

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 a mechanism for those 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 PharmD Early Assurance Program (PEAP) application by **March 1st** of the year you plan to begin college. (e.g. If you plan to start college in Fall 2019, then submit your PEAP application no later than March 1, 2019.)
2. Submit an official high school transcript showing a **minimum GPA of 3.0** or better as well as a letter from your high school guidance counselor or high school principal verifying that you are in good professional standing and have no conduct infractions.
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 an assigned 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 copy of your letter of acceptance to your primary undergraduate college or university where you plan to complete your pre-pharmacy curriculum. If you have not decided on a college or university at the time of application, you should inform the Director or Recruitment & Admissions. You must not be required to complete remedial (zero-level) coursework.
7. 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 PHARMD 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. Maintain a minimum **2.50 cumulative college GPA**. Your verified cumulative GPA must be a 2.50 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, nor will you be eligible for admission at all.
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 **20 hours of verified pharmacy experience**. 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.** If you do not reach this minimum by the deadline given, you will be removed from the PEAP and will no longer receive priority for admission or if already accepted, your conditional offer of admission will be withdrawn.
6. **You must have at least 10 verified pharmacy experience hours completed and your experience verification sheets indicating so at the time you submit your PharmCAS application.** You must have the final 10 verified hours completed and your experience verification sheets 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.
7. Submit your **2 page Pharmacy Experience Reflection sheet no later than September 1st of the application year.** (e.g. If you plan to apply for entry to begin pharmacy school in the fall of 2021, then you should submit the reflection no later than Sept 1, 2020.)
8. Complete **20 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 20 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.
9. **You must attend a leadership development seminar each spring of your pre-pharmacy curriculum.** Failure to attend the seminar will result in removal from the PEAP and you will no longer receive priority for admission. Seminars will be made available via Google Hangout or YouTube so that students not able to attend in person will still be able to participate.
10. **Take the Pharmacy College Admission Test (PCAT) no later than the July or September date of the application year.** (e.g. If you plan to apply for entry to begin pharmacy school in the fall of 2021, then you should take the PCAT no later than July or September 2020.)

11. To be eligible to receive an interview, **you must score a minimum composite percentile score of 35 with no subscore below the 19th percentile.** If you do not reach this minimum, you will be removed from the PEAP. You may still re-take the PCAT and apply to the PharmD program, but you will no longer receive priority for admission.
12. **You must apply via PharmCAS for the Early Decision Program (EDP) and designate the University of Oklahoma College of Pharmacy.** You must submit all of your application materials no later than Labor Day Monday of the application 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 PharmCAS application, OUHSC application, PCAT scores, Pharmacy Experience Verification Sheets, and your Pharmacy Experience Reflection sheet. You do not have to re-submit letters of reference.**
13. **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.
14. You must meet all admission requirements, enrollment requirements, technical standards, professional standards, and deadlines as directed by the Office of Pharmacy Student Affairs or the Admissions Committee. Failure to meet these conditions could result in the withdrawal of your conditional admission offer.

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

APPENDIX A

PHARMD EARLY ASSURANCE PROGRAM

PRE-PHARMACY CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS

Fall Semester Year 1	Minimum Required Hours	Total Hours
General Biology 1 w/lab or General Zoology w/lab	4-5	4-5
General Chemistry 1 w/lab	4-5	4-5
English Composition 1	3	3
College Algebra	3	3
Elective (See approved elective subject list below.)	3	3
		17-19
Spring Semester Year 1	Minimum Required Hours	Total Hours
General Microbiology	4-5 (hours vary as it may or may not include lab depending on your school)	4-5
General Chemistry 2 w/lab	4-5	4-5
English Composition 2	3	3
Calculus (Business and Biocalculus are acceptable)	3	3
Elective	3	3
		17-19
Summer Semester Year 1	Minimum Required Hours	Total Hours
Organic Chemistry 1	3-5 (hours vary as it may or may not include lab depending on your school)	3-5
		3-5
Fall Semester Year 2 (Apply)	Minimum Required Hours	Total Hours
Organic Chemistry 2	3-5(hours vary as it may or may not include lab depending on your school) (Be sure to enroll in the Organic Chemistry Lab if your school offers it separately.)	3-5
Human Physiology	4	4
Electives	9	9
		16-18
Spring Semester Year 2	Minimum Required Hours	Total Hours
General Physics	3-5(hours vary as it may or may not include lab depending on your school)	3-5

Introductory Biochemistry OR Additional biology course (Recommended, not required)	3-5 (hours vary as it may or may not include lab depending on your school)	3-5
Electives	9	9
		15-19
Total Required Hours		65-76

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. Students must submit an Enrollment Approval form to the Director of Recruitment & Admissions as soon as they are enrolled for the next semester so that if any changes need to be made, there is still time to do so. Failure to submit this form or to follow any policies or procedures outlined will result in removal from the program.
3. 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.
4. **Students who plan to use any of these 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.
5. If you choose to take a combined Human Anatomy and Physiology course, you must complete both Human Anatomy & Physiology 1 and Human Anatomy & Physiology 2 to satisfy the pre-pharmacy curriculum requirements.
6. Please note that some schools combine organic chemistry lecture and labs into one course. At minimum, each student must complete 8 total hours of organic chemistry including lab.
7. 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.)**
8. **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)

Subject Area	Examples
Fine Arts (non-performance based)	Intro to Music; Film Appreciation; History of Rock and Roll; Dance Appreciation; World Music; Art History or Art Appreciation
History	US History Before 1865; US History Since 1865; World History;
Political Science	American Government; US Political System; Intro to Public Administration
Anthropology	Introduction to Anthropology; General Anthropology; Cultural Anthropology
Humanities	General Humanities; Introduction to Western Civilization
Geography	World Political Geography; Introduction to Geography; Cultural Geography
Philosophy	Introduction to Philosophy; Early Greek Philosophers; Philosophy of Religion; Religious Studies
Literature	American Literature; British Literature; World Literature; Mythology
Social Science	Criminal Justice; Criminology; Social Studies; Archaeology; Linguistics; Law
Behavioral Science	General Psychology; Introduction to Sociology
Foreign Language	Spanish, French, German, Russian, Native American Languages, Arabic, Italian, Chinese, Japanese, etc.
Communications	Intro to Public Speaking; Intro to Business & Professional Speaking; Interpersonal Communication; Journalism; Media; Public Relations
English	Advanced Grammar; History of English Language; Gender Studies; Ethnicity Studies; Medical Terminology; Writing Courses
PLEASE NOTE THAT YOU CAN ONLY TAKE A MAXIMUM OF 9 HOURS TOTAL FROM THE SUBJECTS BELOW:	
Business	Intro to Business Administration; Microeconomics; Macroeconomics; Personal Finance; Finance; Marketing; Public Relations; Economics
Statistics	Intro to Probability & Statistics; Biostatistics; Research Statistics (regardless of subject area)
Computer Science	Intro to Computer Programming; Programming Languages; Software Development; Web Development; Word Processing; Spreadsheet Functions

APPENDIX B

PEAP Timeline

	Action Step	Date
1.	Submit PEAP Application	March 1 st of HS Senior Year
2.	PEAP Decision Notification	April 1 st of HS Senior Year
3.	Meet w/Director & Sign Statement of Understanding	By May 15 th of HS Senior Year
4.	Start Curriculum	Fall Semester-Freshman Year
5.	Attend Leadership Development Seminar	Spring Semester-Freshman Year
6	Take PCAT	July or September prior to Sophomore Year
7.	Submit PharmD Application	July prior to Sophomore Year
8.	Submit Initial Pharmacy Experience Verification	July prior to Sophomore Year
9.	Submit Pharmacy Experience Reflection Sheet	September 1 st -Sophomore Year
10.	PharmD Application Deadline	Labor Day Monday-Sophomore Year
11.	Admission Interview	October-Sophomore Year
12.	Admission Decision	October-Sophomore Year
13.	Complete Curriculum	Spring Semester-Sophomore Year
14.	Attend Final Leadership Seminar	Spring Semester-Sophomore Year
15.	Submit Final Pharmacy & Volunteer Verification	April 15 th -Sophomore Year
16.	Begin Pharmacy School	August-Admission Year