you've started your studies in one MS in Biomedicine program you realize that perhaps a different MS in Biomedicine program is better for you, contact your program director immediately for assistance in transferring to a different program. This is possible because the required and elective science courses are the same across programs and, therefore, their credits are transferrable into another MS in Biomedicine program. However, the non-science discipline courses (i.e., business, digital media, entrepreneurship or law courses) are not approved as of now as electives across all programs. Therefore, those credits may not be transferrable.

Also, it may be possible to transfer your non-science course credits towards a graduate degree in that same non-science discipline so long it is before completion of the MS Biomedicine program in which you are enrolled. For example, credits earned for business courses completed as part of the MS in Biomedicine and Business studies may be transferred and applied towards an MBA degree from LeBow College of Business. However, this would require that you submit a new application for admission into LeBow's MBA program and request for the transfer of credits once you have been accepted into LeBow's MBA program. Similar overlaps in graduate curriculum exist between the MS in Biomedicine and Digital Media and the MS in Digital Media, and the MS in Biomedicine and Law and the MS in Legal Studies. Please note that your overall

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GPA within the MS Biomedicine program will also transfer along.

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