

**University of Oklahoma College of Pharmacy**  
**PharmD Early Assurance Program**  
**for High School Seniors**

The purpose of the PharmD Early Assurance Program (PEAP) is to provide high school students who are highly motivated toward the pharmacy profession and are focused, committed, and determined to succeed in attaining their goal in the quickest way possible. In recent years, many students and parents have expressed a desire to save money when pursuing higher education due to the rising costs of an education both at the undergraduate and professional level.

**IF YOU ARE A HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR:**

1. Submit the PEAP application by **April 1<sup>st</sup>** of the year you plan to begin college. (e.g. If you plan to start college in Fall 2021, then submit your PEAP application no later than **April 1, 2021**.)
2. Submit an official high school transcript showing a **minimum GPA of 3.0** or better.
3. Submit official ACT scores showing a **minimum composite score of 22** or better. Priority will be given to students who also have a STEM composite of a 21 or better. Alternatively, students can submit official SAT scores showing a minimum score of 1130 or better.
4. Submit a **2 page essay over selected pharmacy topic** and receive a **score of 3 or better on a 1-5 grading scale**.
5. Submit **two letters of reference**. One must be from a science or math teacher and the other may be your choice of a professional reference. Acceptable references may come from teachers, coaches, guidance counselors, employers, volunteer supervisors, organizational advisors, a healthcare professional you have either worked with or job shadowed (family friends or family members are **NOT** acceptable). We do **NOT** accept letters from friends, family, family friends, politicians, or clergy members. Letters should provide as many details as possible about your qualities, attributes, and ability to be successful in college and professional school.
6. Submit a signed copy of your PEAP Statement of Understanding if accepted into the program.

**IF SELECTED FOR THE PEAP, YOU MUST COMPLETE THESE ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS IN ORDER TO GAIN ADMISSION TO THE PHARM D PROGRAM:**

1. **Complete pre-pharmacy curriculum (see appendix A) with a grade of "C" or better in coursework and a 3.0 pre-pharmacy curriculum GPA.** Your verified pre-pharmacy GPA must be a 3.0 at the time you submit your PharmCAS application for the PharmD program. If you do not reach this minimum, you will be removed from the PEAP and will no longer receive priority for admission.
2. **Meet with the Director of Recruitment & Admissions by the conclusion of each semester to determine you are adequately progressing in the PEAP program.** It is the student's responsibility to contact the Director. Appointments may be conducted in person or via video conferencing or via telephone.
3. **You may not repeat a required math or science course more than once.** If you do, you will be removed from the PEAP. You can still apply but you will no longer receive priority in the

admissions process. If you do not pass a required course, contact the Director promptly to re-assess your remaining curricular requirements.

4. **Online, AP/IB, and CLEP credit are all acceptable to satisfy pre-requisite courses.** If you have AP/IB or CLEP credit that appear on your college's transcript, let the Director of Recruitment & Admissions know so that your pre-pharmacy curriculum may be adjusted accordingly.
5. **Complete 10 hours of verified pharmacy experience.** You must have the 10 verified hours completed and your experience verification sheet(s) submitted no later than April 15th of the year you plan to enter pharmacy school. If you do not reach this minimum or meet this deadline, you will be removed from the PEAP and will no longer receive priority for admission. This experience may be gained via paid work as a pharmacy clerk or pharmacy technician, volunteering in a pharmacy setting, or job shadowing a pharmacist. **You may submit experience verification sheets as they are completed to be added to your file.**
6. **Submit your 2 page Pharmacy Experience Reflection sheet no later than April 15th of the year you plan to enter pharmacy school.** (e.g. If you plan to apply for entry to begin pharmacy school in Fall 2023, then you should submit the reflection no later than April 15, 2023.)
7. **Complete 10 hours of verified community service.** You may participate in community service either on campus or off campus. Membership in an organization alone does not constitute service but participating in a community service through an organization or serving in some capacity such as an officer or committee would. You may submit community service verification sheets as they are completed to be added to your file. **You must have the 10 verified hours completed and your community service verification sheets submitted no later than April 15th of the year you plan to enter pharmacy school.** If you do not reach this minimum by the deadline, you will be removed from the PEAP and will no longer receive priority for admission, and if you have already been accepted, your conditional offer of admission will be withdrawn.
8. **You must complete an assigned leadership development exercise each spring of your pre-pharmacy curriculum.** Failure to complete the exercise by the deadline given will result in removal from the PEAP and you will no longer receive assurance for admission. Examples of the exercise could be an online leadership course or seminar and/or include an assignment or assessment to ensure completion.
9. You must apply via PharmCAS for our Fall Priority Application Track and designate the University of Oklahoma College of Pharmacy. The Fall Priority Application Track deadline is October 1st each year. Failure for your materials to be received will result in removal from the PEAP. You may still apply for admission to the PharmD program but you will no longer receive priority. A completed application consists of the verified PharmCAS application and the OUHSC application. **You do not have to re-submit letters of reference.**
10. **You must be invited for and successfully complete a personal interview.** Be aware that students who are accepted via the EDP must accept the offer of admission and may not apply to any other schools. If you are denied admission because of an unsuccessful interview, you will be removed from the PEAP. You may re-apply for the PharmD program in a later admission year but you will not receive priority in the admissions process.

Contact Jennifer Richardson, Director of Recruitment & Admissions at [jennifer-richardson@ouhsc.edu](mailto:jennifer-richardson@ouhsc.edu) or 405-271-6598 with any questions about this program.

**APPENDIX A  
PHARMD EARLY ASSURANCE PROGRAM  
PRE-PHARMACY CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS**

<b>Fall Semester Year 1</b>	<b>Minimum Required Hours</b>	<b>Total Hours</b>
General Biology	4	4
General Chemistry 1	4	4
English Composition 1	3	3
College Algebra or Pre-Calculus	3	3
<b>Total Semester Hours</b>		<b>14</b>
<b>Spring Semester Year 1</b>	<b>Minimum Required Hours</b>	<b>Total Hours</b>
General Microbiology	4	4
General Chemistry 2	4	4
English Composition 2	3	3
Business Calculus or Calc I	3	3
Elective	3	3
<b>Total Semester Hours</b>		<b>17</b>
<b>Summer Semester Year 1</b>	<b>Minimum Required Hours</b>	<b>Total Hours</b>
Electives	6	6
<b>Total Semester Hours</b>		<b>6</b>
<b>Fall Semester Year 2</b>	<b>Minimum Required Hours</b>	<b>Total Hours</b>
Organic Chemistry 1	3-5	3-5
Human Physiology	4	4
Electives	6	6
<b>Total Semester Hours</b>		<b>13-15</b>
<b>Spring Semester Year 2</b>	<b>Minimum Required Hours</b>	<b>Total Hours</b>
Organic Chemistry 2 w/lab	5	5
General Physics I	3	3
Electives	6	6
<b>Total Semester Hours</b>		<b>14</b>
<b>Total Required Hours</b>		<b>64</b>

**NOTES:**

1. Please note that these are the minimum hours needed for completion. There may be times students exceed these minimum hours based on the courses they select and what is offered at their college or university.
2. Please check with your undergraduate institution to determine if College Algebra or Pre-Calculus (sometimes call Functions & Modeling) is the pre-requisite to enroll in Calculus. This requirement varies by institution.
3. Algebra or Pre-Calculus can count as an elective.
4. Please check with your undergraduate institution to determine if College Algebra is a pre-requisite to enroll in General Chemistry I. If so, you may need to take the course in the summer prior to beginning your Freshman fall semester
5. We accept AP/IB and CLEP credit for pre-pharmacy coursework as long as it is transferred to and appears on your primary college or university's transcript and can be verified.

6. **Students who plan to use any of these credits or any dual enrollment credits to satisfy pre-pharmacy coursework requirements, should inform the Director of Recruitment & Admissions during the meeting regarding the Statement of Understanding.** A new curriculum and timeline may need to be developed based on the number of credits awarded. Approval of this request is not guaranteed.
7. Please note that some schools combine organic chemistry lecture and labs, physics lecture and labs, or microbiology lecture and labs into one course. At minimum, each student must complete 8 total hours of organic chemistry including lab, 3 hours of physics (no lab required), and 4 hours of microbiology w/lab .
8. A minimum of 24 hours of electives must be successfully completed. Approved subject areas for electives may be selected from the areas listed below. **(Please note, the examples are not exhaustive nor specifically required. They are just a reference tool.)**
9. **It is highly recommended (though not required) that students select the following electives as a part of their 24 hours:**
  - a. A statistics course
  - b. A computer science course
  - c. A course with a diversity component
  - d. An economics course
  - e. A communications course (interpersonal or public speaking)
  - f. A behavioral science course (psychology or sociology)
  - g. An additional math course-Algebra, Pre-Calculus, Functions & Modeling, Trigonometry, or Geometry

**APPROVED ELECTIVE SUBJECT AREAS:**

Subject Area	Examples
<b>Fine Arts (non-performance based)</b>	Intro to Music; Film Appreciation
<b>History</b>	US History Before 1865; US History Since 1865
<b>Political Science</b>	American Government; Govt Forms
<b>Anthropology</b>	Intro to Anthropology; Cultural Anthropology
<b>Humanities</b>	General Humanities; Intro to Western Civilization
<b>Geography</b>	World Political Geography; Human Geography
<b>Philosophy</b>	Intro to Philosophy; Religious Studies
<b>Literature</b>	American Lit; British Lit; World Li;
<b>Social Science</b>	Criminal Justice; Criminology
<b>Behavioral Science</b>	General Psychology; Introduction to Sociology
<b>Foreign Language</b>	Spanish, French, German, etc.
<b>Communications</b>	Intro to Public Speaking; Interpersonal Comm
<b>English</b>	Advanced Grammar; Medical Terminology
<b>Leadership</b>	Intro to Leadership; Presidential Leadership Class
<b>Business</b>	Intro to Business; Micro or Macroeconomics
<b>Math</b>	Algebra; Pre-Calculus; Trigonometry; Statistics
<b>Computer Science</b>	Intro to Computers; Software Development

## APPENDIX B

### PEAP Timeline

	Action Step	Date
1.	Submit PEAP Application	April 1 <sup>st</sup> of HS Senior Year
2.	PEAP Decision Notification	May 1 <sup>st</sup> of HS Senior Year
3.	Meet w/Director & Sign Statement of Understanding	By June 30 <sup>th</sup> of HS Senior Year
4.	Start Curriculum	Fall Semester-Freshman Year
5.	Complete Leadership Development Exercise	Spring Semester-Freshman Year
7.	Submit PharmD Application	October 1 <sup>st</sup> -Sophomore Year
11.	Admission Interview	November-Sophomore Year
12.	Admission Decision	December-Sophomore Year
13.	Complete Curriculum	Spring & Summer Semesters-Sophomore Year
14.	Complete Final Leadership Exercise	Spring Semester-Sophomore Year
15.	Submit Final Pharmacy & Volunteer Experience Verification & Pharmacy Experience Reflection Sheet	April 15 <sup>th</sup> -Sophomore Year
16.	Begin Pharmacy School	August-Admission Year