

DOCTOR OF PHARMACY

Doctor of Pharmacy Competencies

A pharmacist is the medication expert that provides person-centered care in partnership with patients, families, care givers and other healthcare providers. Pharmacists possess specialized knowledge allowing for the safe and effective use of medications to improve health.

The program imparts knowledge, skills, abilities, behaviors, and attitudes necessary for the contemporary practice of pharmacy in a healthcare environment that demands interprofessional collaboration and professional accountability for holistic patient well-being. The educational goals or outcomes of the program include:

- Provide whole person care as the medication specialist
- Actively engage and contribute as a member of the healthcare team
- Develop strategies that improve the health and wellness of a population
- Advocate for patients and promote the best interests of the profession of pharmacy
- Educate individuals, groups or organizations
- Optimize healthcare outcomes using human, financial, technological, and physical resources
- Demonstrate self-awareness and professionalism

The educational goals are achieved through three domains: knowledge, skills and attitudes.

The Doctor of Pharmacy curriculum is designed to systematically develop a strong foundation in scientific and clinical knowledge, foster proficiency in essential skills, and cultivate professional attitudes and behaviors. Detailed curricular content can be found on the School of Pharmacy Curriculum Policies (<https://pharmacy.umkc.edu/current-students/curriculum-policies.html>) website.

Admission Requirements

The Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.) degree provides minimum and advanced level competencies necessary for the graduate to assume a pharmacist's professional responsibilities and qualify for national and state pharmacist licensure examinations. The program of study emphasizes basic and clinical sciences as well as introductory and advanced practice experiences. The training of Doctor of Pharmacy students concentrates on rational drug therapy decision-making within the inter-professional health care team. For consideration, an applicant must have a cumulative college grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 or higher. Admission to the Pharm.D. program is competitive, and applications are reviewed in detail; therefore, meeting the minimum grade point average does not guarantee admission. Applicants must strive to earn above satisfactory grades in their college courses and prepharmacy requirements. The School of Pharmacy Admissions Committee reviews applicants' academic transcripts closely. All college credits and grade points are factored into the cumulative college GPAs. Repeated course grades are averaged together for overall cumulative, prepharmacy course requirements, and science/math GPA calculations meaning that the original grade and the repeated grade will both count toward GPA calculations. An applicant with a cumulative college GPA below 2.5, who has extenuating circumstances, may be considered with completion and submission of the Pharmacy extenuating circumstances form.

Doctor of Pharmacy Minimum Pre-Pharmacy Course Requirements

A minimum of 55 credit hours of pre-professional, college level coursework, including the specified requirements listed below, must be successfully completed, with a grade of C- or higher, prior to the fall of the entering class year of the professional pharmacy program of study. Applicants should note that admission is competitive and that meeting the minimum requirements is not a guarantee of admission. Applicants are encouraged to contact the Pharmacy Student Affairs Office to discuss the strength of their application.

Equivalent, pre-pharmacy courses must be completed at UMKC or any regionally accredited college or university. Applicants should contact the UMKC Pharmacy Office of Student Affairs to ensure proper course equivalents have been met. Second year college pre-pharmacy courses, listed below, must be successfully completed within five years prior to admission entry date. Applicants with elective space during their pre-pharmacy preparation should consider courses that shape their understanding of the human condition. Courses in psychology, sociology, ethics, health sciences, and anthropology, will assist a student in assuming their role in caring for people. Completion of additional communication studies courses is also encouraged.

Pre-Pharmacy Courses / Minimum Semester Hours

Year I	Credits
General Chemistry I & II with Labs	8
Calculus	3-4
General Biology I & II ¹	6
Physics with Lab ²	4
English Composition I & II	6

Public Speaking or Communication Studies Course	3
American History I or II or Introduction to Political Science course covering U.S. Constitution	3
33-34	
Year II	Credits
Organic Chemistry I & II with Labs ³	8
Cell Biology or Human Physiology ³	3
Human Anatomy ^{3,4}	3-4
Microbiology with Lab ³	4
Medical Terminology ³	1
Statistics	3
Electives completed at student discretion	
22-23	
Total Credits: 55-57	

¹ Preparatory or introductory biology courses will not meet the minimum requirement.

² Physics courses must be at least algebra and trigonometry based.

³ NOTE: Second year college pre-pharmacy courses must be successfully completed within five years prior to Fall admission entry date.

⁴ Successful completion of 5.0 credit hours or two semesters of Human Anatomy and Physiology will meet the Human Anatomy requirement. Comparative or Vertebrate Anatomy courses will not meet the Human Anatomy requirement.

General CLEP credits will not be accepted to fulfill the mathematics, biology, physics, or chemistry requirements. Advanced Placement Program scores through the College Board are accepted for some pre-pharmacy courses. Check acceptable scores and courses at UMKC's Office of the Registrar's Transfer Credit (<https://www.umkc.edu/registrar/transfer-credit/>) website. Contact an academic advisor in the School of Pharmacy regarding minimum score requirements and course transferability. Official scores from the College Board must be sent to the UMKC Registrar's Office for evaluation.

Pharmacy Assurance Program (PAP)

UMKC School of Pharmacy offers the Pharmacy Assurance Program for high school students with a strong interest in and aptitude for science and math and excellent communication skills. Students who meet the PAP criteria for admission from high school have an assured seat in the Pharm.D. program if the minimum specified requirements from PAP to the Pharm.D. program are achieved during their collegiate freshmen and sophomore years. The minimum eligibility criteria to apply for PAP include 1) a non-weighted high school GPA at the end of the junior year of 3.5 or higher; or 2) a non-weighted high school GPA at the end of the junior year of 3.0 or higher and a minimum ACT composite of 25 or higher or SAT equivalent; and meet the UMKC core requirements through high school curricular units. Students wanting to apply for the Pharmacy Assurance Program must complete and submit the following: the on-line UMKC Application For Admission and fee; Pharmacy Assurance Application; official high school transcripts through semester six; official college transcripts of dual credit courses as applicable; official ACT/SAT scores, as applicable; and one reference letter. The priority deadline to apply for the PAP is March 1.

Additional information regarding degree program and admission requirements is located on the UMKC School of Pharmacy Pharm.D. Admissions (<https://pharmacy.umkc.edu/admissions/>) webpage. Applicants with questions regarding admission should contact

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Office of Student Affairs
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pharmacy@umkc.edu

Application Procedures

Applications for the doctor of pharmacy program are accepted between July 15 through June 1 for consideration for admission to the class entering the following fall. Admission to the Doctor of Pharmacy program is competitive and meeting minimum requirements for admission does not guarantee admission. New students are admitted to the doctor of pharmacy program only in the fall of each year.

The Early Action program is a non-binding option for applicants who would like the application process to be complete early in the school year. Early Action applicants will be considered for one of the first two interview dates. In addition to completing the PharmCAS application, Early Action applicants must arrange for PharmCAS to receive all of their official transcripts and fees by the October 1 deadline.

The Pharmacy Future Admissions Scholars Track (FAST) is intended for college students who plan to complete a baccalaureate degree before applying to the UMKC Pharm.D. program. Applicants must have successfully completed 45 credit hours of select prepharmacy prerequisite courses with a grade of C or higher for consideration.

As part of the process for application to the Doctor of Pharmacy program, all of the application steps and instructions must be adhered to carefully and all required documents must be submitted no later than the June 1 deadline, unless otherwise stated. Applicants must:

1. Complete and submit the PharmCAS application with all supporting and required documentation and fee. The PharmCAS application is located at website of Pharmacy College Application Service (<http://www.pharmcas.org/>). Official transcripts(s) from each college and/or university attended showing all coursework attempted and completed through the Fall term prior to admission entry date must be submitted to PharmCAS;
2. Submit an electronic PharmCAS reference from specified categories only as noted on the UMKC Doctor of Pharmacy application; references from relatives, friends, or co-workers, that are not supervisors, will not be accepted.
3. Complete and submit a UMKC Doctor of Pharmacy Application for Admission and application fee. The UMKC Pharm.D. Application for Admission is located at Pharm.D. Application Process - Admissions - School of Pharmacy | University of Missouri-Kansas City (umkc.edu) (<https://pharmacy.umkc.edu/admissions/pharmd-application-process/>).
4. Meet and adhere to the *UMKC School of Pharmacy Minimal Technical Standards for Admission, Matriculation and Graduation* as part of the Pharm.D. Application. Students admitted to the Pharm.D. program must continue to meet and adhere to these standards throughout their tenure in the Pharm.D. program;
5. International applicants must also complete the UMKC International Undergraduate Application for Admission (<https://www.umkc.edu/isao/>) in addition to the PharmCAS Application and the UMKC Doctor of Pharmacy Application. Copies of all materials submitted to the International Student Affairs Office must be sent to the Pharmacy Office of Student Affairs. The minimum TOEFL iBT score required for Pharm.D. applicants is 83. The minimum IELTS Academic Score is 6.5. International applicants whose native language is not English or who received their education in a country where the first language is not English must:
 - a. Meet the UMKC English Proficiency requirements
 - b. Complete the English Evaluation Examination prior to the first semester of enrollment
 - c. Follow recommendations from the UMKC Applied Language Institute.
6. Complete and pass a formal interview, if selected, with School of Pharmacy Admissions Committee faculty as a factor for admission. Applicants are notified by e-mail before their scheduled interview. Applicants should note that meeting minimum eligibility requirements does not automatically qualify an applicant for an interview. Based on the academic and application credentials of the applicant and the applicant pool, the school will select candidates for an interview. Students who do not qualify for the interview will receive written notice.

Notification of Acceptance

Admission to the Pharm.D. program is competitive. Applicants will receive written notification of the school's decision concerning their applications.

Official supplementary college transcripts must be submitted to UMKC upon completion of winter/spring and summer coursework. Final acceptance is contingent on submission and clearance of a criminal background check, good academic and behavioral standing, successful completion (grade of C- or higher) of the specified minimum hours of required pre-pharmacy courses and any other coursework completed during the winter/spring and/or summer terms prior to admission. Those applicants approved for admission will be required to confirm their acceptance and submit an advance deposit to guarantee their place in the entering class. This deposit is applied to the first term's educational fees and is not refundable. Admitted students are required to complete orientation modules and attend the School of Pharmacy orientation sessions.

Curricular Requirements

The doctor of pharmacy degree program provides broad and general preparation in professional areas of practice with the intent that, on completion, graduates will be able to practice at a level sufficient to perform the established functions of a pharmacist. In addition, the Pharm.D. program prepares the student for advanced levels of professional practice. The major emphasis is on the clinical sciences and drug-related patient care.

This program is designed to provide advanced education and training in clinical pharmacy and drug information with particular emphasis on interprofessional team participation in the delivery of health care. To enable students to concentrate solely on this advanced professional coursework, those entering the doctor of pharmacy program are strongly encouraged to limit their work and/or intern hours during the academic year.

Because pharmacy is a profession undergoing rapid change, the curriculum is subject to continual review and modification. As society's needs for specific types of pharmaceutical service change, the curriculum will change as well. To assure the best pharmacy education for its students, the School of Pharmacy reserves the right of making judicious changes and improvements in course sequence, course content, or other program requirements at any time that must be completed and adhered to in order to meet graduation degree requirements.

Pharm.D. Graduation Requirements

To graduate, Pharm.D. candidates must successfully complete the 4 year curricular course requirements as listed in addition to the pre-pharmacy course requirements listed above.

To graduate, students must successfully complete all credit and non-credit requirements as listed and in effect at the time of completion. Within these hours, the following credit hour minimums must be met:

Pharm.D. Admission Pre-Pharmacy Course Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
Semester 1 Prerequisites		
CHEM 211 & 211L	General Chemistry I and Experimental General Chemistry I	5
MATH 210	Calculus I	4
BIOLOGY 108	General Biology I	3
ENGLISH 110	Introduction to Academic Prose	3
GEFSE 101	First Semester Experience	3
Total Credits		18

Code	Title	Credits
Semester 2 Prerequisites		
CHEM 212R & CHEM 212LR	General Chemistry II and Experimental General Chemistry II	5
PHYSICS 210	General Physics I	4
BIOLOGY 109	General Biology II	3
ENGLISH 225	English II: Intermediate Academic Prose	3
Total Credits		15

Code	Title	Credits
Semester 3 Prerequisites		
BIOLOGY 218	Introductory Anatomy ¹	3
CHEM 321 & 321L	Organic Chemistry I and Organic Chemistry Laboratory I ¹	4
BIOLOGY 202 or LS-PHYS 217	Cell Biology ¹ Human Physiology	3
COMM-ST 110 or COMM-ST 140 or COMM-ST 277	Fundamentals of Effective Speaking and Listening Introduction to Communication Interpersonal Communication	3
Total Credits		13

Code	Title	Credits
Semester 4 Prerequisites		
CHEM 322R	Organic Chemistry II ¹	3
CHEM 322L	Organic Chemistry Laboratory II ¹	1
LS-MCRB 121 & 121L	Human Biology III (Microbiology) and Human Biology III (Microbiology) Lab ¹	4
HLSC 125	Medical Terminology	1
STAT 235	Elementary Statistics	3
Select any one of the following courses:		3
HISTORY 101	U.S. History to 1877	
HISTORY 102	U.S. History Since 1877	
POL-SCI 210	American Government	
Total Credits		15

¹ Marked Science courses must be completed within five years of Pharm.D. program start date. This includes LS-PHYS 217.

Student Learning Outcomes

Students graduating from this program will:

- Seek, analyze, integrate, and apply foundational knowledge of medications and the practice of pharmacy.
- Use problem solving and critical thinking skills to address challenges and promote positive change.
- Actively engage, listen, and communicate when interacting with or educating an individual, group, or organization.
- Mitigate health disparities by considering, recognizing and navigating cultural and structural factors to improve access and health outcomes.
- Provide whole person care to individuals as the medication specialist.
- Promote the best interests of patients and the pharmacy profession.
- Use various resources to improve the safety, efficacy, and environmental impact of medication use systems.
- Actively contribute as a healthcare team member by demonstrating core interprofessional competencies.
- Assess factors and develop strategies to positively influence the health and wellness of a population.
- Demonstrate the ability to influence and support the achievement of shared goals on a team, regardless of one's role.
- Address personal and professional attributes that could enhance or limit growth, development, and professional identity formation.
- Exhibit attitudes and behaviors that embody a commitment to trust with patients, colleagues, other health care professionals, and society.

Curricular Outcomes Expected of Doctor of Pharmacy Graduates

Doctor of Pharmacy graduates must possess the basic knowledge, skills, attitudes, and values to independently practice pharmacy at the time of graduation. The Curricular Outcomes are outlined in full on the UMKC School of Pharmacy website under the *Curriculum Policies and Procedures* section.

First Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits	Summer	Credits
PHARM 7341	3	PHARM 7344	3	PHARM 7378	3
LS-PHYS 399	4	LS-PHYS 400	4		
PHARM 7101	1	PHARM 7202	3		
PHARM 7313P	4	PHARM 7233	3		
PHARM 7110	2	PHARM 7361	2		
Professional Electives 1.0 - 8.0 ¹	1	PHARM 7405	3		
PHARM 7334	0.5	PHARM 7405L	0.5		
PHARM 7414	2	Professional Electives 1.0 - 8.0 ¹	1		
	17.5		19.5		3

Second Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits	Summer	Credits
PHARM 7203	3	PHARM 7303	3	PHARM 7379	3
PHARM 7307	3	PHARM 7308	3		
PHARM 7326	2	PHARM 7426	2		
PHARM 7362	4	PHARM 7426L	0.5		
PHARM 7420	5	PHARM 7363	4		
Professional Electives 1.0 - 8.0 ¹	1	PHARM 7485L	1		
		PHARM 7485P	5		
		Professional Electives 1.0 - 8.0 ¹	1		
	18		19.5		3

Third Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits	Summer	Credits
PHARM 7389	3	PHARM 7434	2	Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experiences (APPE hours vary) ⁴	4
PHARM 7406P ²	2	PHARM 7434L	1		
Professional Electives 1.0 - 8.0 ¹	2	PHARM 7451	2		
PHARM 7465	3	PHARM 7466	3		
PHARM 7486	5	PHARM 7487	5		

PHARM 7486L	0.5	PHARM 7487L	0.5	
		Professional Electives 1.0 - 8.0 ¹	2	
	15.5		15.5	4
Fourth Year				
Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits	Summer
Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experiences (hours vary) ⁴	16	Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experiences (hours vary) ⁴	16	n/a
	16		16	0

Total Credits: 147.5

¹ A minimum of eight credit hours of professional elective course work must be successfully completed prior to enrollment in Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experiences (APPE). Visit the School of Pharmacy Curriculum Policies (<https://pharmacy.umkc.edu/current-students/curriculum-policies.html>) website under the *Curriculum Documents* section and review the Pharmacy Elective Policies and Procedures and the list of potential professional elective offerings. Students should choose electives and semester placement after consultation with a pharmacy academic advisor in the Office of Student Affairs and their faculty advisor.

² PHARM 7406P General Medicine IPPE is a continuous introductory pharmacy practice experience completed over both fall and spring semesters.

³ Students must complete 36 credit hours of Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experiences [APPE] over Semesters 6a-8. APPE prerequisites include satisfactory completion of all credit and non-credit degree and course requirements prior to Semester 6a of the professional curriculum.

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Prospective Applicants are encouraged to:

- Visit the website of the School of Pharmacy (<https://pharmacy.umkc.edu>) to see equivalencies for schools in Missouri and Kansas to see how prerequisites will transfer to UMKC.
- Visit the Office of the Registrar Transfer Credit (<https://www.umkc.edu/registrar/transfer-credit/>) website to review UMKC AP & IB minimums.

Licensure Disclosure

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Pharmacist licensure in the United States is governed by the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP) in collaboration with individual state boards of pharmacy. Upon earning a Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.) degree, graduates must successfully complete the North American Pharmacist Licensure Examination® (NAPLEX®) and the Multistate Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination® (MPJE®), as required by the state(s) in which they seek licensure. Once these examinations are passed and licensure is granted by the respective state board(s), pharmacists are eligible to practice as generalists in a wide variety of health care settings. Graduates may also pursue advanced training through postgraduate residency or fellowship programs with opportunities for additional specialty board certification or engage in research and academic careers by completing Ph.D. training.

UMKC strongly recommends that students review the applicable licensure board(s) in their state of residence or in the state where they intend to obtain a license before beginning an academic program that results in licensure or certification and prior to beginning any practicum/internship. See UMKC's Professional Licensure Disclosures (<https://www.umkc.edu/provost/academics/professional-licensure-disclosures.html>) page for more information.

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States in Which the Curriculum Meets the Educational Requirements for Licensure

All US states and territories.

States in Which the Curriculum Does Not Meet the Educational Requirements for Licensure

N/A.