

Sofia University and *American College of Healthcare Sciences (ACHS)*  
Articulation agreement  
Effective Fall 2017

**Part 1: ACHS alumni who have earned an Associate's Degree**

**Part 2: ACHS Students without an Associate's Degree**

**Part 3: English Proficiency**

**1. ACHS alumni who have earned an Associate's Degree** with a 2.0 cumulative GPA or higher are eligible for acceptance into a Sofia University Bachelor's program when one of the two conditions below is satisfied:

- 1) The student fulfills the General Education requirements for Bachelor of Art degrees offered through state universities in the State of Oregon; OR
- 2) The transfer credits have been evaluated and deemed acceptable by Sofia University.

ACHS AAS graduates who meet one of these conditions will be admitted into Sofia University provided they meet all admissions requirements for the applicable program as determined by Sofia University.

**2. ACHS Students without an Associate's Degree** who wish to transfer to Sofia University will have all college-level/non-remedial courses completed at American College of Healthcare Sciences with a grade of "C-" or better, and which do not duplicate other credits earned by student, accepted for transfer as either an elective, General Education requirement, or an exemption or replacement for a required course as deemed appropriate in accordance with Sofia University current transfer credit policies.

ACHS students wishing to transfer to Sofia University are subject to all applicable ACHS deadlines and policies and procedures of Sofia University. ACHS students who transfer lower-division credits beyond that required for an associate's degree, or whose lower-division credits are equivalent to designated upper-division course content, may have these courses evaluated by Sofia University registrar and, where appropriate, they will be applied toward the course in the major.

*Note: Lower-division credits transferred to satisfy upper-division courses do not constitute completion of the 30 upper-division credits required for graduation. Therefore, even if upper-division courses are awarded, American College of Healthcare Sciences students will still need to obtain a minimum of 30 upper-division credits at Sofia University to meet graduation requirements.*

**Lower-division (sophomore status) admission to students who have earned 45 semester/75 quarter credits and meet the following criteria:**

- Be a high school graduate or have a GED
- Have completed, or be in the process of completing, a minimum of 45 units of college courses. A grade of C or higher is required for each course.

**The courses must be taken in the subject areas of:**

- a. English
- b. Mathematics: algebra, geometry or intermediate algebra
- c. History or Social Science
- d. Laboratory Science
- e. Language other than English
- f. Visual Performing Arts
- g. Elective Courses: additional classes selected from the above subjects

**Upper-division (Junior/Senior) status is offered for students who have completed 60 or more transferable semester (90 quarter) units and meet the following criteria:**

- Have a grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 or better in all transferable units attempted.
- Be in good standing at the last college or university attended
- Have completed at least 30 transferable semester (45 quarter) units of college coursework with a grade of C or better in each of the following courses, at a level at least equivalent to courses that meet the following General Education requirements at Sofia:
  - a. Oral Communication (usually 3 semester units): a public speaking course (A-1 at California community colleges)
  - b. Written Communication (usually 3 semester units): a freshman English composition course (A-2 at California community colleges)
  - c. Critical Thinking – (usually 3 semester units): a logic or argumentation /debate course (A-3 at California community colleges)
  - d. Math / Quantitative Reasoning – (usually 3 semester units): a math course with intermediate algebra as a prerequisite (B-4 at California community colleges). The Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) requirements in English communication and mathematical concepts and quantitative reasoning are also accepted.

Sofia University will accept a maximum of 135-quarter units as transfer units. A maximum of nine-quarter units of Physical Education will be accepted as transfer units. Credit is not allowed for Continuing Education Courses, vocational courses, or non-credit workshops. A minimum grade of “C” is required in all courses for transfer credit.

Sofia University will also accept international students who wish to transfer upon successful evaluation of all previous undergraduate transcripts by World Education Services (WES), and a TOEFL score of at least 80 (out of 120).

### **Maximum Number of Transferable Credits**

The maximum number of transfer credits that can be accepted and applied toward degree completion is 90 credit hours.

### **3. English proficiency**

Students must have sufficient English language proficiency in both written and oral communication to complete studies in English. All applicants for whom English is a second language must complete the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). The minimum required score for admission depends upon the version of the test taken.

**TOEFL requirements:** Sofia University's TOEFL school code is 9770.

- A score of 525 or above is required on the paper base exam.
- A score of 70 or above is required on the Internet base exam.
- The test score must be taken within 2 years.

**IELT requirement:** A score of 6 or above is required.

\*Proof of English proficiency may be waived for a student who already has a Degree earned in English.

Application Waiver: Students transferring from ACHS to Sofia receive a \$55 application waiver

ACHS is pleased to expand educational pathways for our students and graduates. If you receive an inquiry from a student interested in exploring this new opportunity, please contact Sofia University Christopher Scott at [Christopher.scott@sofia.edu](mailto:Christopher.scott@sofia.edu). (650) 388-5314



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