

Requirements for Degrees in Absentia

A student may plan to complete three years of college coursework before transferring to a professional school, and be a candidate for the bachelor's degree at APSU after the successful completion of the first year's coursework in the professional school, provided that the following is completed:

1. The candidate must submit a Degree in Absentia Plan to the Department Chair and receive approval.
2. During the first year of enrollment in a professional program, the candidate must earn 120 or more credit hours when combined with professional school credits to satisfy APSU graduation requirements.
3. Candidates needing clinical internship credit register at APSU for a minimum of 15 hours of internship for those hospital programs generating 36 hours or less of credit applicable toward the degree in absentia (enrollment for these units shall be approved by the APSU clinical education coordinator).
4. The candidate must satisfy APSU GPA requirements and APSU departmental program requirements. It is strongly recommended to review the APSU Undergraduate Bulletin for major and/or minor requirements to completely understand those unique requirements.
5. The candidate must complete a program of study at APSU that must include (a) the General Education core requirements for a degree, in addition to (b) an approved major, (c) at least 24 semester hours earned in courses within the major numbered 3000 or above, and (d) at least 30 APSU semester hours credit.
6. The professional school must be part of a regionally accredited institution.
7. The candidate files an application for degree by the deadline as published in the APSU Academic Calendar.