

For Entry Level Pharm.D. Applicants

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Pharmacy College Admissions Test (PCAT)

The Pharmacy College Admissions Test (PCAT) is required of all applicants. Applicants should arrange to take this test in October, November and/or January prior to the fall semester for which application is made. The test is given at several locations throughout the state and information may be obtained from the Psychological Corporation website: www.pcatweb.info. The PCAT may be taken more than once at the discretion of the applicant.

Selection

All applicants with a grade point average of 2.00, or above, on their overall college record and a minimum grade of "C" in each of the pre-pharmacy course requirements, are eligible for admission to the College of Pharmacy. No applicant interview will be scheduled until the application folder is complete. Applicants will be ranked according to overall GPA and all applicants with completed folders will be invited for a personal interview. Selection of students will be made on the basis of the applicant's previous scholastic and aptitude records, personal interview, recommendations, essay and PCAT scores in comparison with those of other applicants. Applicants must have completed at least eight hours of General Chemistry I and II (six hours of lecture and two hours of lab) and four hours of Organic Chemistry I (three hours of lecture and one hour of lab) with a grade of "C" or better by the February 1 application deadline.

Residency

Although the College of Pharmacy is authorized to accept a limited number of nonresident applicants provided no qualified resident of Arkansas is displaced, we currently have far more Arkansas residents applying than available space and therefore nonresident applicants will not be interviewed or considered. Please note that being declared a resident for purposes of tuition at any Arkansas college does not imply that the applicant would be declared a resident for purposes of admission to the College of Pharmacy. If there is any question concerning an applicant's residency status, the applicant may be asked to complete a Residency Evaluation Form.

Acceptance

Regular meetings of the Admissions Committee will begin after the deadlines for submission of applications. All applicants will be notified of the disposition of their application in April. If an applicant has been accepted, he/she may be denied admission prior to or at the time of enrollment if (1) he/she fails to keep his/her file current; (2) the grade point average shows a significant drop or the applicant receives a grade of "D" or "F" in any course during the spring semester or summer session; (3) information is received indicating that his/her character is such that he/she is not suited for the responsibility and privileges found in the practice of pharmacy. If an applicant is not admitted and desires to make application in subsequent years, the applicant may re-apply and pay the \$25.00 record analysis fee with each application.

English Proficiency

Any applicant not born in the United States or a country where English is the official language must furnish proof of English language proficiency and academic skill proficiency by March 1st for consideration for admission for the fall semester. This requirement includes all applicants regardless of citizenship or visa status.

English proficiency is demonstrated by presenting a score of a least 213 on the computerized international Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) including a score of 4.0 on the Essay Rating or Test of Written English (TWE), earned within the past two years. Information on testing sites and scheduling may be obtained from the TOEFL website: TOEFL.org. Tests must be scheduled from two to four weeks in advance with the results sent to the College of Pharmacy fifteen (15) working days after the exam is taken. TOEFL scores must be received by March 1 of the application year.

International Students

International students must meet the appropriate English Proficiency requirements listed above. An applicant who is not a citizen of the United States must follow the normal admissions procedure, including requirements pertaining to applicants whose first language is not English.

International applicants must also meet the requirements to be considered a resident of Arkansas for purposes of admission to the UAMS College of Pharmacy. A student on any temporary visa, including an F1 visa, will be classified as a foreign student and hence a non-resident of the state of Arkansas for purposes of admission. An applicant must submit a copy of their resident alien or permanent resident card with their application and present the original to the Registrar at the time of interview. Please note that residency status at an undergraduate Arkansas institution for purposes of tuition does not imply that the applicant would be considered a resident for purposes of admission to the College of Pharmacy.

Since only the professional courses are taught on the UAMS campus, applicants will first have to meet the requirements for enrollment and be enrolled at an accredited undergraduate institution. Credit for degrees or coursework earned at a foreign institution may be granted by an accredited undergraduate institution. However, no more than six hours of such credit may be applied towards the pre-pharmacy requirements for admission to the UAMS College of Pharmacy. This credit must appear as specific course equivalents on the undergraduate transcript.

NorthWest Arkansas Community College 10/06
University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences College of Pharmacy Courses
Satisfying Pre-pharmacy Requirements for Applicants for Fall 2008 and later

CORE Courses – no more than 8 semester hours of CLEP, AP credit or credit by examination which must appear as credit on the transcript will be accepted to meet the CORE pre-pharmacy course requirements. It is recommended that CORE courses are taken during the regular academic year.

Mathematics -- 3 to 5 Semester Hours

Calculus I (not survey, business or pre-calculus) MATH 2554

Chemistry -- 16 Semester Hours

College Chemistry I and lab (3 hrs lecture, 1 hr lab), CHEM 1104

College Chemistry II and lab (3 hrs lecture, 1 hr lab), CHEM 1134

Organic Chemistry I and lab (3 hrs lecture, 1 hr lab) must be taken elsewhere

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Biology -- 8 Semester Hours

Principles of Biology, BIOL 1544

Cell Biology, BIOL 2533 and BIOL 2531

Microbiology, BIOL 2014

Physics -- 4 Semester Hours

College Physics I, PHYS 2014

NON CORE Courses – No more than 12 semester hours of CLEP, AP credit, or credit by examination which must appear as credit on the transcript will be accepted to meet the NON CORE pre-pharmacy course requirements.

English/Communication Area -- 9 Semester Hours

English Composition I and II, ENGL 1013 and 1023

Fundamentals of Communication, COMM1313

Economics -- 3 Semester Hours

Choose from: Macroeconomics, ECON 2013

Microeconomics, ECON 2023 or Principles of Accounting I, ACCT 2013

Critical Thinking/Problem Solving -- 3 classes, minimum of 9 semester hours

Choose from: Calculus II – MATH 2564, College Physics II – Physics 2034, and

Introduction to Logic, PHIL 2203

Humanities Electives -- to total 65 Semester Hours

Choose from: Survey courses in Art, Music, Theater, Literature, Philosophy, Religion, Foreign or Sign Language (Spanish is recommended if available), Psychology, Sociology, Anthropology, Geography, US or World History, Political Science or Ethics.

Courses which do not meet the Humanities Elective requirements are courses in: Health, Physical Education, Business, Science, Military Science, Education, Studio courses in Art, Music or Theater, Computer Science, Agriculture or any remedial course.

No course can be used to satisfy the requirements in more than one area. It is recommended that all courses with a lab are taken in person rather than on-line or by distance education. University declared exemptions from certain courses, e.g. English Comp I and /or II, or other courses which may be pre-pharmacy requirements; do not mean the UAMS College of Pharmacy pre-pharmacy requirement has been satisfied. Admission to the College of Pharmacy requires sixty-nine hours of specific transfer credits and unless credits in semester hours are given on a transcript, students will still have to meet the pre-pharmacy requirements of transferable hours for admission to the College of Pharmacy.

If you have questions about pre-pharmacy requirements, please contact the pre-pharmacy advisor on your campus or the UAMS College of Pharmacy Registrar's office (510-686-6499) or email: orearkathym@uams.edu

General Admissions Information

All communications regarding entrance for professional studies in pharmacy at the University of Arkansas should be addressed to the Registrar, College of Pharmacy - #522, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, 4301 West Markham, Little Rock, Arkansas 72205-7122.

Applications are accepted no later than February 1 of each year for the class entering the following fall semester. A \$25.00 record analysis fee that is neither refundable nor credited toward registration fees must accompany this application. The completed application should be mailed to the Registrar, College of Pharmacy - #522, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, 4301 W. Markham, Little Rock, Arkansas 72205-7122. A complete list of dates for the current admissions cycle is found on this website.