

## **PNCA's Graduate (MFA / MA) Transfer Credit Policy**

### PNCA GRADUATE TRANSFER CREDIT POLICY STATEMENT

Students with previous graduate credits are welcome and valued members of the educational community at PNCA. Students with experience in non-PNCA graduate programs bring to the College a diversity of ideas, experience and expertise that stimulate both the creativity and growth in the classroom.

PNCA offers a comprehensive and rigorous program of sequential classes that lead to the Master of Fine Arts and Master of Arts degrees. As such, this policy has been crafted to ensure the best educational experience possible for students arriving at PNCA via another Graduate institution, incorporating PNCA's institutional desire to honor prior experience as well as our commitment to stated learning outcomes within each PNCA Graduate program.

### CRITERIA FOR GRADUATE TRANSFER CREDIT

Transfer credit at the graduate level is available upon permission of the Chair or Head of the Graduate Program, the Director of Hallie Ford School of Graduate Studies, the Registration Office, and the Dean of Academic Affairs.

Criteria for transfer credit eligibility is as follows:

- Credit must be earned at an academically accredited Graduate program
- To be eligible for consideration, coursework must be relevant to PNCA's MFA or MA degree requirements OR provide quality education in an alternate way in concert with PNCA's accreditation requirements and learning outcomes.
- There is no time limit on the transfer of credits.
- The *cumulative average* of credits accepted by PNCA must be B or higher.
- The Graduate Chair, in collaboration with the Registration office, will determine placement of credit within PNCA's Graduate curriculum
- In most cases, transfer credits at the graduate level will be minimal and limited to Electives. However, in the case of college or university closure or other exceptional circumstances, PNCA will accept a maximum of 30 graduate transfer credits. Additionally, students in Low-Residency or Dual Degree programs may apply for exceptions evaluated case by case nature, due to the unique circumstances and timeline of Low-Residency and Dual Degree programs. To make requests based on exceptional circumstances, submit information in writing to the Registration Office for review: [registration@pnca.edu](mailto:registration@pnca.edu)