



Admissions Resource Guide for Prospective Students

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General Program Overview and Information

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The Entry Level Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.) curriculum prepares student pharmacists to provide pharmaceutical care to patients. This program requires four-years of pharmacy studies. Students may complete degree requirements at one of three Florida campuses: Gainesville, Jacksonville, and Orlando. Lectures by faculty in course curriculum are available through video-streaming technology within two hours of presentations. The Pharm.D. curriculum utilizes active learning exercises to enhance knowledge, professional behaviors and attitudes necessary for pharmacy practice.

The UF College of Pharmacy faculty help students reach a high level of professionalism through a curriculum that includes supervised clinical and practical experiences. Students learn and work in community and/or hospital pharmacy settings. Students are required to participate in an externship where they receive practical training in delivering pharmaceutical care services. In clerkships, students acquire in-depth clinical experiences to sharpen their communication and drug therapy skills as patient consultants.

Faculty from five college departments (Pharmaceutics, Pharmacodynamics, Medicinal Chemistry, Pharmaceutical Outcomes and Policy, and Pharmacotherapy and Translational Research) impart a quality pharmacy education so that graduates may provide pharmaceutical services to patients in a variety of practice environments. Eleven months of advanced pharmacy practice experiences are available to students under faculty supervision at many locations throughout Florida and other states, and may include international opportunities. Faculty at the distance education campuses facilitate discussion groups, administer examinations, answer questions, and provide instruction as needed to meet course requirements

UF pharmacy graduates have achieved high levels of leadership in national associations, and have received numerous recognitions for their commitment to the pharmacy profession. Doctor of Pharmacy graduates are enjoying successful careers in the pharmaceutical industry, academia, community pharmacy, hospitals, and other areas.

General Admission Requirements

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Requirements for Entry Level Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) Program

- Minimum of an Associate of Arts (AA) or higher degree (completion of general education coursework is required)
- Completion of pre-professional courses
- Pharmacy College Admission Test (PCAT)
- Foreign language required – can be completed by one of the following:
 - Two years of a foreign language in high school
 - 8-10 semester credits of a foreign language in college (includes sign language)
 - 8-10 semester credits of a foreign language earned by CLEP exam
- Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) – must complete if English is your second language TOEFL (<http://www.ets.org/toefl/>) iBT version with a minimum composite score of 80, but 100 or higher is preferred. For each subject area, the following minimum score is required: Reading = 20+, Listening = 20+, Speaking = 25+, Writing = 23+

Admission Information

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We admit approximately 270 students once per year, in the fall semester. There are about 1,300 completed PharmCAS applications for the fall admission term. The Admissions Committee considers several basic factors when reviewing applications:

1. **Science GPA**—This is determined by calculating the GPA from all science courses. It is not the same as your cumulative GPA or an overall math/science GPA. The average science GPA for the admitted fall 2016 class was a 3.41; the range was approximately 3.0 to 4.0. The minimum required science GPA to apply is a 2.5, however the competitive is a 3.0-4.0. The University of Florida does not allow grade forgiveness, which means that grades for multiple attempts for the same course number will be averaged together for that course. Dropped courses are indicated as a “W” and are not factored into the GPA since a grade was not earned. We do accept AP/IB credits for pre-professional courses, but there is no grade value assigned for those courses, so they cannot be factored into the GPA.
2. **PCAT—Pharmacy College Admissions Test**—If you take the test multiple times, only the highest set of scores is considered. It is advisable to take the PCAT after completing the majority of the pre-professional courses for best preparation. At the minimum, you should have completed General Chemistry I & II, Biology I & II, and Calculus I; and you should at least be enrolled in Organic Chemistry I when you take the PCAT. The average PCAT score for the admitted fall 2016 class was at the 79th percentile and ranged from about the 60th to 99th percentile on the composite score. The minimum required PCAT score to apply is at the 50th percentile, however a competitive score for review is generally between the 70th-99th percentile composite. Please visit <http://www.pcatweb.info> for registration dates, deadlines, and test locations.
3. **Personal Profile & Essays**—The personal profile reveals your thoughts about your strengths as a person as well as areas of personal development you believe you need to improve. The essays communicate your motivation, goals, circumstances, and experiences related to a pharmacy career. Students should focus on providing complete and in-depth information in response to the questions and essay topics in PharmCAS and the supplemental UF College of Pharmacy online forms.
4. **Letters of Recommendation**—Two letters are required from separate references. The Admissions Committee prefers (not requires) letters from (1) a pharmacist and (2) a science professor. A reference can be anyone that knows you well who is not a relative, so it may be a supervisor or other professional. Of course, the content of the letter is more important than the title or position of your reference. Applicants should select individuals who will be motivated to write detailed comments concerning the applicant’s character, motivation, communication skills, empathy/compassion, service, aptitude for pharmacy studies, maturity, and self-confidence.
5. **Extracurricular Activities**—Examples include involvement in student organizations, community service, volunteering, and work experience. Leadership experiences are highly valued. If involvement during high school is not in your distant past at the time of application, you may also include activities from high school. Although pharmacy experience is not a requirement for admission, it is strongly recommended. The experience gained by being exposed to pharmacy practice is invaluable and also provides the opportunity to establish a relationship with a pharmacist that may later be used as a reference.

Pre-professional Course Requirements

Required coursework for admissions

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In-class lecture and lab formats are preferable for completion of pre-professional coursework. Online pre-professional coursework involving sciences with labs may be accepted. Online coursework in subjects such as English, history, social studies, humanities, and mathematics are acceptable. An in-class course on public speaking is preferred.

Please note that where the “#” is indicated, the number is variable. At public institutions in Florida, the course prefix and last three digits of a course number will match exactly among institutions even though the course title may vary. For example, CHM#045 may be CHM1045 or CHM2045, but it is the same course.

Chemistry

- General Chemistry I and General Chemistry II with labs
CHM #045, #045L and CHM #046, CHM #046L (8 credits)
- Organic Chemistry I and Organic Chemistry II with labs
CHM #210 and CHM #211, #211L (8 credits)
- Biochemistry – BCH4024 (4 credits)

Biological Sciences

- Integrated Biology Core I and Biology Core II with labs
BSC #010, BSC #010L and BSC #011, BSC #011L (8 credits)
Note: BSC #010, BSC #010L and BSC #011, BSC #011L are preferred. If your school does not offer biology II with lab, botany or zoology will be accepted in place of biology II.
- Microbiology - MCB3020 (3 credits) Lab is not required
MCB 2010 is accepted from all Florida State Schools
Note: for Microbiology & Cell Science majors at UF, MCB 3023 will be accepted in place of MCB3020

Mathematics

- Analytical Geometry with Calculus I – MAC #311 (4 credits) and
- Statistics – STA 2023 (3 credits)

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Anatomy and Physiology

- **Anatomy & Physiology I and Anatomy & Physiology II with labs**
BSC #085, #085L and BSC #086, #086L (8 credits)
or
BSC #093, #093L and BSC #094, #094L (8 credits)

OR

- **Human Anatomy and Human Physiology with labs**
APK #100 and APK #105 (8 credits), formerly PET #320 and PET #350 (8 credits)
or
ZOO #733 and PCB #703 (8 credits)

OR

- **Functional Vertebrate Anatomy and Animal Physiology with labs**
ZOO #713C and PCB#723 (9 credits)

PharmCAS and the University of Florida - College of Pharmacy do not grant grade forgiveness. The UF College of Pharmacy does not have a time limit on when academic work would not be acceptable. It might be advantageous for a student who took pre-professional coursework 15 or 20 years ago to consider retaking coursework for audit or credit; but, it is not required.

Application Procedures

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Step 1- Apply to Pharmacy College Application Service (PharmCAS)

- Submit the required materials directly to PharmCAS: Official Transcripts
- PCAT Scores
- Two Letters of Recommendation (located on the PharmCAS website)

Step 2-Apply to the University of Florida

- Submit the UF application online: select >>Professional then Entry-Level PharmD

Step 3-Apply to the UF College of Pharmacy with the Personal Profile Essay/Campus Ranking

Pharmacy College Application Service (PharmCAS)

PharmCAS is a centralized application service that students must use to apply to the UF College of Pharmacy and many other pharmacy schools nationwide. There is a required base fee of \$150. Any additional school is \$55.

University of Florida Application: Professional -> Entry Level PharmD

This is required for ALL applicants, even current UF students. There is a required \$30 application fee. Complete this online application at <http://www.admissions.ufl.edu/start.html>.

Pharmacy College Admissions Test (PCAT)

The PCAT content has been changed effective for tests beginning in July 2012. The Admissions Committee prefers test scores from the most revised test. All test scores will be viewed by the Admissions Committee with primary attention to the highest one set of PCAT scores. Applicants are required to submit official test scores directly to PharmCAS each time the test is taken; use Pharmacy College Code Number 104.

PCAT scores sent directly to University of Florida College of Pharmacy are not accepted and will not be reviewed. For more information about the Pharmacy College Admissions Test, visit <http://www.pcatweb.info>.

Official Transcripts

Applicants must submit official directly to PharmCAS. Do NOT send transcripts to the UF College of Pharmacy at the time of application.

Letters of Recommendation

Applicants are required to submit two letters of recommendation. These are to go through the PharmCAS online application. Please refer to PharmCAS for additional details. Applicants should select references who will be motivated to write detailed comments about the applicant's character, motivation, service, communication skills, empathy/compassion, self-confidence, maturity, and aptitude for pharmacy studies.

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Personal Profile/Essay & Campus Ranking Form

This is required as the supplemental portion of the application for the University of Florida Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) program. The Doctor of Pharmacy program admits students for enrollment in the Fall semester among three different campus locations: Gainesville, Jacksonville, and Orlando. Students do not apply for admission to a particular campus. The Campus Ranking Form allows applicants to request their campus choice by ranking all four campuses in order of preference. Approximately 115 students are placed at the Gainesville campus, 55-60 at the Jacksonville Campus, and 70 at the Orlando Campus. The Admissions Committee determines campus placement by considering preferences, reasons, and resources. Although the Admissions Committee attempts to place students at their preferred campus, there is no guarantee that admitted students will be placed at their first campus choice.

*Make sure to enter your correct 11-digit PharmCAS ID.

**Applicants who currently attend or have been enrolled in another professional pharmacy program applying to transfer do not apply as a regular applicant. You are considered a Transfer Applicant. For further instructions, please view the Transfer Application Procedure.*

Helpful Links & Contact Information

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University of Florida – College of Pharmacy: Home Page

<http://pharmacy.ufl.edu/>

University of Florida – College of Pharmacy: Admissions Information

<http://pharmacy.ufl.edu/admissions>

Pharmacy College Application Service (PharmCAS)

<http://www.pharmacas.org/>

University of Florida – College of Pharmacy: Financial Aid Office

<http://pharmacy.ufl.edu/education/student-affairs/financial-aid/>

University of Florida – University Registrar

<http://www.registrar.ufl.edu/>

University of Florida – Information for Veterans

<http://registrar.ufl.edu/hubveterans.html>

University of Florida – International Center, International Student Services

<https://www.ufic.ufl.edu/iss/>

For additional questions regarding admissions requirements, please contact:

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