Pharm D Admission

The Purdue University Doctor of Pharmacy Admissions Committee will strive to admit the most qualified students with the character and integrity to accept the responsibility of becoming a knowledgeable professional dedicated to maximizing local, national, and global health outcomes through comprehensive and compassionate patient care and public service to diverse patient populations. The admitted student will possess evidence of academic readiness for, and commitment to, growth in the learning goals of the professional curricula, community volunteer service and leadership experience, and quality verbal and written communication ability as well as interpersonal capabilities.

Prior to admission into the Purdue University professional pharmacy program, students must have completed all Pre-Pharmacy program requirements, and no more than one pre-pharmacy course can be scheduled for completion in the immediately preceding summer school semester. An exception to this is Pharmacy Orientation I and II (PHRM 10000 and PHRM 20000), which are not required for admission for students who did not attend Purdue’s West Lafayette campus. International transfer credit is accepted. However, the two semesters each of organic chemistry and anatomy/physiology, and one semester each of biochemistry and immunology, must be completed in the United States, regardless of whether they have been taken previously.

Application Process

Students applying for admission into the PharmD program must complete an application through the Pharmacy College Application Service, known as PharmCAS. The deadline is December 1st, for admission into the class starting in the following Fall. Students must provide PharmCAS with an updated official transcript that includes your fall semester grades as soon as they are available. PharmCAS will not release your application to us until this is done. In addition, any applicant completing coursework in the Fall but not attending Purdue University (West Lafayette, Calumet, Fort Wayne, or North Central) should submit a copy of their Fall semester grade report immediately upon receipt to the Purdue College of Pharmacy. These should be mailed to:

Chair, Committee on Admissions
College of Pharmacy
Purdue University
575 Stadium Mall Drive
Room 104A
West Lafayette, IN 47907-2091

All applicants must also complete a Purdue Pharmacy Supplemental application. The supplemental application is due by December 1st and is available through this web site. A non-refundable application fee of $55.00 must be submitted by any applicant that has never attended Purdue University (West Lafayette, Calumet, Fort Wayne, or North Central campuses). This application fee will not be waived under any circumstances, and must be paid online by credit card. If you have any questions about the supplemental application, please contact admissions@pharmacy.purdue.edu.

Two letters of reference are required in each applicant's PharmCAS application and recommender contact information must be submitted to PharmCAS by December 1st.

Applicants must submit all materials by the December 1st deadline to be guaranteed consideration for admission. In general, late applications are not considered.
Note: PCAT scores are neither required nor used in the admissions process.

**Admissions Decision Factors**

Admissions decisions by the Admissions Committee involve consideration of several factors including:

- Evidence of academic readiness for, and commitment to, growth in the learning goals of the professional curricula.
- Evidence of community volunteer service and leadership experience.
- Evidence of quality verbal and written communication ability as well as interpersonal capabilities.
- Evidence of knowledge about pharmacy and initiative to learn more about pharmacy and career path options.
- Applicant's initiative to seek out firsthand knowledge about various pharmacy practice environments.
- Cumulative grade point average for all coursework taken after high school (suggested minimum 3.00)
- Performance in Pre-Pharmacy core math/science courses (biology, chemistry, biochemistry, immunology, calculus, physics, and statistics) will be critically reviewed. A grade of C- or higher must be earned in all Pre-Pharmacy core math/science courses.
- Previous work experience.
- Two letters of recommendation (required).
- Applicant-supplied information and statements on the application form.
- Personal interview with representatives of the Admissions Committee. Each applicant given final consideration for acceptance will be interviewed at least once by one or two faculty or professional staff members.
- Extemporaneous writing and verbal communication exercises.
- Completeness of application forms.

**Action on Applicants**

The Admissions Committee will select the best qualified applicants for the PharmD program based on a composite assessment of the characteristics stated above.

All applications will initially be reviewed for evidence of basic qualifications for admission to the professional program, and those most qualified will be invited for a personal interview. All interviews will be conducted on the West Lafayette campus in the College of Pharmacy, near the end of February through the beginning of March. Letters of invitation for an interview will specify the date and time. It will be the student's responsibility to arrange his or her other commitments in order to be available at the assigned time. Each applicant will also be asked to participate in two brief exercises to provide evidence of extemporaneous writing and verbal communication ability.

The Admissions Committee will then thoroughly evaluate the application materials pertaining to each applicant in arriving at a rank ordering of applicants based on overall qualifications. Admissions will be granted to the 150 most highly qualified applicants at the end of March. The next most highly qualified applicants will have their names placed on a rank-ordered waiting list to compete for residual spaces available at the end of the spring semester or quarter.

Some students will not be admitted. They will be referred to appropriate advising offices for assistance in choosing other areas of study.

All admitted students will again be reviewed at the end of the spring semester or quarter. Those
students whose academic performance has slipped below the acceptable level established by the Admissions Committee will most likely have their admission offer withdrawn.

**Confirmation of Admission**

If you receive a letter containing an offer of admission to the College, it must be accepted within 14 days of the date of the letter.

All students must make an advance, non-refundable deposit of $400 on or after April 2nd. Students admitted after April 2nd will have 14 days from the date on the letter of offer to pay the deposit.

Off-campus students who are admitted must submit the following to Purdue:

- One unofficial copy of your Spring semester grade report as soon as it is available. Fax it to (765) 494-7880 or e-mail it to: admissions@pharmacy.purdue.edu.

- One official copy of your college transcript(s) showing all courses completed with grades (including Spring semester or quarter grades). Mail to:

  Chair, Committee on Admissions  
  College of Pharmacy  
  Purdue University  
  575 Stadium Mall Drive, Room 104A  
  West Lafayette, IN 47907-2091

There will be an orientation program during the week just prior to the beginning of classes that all admitted off-campus students are expected to attend. Additional orientation activities will occur during the first week of classes. Admitted students will receive information on this program during the month of July.

Prior to beginning the professional program, it is necessary for students to be inoculated against and have evidence of the absence of tuberculosis, measles, rubella, hepatitis B, and varicella (chicken pox). The hepatitis B vaccine series takes 6 months and, therefore, the student may not have it completed until the middle to end of the first professional year. Students may elect to sign a waiver in lieu of receiving the hepatitis B series. Students are responsible for the arrangement and payment of any medical inoculations.

Students are required to produce a satisfactory criminal background check conducted by Certiphi Screening at a charge of $25.00 to accepted PharmCAS applicants.