

# College of Pharmacy

As a pharmacy professional, you need to have excellent communication skills, the passion to make the patient “first”, and the ability to be responsible for your actions.

Graduates from accredited schools of pharmacy are able to prepare and dispense medication; consult with other healthcare professionals, provide medication therapy management, provide education, participate in clinical research and talk with patients about medications.

Pharmacy is a highly trusted profession and a vital part of the health care system. A pharmacy professional can have a direct impact on people’s lives and health. A career in pharmacy offers you diverse opportunities and excellent earning potential.

The ultimate goal of a pharmacy professional is to improve an individual’s quality of life. The study of pharmacy prepares you for such a life-long commitment.

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Applicants must complete all pre-pharmacy requirements with a grade of C or above and maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale to be considered for admission.
- Applicants are required to be in good standing at the college or university currently or last attended.

Although these are minimum requirement for admission, a majority of the applicants will have earned a considerably higher grade-point average and many will have completed a bachelor’s degree.

## COLLEGE REQUIREMENTS

- The online primary application is made available via PharmCAS (the Pharmacy Centralized Application Service): [www.pharmcas.org](http://www.pharmcas.org)
- The supplemental application is made available via the OUHSC online application website.
- All applicants are required to take the Pharmacy College Admission Test (PCAT), with results forwarded to the PharmCAS (Code 104). For more information on PCAT, please contact the Psychological Corporation at [www.pcatweb.info](http://www.pcatweb.info)
- Three letters of recommendation from professors, employers, or volunteer supervisors are required
- Applicants are responsible for the submission of official transcripts from each institution attended directly to PharmCAS
- A personal interview by invitation
- earn a minimum score of 550 (paper-based), 213 (computer-based), or 79 (internet-based) within two years prior to application on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) if English is the second language. TOEFL’s web address is <http://www.toefl.org>.
- Prerequisite courses are listed below:

### Math/Science Requirements

Calculus / 3 (hours)

Physics / 3

General Chemistry I w/Lab / 4-5

General Chemistry II w/Lab / 4-5

Organic Chemistry I Lecture / 3

Organic Chemistry II Lecture / 3

Organic Chemistry Lab / 2

Biological Sciences (4 hours must be microbiology w/Lab)\* 12-16

These are the minimum requirements. A preference will be given to applicants who have successfully completed a biochemistry course, upper-level sciences, statistics, both human anatomy and physiology and/or have received a bachelor’s degree.

\*In order to be best prepared for pharmacy school, it is highly recommended that applicants complete general biology, microbiology, and at least human anatomy or human physiology.

### Elective Requirements

English Composition / 6 (hours)

Electives\* / 24

\*Electives can be chosen from these subject areas: Fine Arts (non-performance based), History, Political Science, Anthropology, Humanities, Geography, Philosophy, Literature, Social Science, Behavioral Science, Foreign Language, Communications, and English. A maximum of six hours in statistics, business or computer science may be counted in the elective hours. Students are expected to have a computer proficiency level at or above basic word processing skills. Students are encouraged to select a diverse set of courses as preference is given to those with a broad-based educational background that includes a diversity component.



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## ADMISSION PROCEDURES

The University Of Oklahoma College Of Pharmacy participates in the PharmCAS online process. More information about the PharmCAS can be found at [www.pharmcas.org](http://www.pharmcas.org). The application deadline is December 1 of the year prior to the application term. Applicants who have questions regarding their pre-pharmacy education should contact their school's pre-professional advisor and/or the College of Pharmacy, Office of Student Affairs at (405) 271-6598.

Each applicant who files a complete application may expect a response when a decision is made. The College of Pharmacy uses a rolling admissions process. Failure to supply requested information, updated transcripts or current address may disqualify the applicant from further consideration.

An applicant receiving a letter of acceptance must submit a deposit within the designated time set forth in the letter to offer to hold his/her position in the class. This deposit will apply toward the first semester's tuition. The deposit is nonrefundable.

## THE INTERVIEW

When all materials have been received and evaluated, applicants may be invited for a personal interview. Travel and other expenses incurred by the applicant in connection with the interview are the applicant's responsibility.

Interviews are typically conducted during a half-day session. The OU College of Pharmacy uses the Multiple Mini Interview format for admission. Applicants complete a circuit of 8-10 stations focused on particular communication and interpersonal skills. Applicants will also participate in additional activities that day which will include a campus tour.

Interviews are conducted typically December-February. The full committee meets routinely throughout the process to discuss and make admission decisions. The committee may admit, deny or waitlist a candidate. Alternate candidates are offered positions in the class as they become available through the first week of August.

## GRADUATE REQUIREMENTS AND DEGREE AWARDED

The Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) degree will be awarded to the students who prior to graduation from the professional program meet published pre-pharmacy requisites and professional courses of the PharmD program.

## CAMPUSES

The College of Pharmacy has two campuses-one in Oklahoma City on the Health Sciences Center and one in Tulsa at the Schusterman Center campus. Applicants are encouraged to visit each campus. Applicants select their campus preference on their interview day if they are invited to interview.

## ACCREDITATION

The PharmD program of The University of Oklahoma College of Pharmacy is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). Graduates of this program are qualified to sit for the pharmacist licensure examination in all 50 states.

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