

College of Pharmacy

Doctor of Pharmacy Program



Admission Requirements

- Associate of Arts (AA) or higher degree (must complete general education requirements)
 - Completion of pre-professional course requirements
 - Pharmacy College Admission Test (PCAT)
 - Foreign language required in high school (2 yrs), or college (8-10 cr), or TOEFL iBT score
 - Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) – if English is your second language
 - **TOEFL (<http://www.ets.org/toefl/>) iBT version** with a minimum composite score of 80, but 100 or higher is preferred. *For each subject area, the following minimum score is required: Reading = 20+, Listening = 20+, Speaking = 25+, Writing = 23+*
 - Submission of ALL application materials by the application deadline including: *
 - UF online application for admission – Select *Entry Level - Professional PharmD*
 - PharmCAS application – Submit official transcripts and PCAT scores
 - Two letters of recommendation (available through PharmCAS website)
 - Personal Profile & Essay/Campus Ranking Form (submit online through UF College of Pharmacy website)
- *Only completed files will be reviewed. Application Procedures located at www.cop.ufl.edu/studaff.*
- Interviews - Once the Admissions Committee reviews the applicants file, selected candidates will be notified via email inviting the applicant for an interview.
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Admission Information

We admit approximately 300 students once per year, in the fall semester. There were approximately 1,600 PharmCAS applications for the fall 2009 admission term. The Admissions Committee considers several basic factors when reviewing applications:

1. **Science GPA**—This is determined by calculating the GPA from **all** science courses. It is not the same as your cumulative GPA or an overall math/science GPA. The average science GPA for the admitted fall 2009 class was a 3.48; the range was approximately 3.0 to 4.0. *The minimum required science GPA to apply is a 2.5, however the competitive is a 3.0-4.0.* The University of Florida does not allow grade forgiveness, which means that grades for multiple attempts for the same course number will be averaged together for that course. Dropped courses are indicated as a "W" and are not factored into the GPA since a grade was not earned. We do accept AP/IB credits for pre-professional courses, but there is no grade value assigned for those courses, so they cannot be factored into the GPA.
2. **PCAT—Pharmacy College Admissions Test**—If you take the test multiple times, only the highest set of scores is considered. It is advisable to take the PCAT after completing the majority of the pre-professional courses for best preparation. At the minimum, you should have completed General Chemistry I & II, Biology I & II, and Calculus I; and you should at least be enrolled in Organic Chemistry I when you take the PCAT. The average PCAT score for the admitted fall 2009 class was at the 80th percentile and ranged from about the 60th to 99th percentile on the composite score. *The minimum required PCAT score to apply is at the 50th percentile, however a competitive score for review is generally between the 70th-99th percentile composite.* Please visit www.pcatweb.info for registration dates, deadlines, and test locations.
3. **Personal Profile & Essays**—The personal profile reveals your thoughts about your strengths as a person as well as areas of personal development you believe you need to improve. The essays communicate your motivation, goals, circumstances, and experiences related to a pharmacy career. Students should focus on providing complete and in-depth information in response to the questions and essay topics in PharmCAS and the supplemental UF College of Pharmacy online forms.
4. **Letters of Recommendation**—Two letters are required from separate references. The Admissions Committee prefers letters from (1) a pharmacist and (2) a science professor. A reference can be anyone that knows you well who is not a relative, so it may be a supervisor or other professional. Of course, the content of the letter is more important than the title or position of your reference. Applicants should select individuals who will be motivated to write detailed comments concerning the applicant's character, motivation, communication skills, empathy/compassion, service, aptitude for pharmacy studies, maturity, and self-confidence.
5. **Extracurricular Activities**—Examples include involvement in student organizations, community service, volunteering, and work experience. Leadership experiences are highly valued. If involvement during high school is not in your distant past at the time of application, you may also include activities from high school. Although pharmacy experience is not a requirement for admission, it is strongly recommended. The experience gained by being exposed to pharmacy practice is invaluable and also provides the opportunity to establish a relationship with a pharmacist that may later be used as a reference.

Pre-professional Course Requirements

In-class lecture and lab formats are preferable for completion of pre-professional coursework. Online pre-professional coursework involving sciences with labs may be accepted. Online coursework in subjects such as English, history, social studies, humanities, and mathematics are acceptable. **An in-class course on public speaking is preferred.**

Please note that where the “#” is indicated, the number is variable. At public institutions in Florida, the course prefix and last three digits of a course number will match exactly among institutions even though the course title may vary. For example, CHM#045 may be CHM1045 or CHM2045, but it is the same course.

Chemistry

General Chemistry I and General Chemistry II with labs
CHM #045, #045L and CHM #046, CHM #046L (8 credits)

Organic Chemistry

Organic Chemistry I and Organic Chemistry II with labs
CHM #210 and CHM #211, #211L (8 credits)

Biological Sciences

Integrated Biology Core I and Biology Core II with labs
BSC #010, BSC #010L and BSC #011, BSC #011L (8 credits)

Note: BSC #010, BSC #010L and BSC #011, BSC #011L are preferred but introduction courses in zoology and botany are acceptable. However, grades in zoology and botany cannot replace grades received in the BSC #010 and BSC #011 course and lab sequence for calculation of the science GPA.

Physics

General Physics I and General Physics II with labs
PHY #053, PHY #053L and PHY #054, PHY #054L (8-10 credits)

OR

Physics with Calculus I and Physics with Calculus II with labs
PHY #048, PHY #048L and PHY #049 and PHY #049L (8-10 credits)

Anatomy and Physiology

Anatomy and Physiology I and Anatomy and Physiology II with labs
BSC #085, #085L and BSC #086, #086L (8 credits)
or BSC #093, #093L and BSC #094, #094L (8 credits)

OR

Human Anatomy and Human Physiology with labs
APK #100 and APK #105 (8 credits), formerly PET #320 and PET #350 (8 credits)
or ZOO #733 and PCB #703 (8 credits)

OR

Functional Vertebrate Anatomy and Animal Physiology with labs
ZOO #713C and PCB#723 (9 credits)

Mathematics

Analytical Geometry with Calculus I
MAC #311 (4 credits)

Public Speaking

Public Speaking
SPC #608 (formerly SPC #600)

OR

Effective Oral Communication
AEE #030

*PharmCAS and the University of Florida College of Pharmacy **do not grant grade forgiveness.** Therefore, all grades for the same course number will be averaged together.*