The four-year Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) program educates students to become generalist pharmacy practitioners. About half of all graduates pursue a residency or other advanced training, and go into hundreds of different career areas! The average starting salary is about $120,000.

During the first three years of the PharmD program, students have classes that focus on providing patient care as the medication expert on the healthcare team. The fourth year consists of advanced rotations in many areas of pharmacy.

Students can customize elective courses towards a leadership or research emphasis area. There are also MBA or MPH dual degrees offered which save you time and money while expanding your career options.

There are plenty of international opportunities as well with elective courses, rotations and mission trips in Germany, Haiti, Mexico, Portugal, and Tanzania. Students are also highly involved in many different pharmacy organizations and community outreach activities.

Experience Pharmacy

Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD)
The medication expert on the healthcare team
Steps to Apply

1. Prerequisite courses. Be on track to complete all courses before you would enroll in the PharmD program. A bachelor’s degree (any major) is recommended.

2. PCAT. Take the Pharmacy College Admissions Test (PCAT) after you have completed most of the math and science prerequisites. Be sure to register at least two months ahead of time and send your scores to PharmCAS.

3. PharmCAS application. This national application to pharmacy schools opens in July and the University of Minnesota uses the February PharmCAS deadline. However, due to rolling admissions it is best to submit your application early. The PharmCAS application includes all your official transcripts, PCAT scores, personal statement, letters of recommendation (three required), work experience and extracurricular experience.

4. Supplemental application. When the University of Minnesota receives your verified PharmCAS application and you meet the minimum academic requirement (3.0 overall GPA or 3.2 in most recent 60 credits or 70% composite PCAT), you will receive access to the supplemental application by email. This part of the application includes a few short essays. The deadline to submit the supplemental application is one month after the PharmCAS deadline but it is better to submit earlier due to rolling admissions.

5. Interview. Your interview will be about 45 minutes one-on-one with a College of Pharmacy faculty member and includes a tour, student panel, and information about the curriculum. Interviews are offered October through March. You will receive your admissions decision about one month after the interview.

Prerequisite Courses

These classes can be taken at any regionally accredited college or university. Courses must be a minimum of three semester credits and must be completed with a grade of C- or higher. For more information and a Guide of Approved Prerequisites for different schools, visit: z.umn.edu/prereqs.

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Admissions Statistics

Admitted students 2013 - 2015:

- Average GPA: 3.5
- Average PCAT: 82%

Selection Criteria

The Admissions Committee uses the following criteria when reviewing an application for admission:

- Academic achievement
- Understanding and motivation for pharmacy
- Work experience
- Three letters of recommendation
- Community service and leadership
- Application essays
- Unique factors that contribute to a diverse student body
- Interview

Get in

Become a strong applicant by using these resources:

- z.umn.edu/resources

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