2012-2013 College of Pharmacy – Orlando Campus

FAQs for Prospective Students

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We are open Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm.

Where are you located?
We have recently moved to our beautiful new facility located right off SR-417 (exit 19) in Orlando, Florida. Our new campus name and address is:

The University of Florida Research and Academic Center at Lake Nona
6550 Sanger Road
Orlando, FL 32827

The Administrative Office is located in Suite 420.

How is the new campus different from the previous one?
Our new campus encompasses research students from the different colleges of the University of Florida as well as UF College of Pharmacy students in the academic section of the building. An MTM call center will be stationed in the facility providing medication therapy management for patients.

What is the University of Florida College of Pharmacy’s accreditation status?
The Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE) is the national agency that accredits professional degree programs in pharmacy as well as continuing pharmacy education providers. The University of Florida College of Pharmacy has maintained full accreditation status.

Why should I choose the University of Florida College of Pharmacy?
In 2008, the College of Pharmacy was rated tied at the 7th rank among the best colleges of pharmacy in the U.S. via a survey by U.S. News & World Report.

The traditional Entry-Level Doctor of Pharmacy degree curriculum taught in four Florida cities is for students seeking first admission into the pharmacy profession. In 2002, the College of
Pharmacy implemented three off-campus sites in Jacksonville, Orlando, and St. Petersburg for the delivery of the Doctor of Pharmacy degree in order to address the shortage of pharmacists in the state of Florida. Students may complete degree requirements at one of four Florida campuses: Gainesville, Jacksonville, Orlando, St. Petersburg. The Working Professional Pharm.D. program was developed for licensed pharmacists in the United States or Canada. It offers a part-time, three-year curriculum to working professionals who have a B.S. Pharmacy degree and are seeking academic and clinical training to earn the advanced doctor of pharmacy degree.

**Graduate education** is offered in five research departments within the UF College of Pharmacy. Each department represents a focused area within pharmaceutical science.

- Medicinal Chemistry
- Pharmaceuticals Outcomes and Policy
- Pharmaceutics
- Pharmacodynamics
- Pharmacotherapy and Translational Research

**Joint degree programs** are also offered within the College of Pharmacy for those individuals seeking to extend their educational and professional understanding of pharmacy. The following are offered as joint degree programs:

- PharmD-BS in Nutritional Science
- PharmD-JD (Juris Doctorate, Levin College of Law at UF)
- PharmD-MBA (Masters of Business Administration)
- PharmD-MPH (Masters of Public Health)
- PharmD-PhD

**Why should I choose the Orlando campus?**
Our beautiful new campus is located in an up-and-coming part of Orlando. Our state of the art classrooms provide an enhanced learning experience with knowledgeable and friendly faculty and staff at your side. We are minutes away from newly developed hospitals that will enhance our learning of the pharmacy profession. We are close to the attractions and fine restaurants if you want to spend time with your fellow pharmacy friends on the weekend.

**How many students are accepted at the Orlando campus?**
Approximately 70 students are now being accepted into the Orlando program each year, with a total of 280 students working to become licensed pharmacists.

**Do I need a bachelor’s degree before applying to UF College of Pharmacy?**
No, a minimum of an Associate of Arts (AA) is required along with completed general education requirements plus completion of pre-professional courses. For more information on specific admission requirements, please visit our website at [www.cop.ufl.edu](http://www.cop.ufl.edu).

**What are the requirements to apply to the University of Florida College of Pharmacy (PharmD) program?**

- Minimum of an Associate of Arts (AA) degree (a baccalaureate degree from a UF-recognized, accredited institution completes this requirement)
- Pre-professional courses [http://www.cop.ufl.edu/education/student-affairs/admissions/admission-requirements](http://www.cop.ufl.edu/education/student-affairs/admissions/admission-requirements)
- Pharmacy College Admissions Test (PCAT) [http://www.pcatweb.info](http://www.pcatweb.info)
• Foreign Language – either 2 years in high school, 2 sequential semesters in college or TOEFL iBT scores (if English is not your native language) http://www.ets.org

How do I know if a course is equivalent?
In-state public institutions: The course prefix and the last three digits must be the same (e.g. CHM 2045=CHM 1045)

Out-of-state or private institutions: The course title must be the same/similar or course description must show to be equivalent. For example: General Chemistry I = Fundamentals of Chemistry or Chemistry I, etc. When in doubt, compare your course description with those for the University of Florida courses https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/Pages/course-descriptions.aspx.

How much is tuition?
Information on tuition and fees for the 2012-2013 year has been posted on our website along with financial aid and student affairs information.

Where can I get help finding housing in Orlando?
We currently do not offer any on-campus university housing at the Orlando campus. The majority of our students commute to campus. Orlando provides a wide variety of housing options and most of our students choose to live in the Orlando area based on their lifestyle preference, budget, and commute. The best resources to use if you are looking for housing are online apartment finder search engines.

How many times per week are students on campus?
This varies and students may be on campus on an average of 2 to 4 times per week.

Why do students come to campus?
Students come to campus for exams, quizzes, class meetings, small group discussions, case presentations, review sessions, student organization meetings, etc. Lectures are watched at home via the UF Sakai system.

What are the computer requirements for pharmacy school?
All the student computer requirements for all computer, internet, software, operating systems, security, and accessories can be found on the UF College of Pharmacy website at www.cop.ufl.edu.