



Admissions -- 2010

Procedures and Policies

T. Patrick George, R.Ph.

Director of Professional Program Admissions

2009 Applicant Pool

- 1127 total applications
 - 259 from West Lafayette campus
 - 85 from other Indiana campuses
 - 783 from out-of-state colleges

2009 Admissions Summary Data

160 Students Admitted

Pre-pharmacy:

- 77% (123) Purdue / WL Campus
- 17% (28) Other Indiana Campuses
- 6% (9) Out-of-State

2009 Admissions

Residency:

- 69% (110) Indiana Resident
- 19% (31) Out-of-State
- 12% (19) International

2009 Admissions

Gender:

- 66% (105) Female
- 34% (55) Male

2009 Admissions

Ethnicity:

- Caucasian American: 75% (120)
- Other Ethnic Classifications: 25% (40)

Grades:

- Cumulative Average GPA: 3.67

Age:

- Average Age: 22 (19-39 range)

2010 Admissions

- We will admit 160 students
- We expect the application pool will be as competitive as in 2009

Admissions Time Table

- December 1, 2009 – PharmCAS Application due to PharmCAS, including evaluator names for letters of reference (eLORS)
- December 1, 2009 – Purdue Supplemental Application due; send directly to Purdue
- December 15-February 1, PharmCAS academic update window
- February 22-26, 2010 – Interview Week
- Late-March – Initial Decisions
- May – Initial Decisions reviewed
- May through August – Wait List Decisions

PharmCAS

- www.pharmcas.org
- May apply to multiple pharmacy schools
- Cost: \$150 (1), \$190 (2), \$230 (3)... \$3,390 (82)
*suggest no more than 3-4 schools; about 33% of applicants receive an offer
- Transcripts must be sent to PharmCAS by December 1 for Purdue (transcript request form at PharmCAS web site)
- Important: Have Fall 2009 transcripts sent to PharmCAS again at end of semester with grades (and do academic update)

PharmCAS (cont.)

- International transcripts evaluated by schools
- PharmCAS accepts reference letters for most schools (eLORS)
- Update contact info. with PharmCAS and schools until May 1; then directly with schools
- Submit PharmCAS application early (for shorter processing time—up to 5 weeks)

Purdue Supplemental Application

- Supplemental Application form, Admissions Form 9, and instructions on School web site:
- www.pharmacy.purdue.edu
- Supplemental application and Form 9 are fillable PDF forms (fill in, print off, and mail)
- If PDF is not used, forms are expected to be neatly typed (word processed)
- Purdue does not require the PCAT
- Late applications not considered

Application Screening Factors in December-January

- Overall GPA (generally > 3.10 for Purdue and Indiana campuses; > 3.25 out-of-state transfers).
- Performance in core science courses (excludes English & economics)
- Students with four or more core science grades of $< B-$ or more than one repeated core science course will not be invited for an interview
- A core science “D” or “F” in the Fall 2009 semester will disqualify you from further consideration
- A semester with three or more core science grades of $< B-$ will also disqualify you (excludes first year pre-pharmacy)
- Students may take no more than one pre-pharmacy core science course in summer 2010 (first attempt only, not to repeat a course).

Admission Consideration Factors

- Admission decision review takes place in May
- Students with 4 or more core science grades of < B- at end of spring semester will most likely have admission/wait list status withdrawn
- A “D” or “F” grade or 3 “C” grades in core science courses during the spring 2010 semester will result in withdrawal of status
- Anatomy and physiology and organic chemistry grades may be weighed more heavily in decisions

Beyond Academic Performance

- Solid grades are necessary, but not sufficient, to ensure admission consideration
- Application evaluation score is important
- Interview results are important for final decisions
- Minimum levels on each of the three components (grades/application/interview) are established
- We accept the 160 students with the best overall qualifications

Application Evaluation

- Recommendations
- Responses to Short Answer Questions
- Leadership / Organizations
- Work Experience
- Pharmacy Career Path Exploration
- Volunteer / Service Experience

Interviews

- Will interview about 275 of the most qualified applicants
- 20 minute interview with admissions committee member and a faculty/staff member
- Video-recorded oral communication exercise
- Written paragraph and English usage quiz
- Interaction with upper-class students

Interview Focus Areas

- Personal appearance and manner
- Approach to academics / affiliations
- Self-development strengths and weaknesses
- Passion for pharmacy / profession
- Interpersonal and verbal abilities
- Other questions about your activities and interests

Admission Offers

- Admission status is determined by the end of March
- 160 students will be admitted at that time
- About 80 students will be offered positions on a ranked waiting list
- Remaining interviewed students will be denied further consideration

Admission Offers (cont.)

- As positions become available, students will be admitted from the ranked waiting list

(availability occurs due to withdrawals, poor academic performance, inability to complete pre-requisites, missed deposit deadline, etc.)

General Advice

- Follow all directions for applications and pay close attention to deadlines
- Do not forget Admission Form 9 when sending the Purdue Supplemental Application
- Review your application for accuracy
- Make copies of your PharmCAS and Purdue Supplemental Application for future reference
- Pay attention to spelling, grammar and neatness
- Send your fall transcript to PharmCAS as soon as possible

What if I am Not Admitted?

- Students may apply again, but need to self-assess to understand why they were not competitive at Purdue
- Admission criteria vary among pharmacy schools, so consider other options
- However, solid grades are required by all schools
- Pre-pharmacy credits do transfer to other majors on campus if you decide to make a change

Career Planning Advice

- Contact your advisor for advice and options
- Make use of on-campus career planning and exploration resources recommended by advisor
- Think about whether your goal is a Purdue degree in some field or a pharmacy degree (but not necessarily from Purdue)

Helpful Web Sites

- www.pharmacy.purdue.edu
 - supplemental application materials/instructions
- www.pharmcas.org
 - application and instructions
- www.pcatweb.info
 - for applicants to other schools
- www.aacp.org
 - information on pharmacy and links to other pharmacy schools



Questions??