



The University of Oklahoma College of Pharmacy

Application Guide

Please read carefully!

**Full admissions policies and procedures can be found at
http://pharmacy.ouhsc.edu/prospective/admission_pharmd/**

Admission to the Doctor of Pharmacy program is on a competitive basis. A class of approximately 120 students (80 on the OKC campus and 40 on the Tulsa campus) is admitted each fall semester to the Doctor of Pharmacy program. Residents of Oklahoma receive some preference in the selection process but all qualified candidates are encouraged to apply. Applicants who have completed all admissions requirements and an interview are generally advised of their admission status by April of the admission year.

For admission to Fall 2013, the PharmCAS application must be submitted by December 1, 2012. The PharmCAS application will be available the first week in June 2012 for Fall 2013 applications at <http://www.pharmcas.org>. All official college transcripts, three letters of reference, and PCAT scores (Code 0104) must be submitted directly to PharmCAS. The College of Pharmacy supplemental application must also be submitted by December 1, 2012.

Applicants should successfully complete all required pre-pharmacy courses and provide the college with an official transcript showing spring course grades by June 1 of the admission year. Please contact the Office of Pharmacy Student Affairs should you have any questions regarding specific policies.

Interviews are typically conducted November-February of the application year therefore it is highly recommended that applicants apply earlier than the deadline to receive full consideration for all interview positions. The college employs a rolling admissions process which means that positions are filled as we interview.

Failure to meet deadlines or to submit any of the required application materials will constitute a late or incomplete application and will not be considered for admission.

Steps to Applying

PharmCAS Application Process (www.pharmcas.org) (Opens in June)

Application for admission to the Doctor of Pharmacy program requires completion of the Pharmacy College Application Service (PharmCAS) application. It can be found at www.pharmcas.org.

PharmCAS processes your academic information providing one central location to send transcripts, references, and PCAT scores while applying to multiple pharmacy schools.

Upon creation of your PharmCAS account, please make note of your assigned PharmCAS ID #. This will be needed for the supplemental application. PharmCAS will begin processing your application

upon receipt of the application, all official transcripts and your fee. PCAT scores and references may arrive at PharmCAS later as long as they are received before the deadline, however, our office will not review the application until all materials are received. Please keep in mind that PharmCAS processing takes approximately 4-6 weeks. **IT IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED THAT YOU APPLY EARLIER THAN THE DEADLINE AS WE USE A ROLLING ADMISSIONS PROCESS AND FILL POSITIONS AS WE INTERVIEW!**

Supplemental Application (Opens in June)

The College of Pharmacy requires a supplemental application. The supplemental application can be found at <https://app.applyyourself.com/?id=uok-phar>. This application is usually available in the summer each application year. **It is recommended to submit the PharmCAS and supplemental applications at the same time. You will need your PharmCAS Application ID # to enter on your supplemental application.** The supplemental application serves as your application to the University of Oklahoma and contains college-specific questions that cannot be asked on the central application.

Recommendation Letters

The Admissions Committee requires each applicant to provide three letters of recommendation which provide insight into the applicant's personal, academic, and professional characteristics. Applicants should solicit letters from those who can best attest to your ability to be successful in pharmacy school. Examples are professors, employers, volunteer supervisors, or health care professionals, preferably a pharmacist. These individuals should know the applicant well, and be in a position to evaluate the applicant's potential for academic success and a career in pharmacy. We do not accept letters from family, friends or clergy members.

Pharmacy College Admission Test (PCAT) Scores

Each applicant is required to take the Pharmacy College Admission Test (PCAT) prior to the December deadline. PCAT scores should be submitted directly to PharmCAS (code 0104). Applicants should be aware that no decision regarding an interview can be made until PCAT scores are received from PharmCAS. The College must receive PCAT scores directly from PharmCAS for consideration for an interview. **Only the most recent score will be used to determine eligibility for admission.** PCAT results taken after December 1 of the admission year will not be considered for an interview for that same admission year. The PCAT is now a computer-based exam. For specific information on registering for the PCAT, please visit www.pcatweb.info. **When you register, PCAT will assign you a PCAT CID #. This number MUST be entered in your PharmCAS application or PharmCAS will not receive the scores in order to include them with your application.**

Personal Interview

The Admissions Committee requires a personal interview to assess an applicant's communication skills as part of the admission process. Interviews are by invitation only.

In general, applicants can be considered competitive for an interview if they have at least a 3.0 pre-requisite GPA and a composite PCAT score of the 50th percentile with no subscore lower than the 25th percentile. Additionally, applicants should have no negative letters of recommendation, should demonstrate those qualities desirable in a healthcare professional such as good communication skills, leadership, community service activities, and a demonstration of pharmacy knowledge. Although not required, it is highly recommended that an applicant gain experience in a pharmacy setting whether paid or unpaid experience.