



Admissions -- 2020

PharmD Admissions Process

Statistics and Advice

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- **Be responsible and accountable for my actions and personally manage and respond to all matters related to my application.**

2019 Applicant Pool

- 380 total applications
 - 206 West Lafayette campus
 - 34 Other Indiana campuses
 - 140 Out-of-state campuses

2019 Admissions Summary Data

150 Students Admitted

Pre-pharmacy:

- 95% 143 West Lafayette Campus
- 4% 6 Other Indiana Campuses
- 1% 1 Out-of-State Campuses

2019 Admissions

Residency:

- 69% 103 Indiana Resident
- 31% 46 Out-of-State Resident
- <1% 1 International

2019 Admissions

Gender:

- 64% 96 Female
- 36% 54 Male

2019 Admissions

Ethnicity:

• African American	6%	9
• Asian American	25%	38
• Caucasian American	65%	97
• American Indian	<1%	1
• Hispanic American	2%	3
• Multicultural	<1%	1
• International	<1%	1

Grades:

• Cumulative Average GPA	3.50
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Age:

• Average Age	20	19-37 range
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2020 Admissions

- Our goal is to admit 150 students
- We expect the application pool to remain competitive

Admissions Time Table

- January 6, 2020 – PharmCAS Application due to PharmCAS
 - Evaluations (also known as letters of reference or recommendation letters) should be received by PharmCAS by this same deadline

Admissions Time Table (cont.)

- Mid-February – Interview Letters
- Late-February – Interviews
- Late-March to Early-April – Initial Decisions
- May (Spring grades post) – Initial Decisions reviewed
- May through August – Waiting List Decisions

PharmCAS

- PharmCAS application processing time
 - Up to 5 weeks; not likely to hear about interview until mid-Feb.
- International transcripts evaluated by the colleges
- Update contact info. with PharmCAS and colleges until May 1 (then directly with colleges)

Application Screening Factors

- Overall GPA (historically > 3.00 for Purdue and Indiana campuses; > 3.30 out-of-state, off-campus applicants)
- Performance in prepharmacy core math/science courses (excludes English, economics, and speech)
 - Modest number of repeats/withdrawals
- A core math/science “D” or “F” in the Fall 2019 semester may disqualify you from further consideration; cannot be on academic probation (< 2.00)
- Students may take no more than one prepharmacy core math/science course in Summer 2020 (course completion deadline is August 10, 2020)

Admission Consideration Factors

- Admission decision review takes place in May
- A core math/science “D” or “F” in the Spring 2020 semester may cause admission/wait list status to be withdrawn; cannot be on academic probation (< 2.00)
- A cumulative total of 60 semester credit hours (includes advanced placement, department credit, pass/not pass, etc.) must be completed by the end of Summer 2020

Beyond Academic Performance

- Solid grades are necessary, but not sufficient, to ensure admission consideration
- Application evaluation score is important
- Interview results are equally important
- Minimum acceptable levels on each of the three components (grades/application/interview) are established by the Admissions Committee
- Our goal is to accept 150 students with the best overall qualifications

Application Assessment

- PharmCAS application:
 - Evaluations
 - electronic letters of recommendation
 - PharmCAS Personal Essay
 - Leadership (Organizational Involvement)
 - Volunteer Service (Social Responsibility)
 - Pharmacy Career Exploration (Passion)
 - Work Experience (Engagement)

Interviews

- Will interview about 250 of the most qualified applicants
 - Interaction with upper-class students
 - Video-recorded oral communication exercise
 - English usage quiz and writing sample
 - 30 minute, closed-file interview with admissions committee member and a faculty/staff member

Interview Focus Areas

- Personal appearance and manner
- Approach to learning
- Self-development strengths and weaknesses
- Knowledge of the profession
- Interpersonal and verbal abilities
- Explanation of ideas
- Experience working with others
- Life balance
- Poise

Admission Offers

- Admission status is determined by late-March or early-April
- Our goal is to admit 150 students at that time
- About 50 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, incomplete or failed criminal background check, missed deposit deadline, etc.

General Advice

- Follow all directions for applications and pay close attention to deadlines
- Review your application for accuracy and completeness
- Print copies of your PharmCAS Application for future reference
- Pay attention to spelling and grammar
- Login to your PharmCAS application to check the status of your transcripts, evaluation letters, etc.
- Reminder - public social media accounts will be reviewed