The Doctor of Pharmacy Program

The Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) is a four-year professional degree. The classroom, lab, and experiential requirements provide students with the educational background to enter any field of pharmacy practice. Upon graduation, students are eligible to take the pharmacy licensing examination. Or they may choose to move on to graduate-level studies in pharmacy or related fields. PharmD graduates may also pursue post-graduate residency programs in general or specialty practice areas. To be considered for entrance into the PharmD program, applicants must have successfully completed Purdue College of Pharmacy’s two-year [Pre-Pharmacy Program](https://www.pharmacy.purdue.edu) or the equivalent coursework at another accredited institution.

Purdue College of Pharmacy is consistently ranked in the top ten pharmacy programs in the U.S. and boasts an extremely distinguished 85-member faculty renowned for both its cutting-edge work in pharmaceutical research and for developing educational curricula used in pharmacy programs around the world. Students benefit from an integrated, hands-on approach, learning valuable lessons not just in classrooms and laboratories, but also in a two-semester series of rotations in hospitals, pharmacies, and other real-world settings for pharmaceutical professionals.

Doing your Pre-Pharmacy work through Purdue’s condensed two-year program can save you up to two years of study and student loan debt, as well as get onto the job market two years faster. That’s a big part of the reason why Purdue PharmD graduates have less debt upon completion of their degree than PharmD students from any other Big Ten pharmacy program.

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