

Pharmacy Application

What is the deadline to apply?

January 1st is the deadline in which to apply for each year.

Students typically apply midway through their sophomore year.

How do I apply to the program?

The application is available on our web site each year after October 15th at www.ndsu.edu/pharmacy. Select the link, 2008 PharmD Application.

What if I'm currently attending another university. How do I apply?

You apply to North Dakota State University and to the College of Pharmacy, Nursing, and Allied Sciences. If you are a United States citizen or permanent resident, you would apply to the NDSU Office of Admission at: http://www.ndsu.edu/prospective_students/.

If you are an international student, you would apply through the Office of International Programs at: <http://www.ndsu.nodak.edu/International/>.

Is there a fee to apply?

Yes, the application fee is \$100 for the pharmacy program.

There is also a \$35 fee for the NDSU application..

Do I have to send transcripts?

NDSU pre-pharmacy students do not have to send transcripts as they are already on file in the Dean's Office. However, all other students must request official transcripts be sent to our college by the January 1st deadline.

Is there an interview?

Yes. After applications have been reviewed and sorted by points, we interview approximately the top 75% of applicants.

When is the interview?

The interview is held prior to spring break. In 2008, this will be in February.

When do you notify students whether or not they're accepted after the interview?

In March before advising week

If I'm not accepted to the program, may I apply again next year?

Yes. Students are allowed to apply to the program twice.

Do I need a special GPA to apply?

You must have an overall cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or above from all colleges/universities attended in order to apply to the program. However, students accepted to the program have a higher GPA than 3.0.

What was the average GPA?

Students accepted to the program for fall semester of 2007 had a cumulative GPA in the core pre-pharmacy courses of 3.78. See pre-pharmacy curriculum below for core courses.

How many applications do you receive?

The number of applications we receive are in the range of 150-220.

How many students do you accept?

We accept 85 students to our program each year.

Could students enter your pharmacy program in the fall semester or spring semester?

No. Students are admitted to our pharmacy program only for fall semester each year.

PCAT (Pharmacy College Admission Test)

What is the minimum score you will accept?

A minimum of 35% is required on each of the five content areas measured by the PCAT. We then look at the composite percentile score.

PCAT continued

How do I apply for the PCAT?

You apply through their web site, www.pcatweb.info

How many times can we take the PCAT?

There is no limit. However, we will not accept scores that are more than three years old at time of application to the program.

May I still apply for Fall 2008 if I hadn't planned to take the PCAT until January?

No. That is past the deadline to apply to the program which is January 1st.

If I apply for Fall of 2008, may I retake the PCAT in January 2008?

No. The only PCAT's accepted for 2008 admission had to be complete by October 2007.

Do you use the essay portion of the PCAT?

Yes. We do include the essay as part of our admission process.

What was your average PCAT last year for students accepted?

The average composite percentile on the PCAT for students accepted 2007 was 80.72%.

Pre-Pharmacy Curriculum

What are the classes I need to take for pre-pharmacy?

Pre-pharmacy coursework is listed in our pharmacy handbook which is located on our web site. Go to the following web site:

http://www.ndsu.nodak.edu/pharmacy/current_students/index.html and select the link, Handbook to Pharmacy Degrees and Curriculum Information. Once in the handbook, scroll through the bookmarks until you see pre-pharmacy curriculum.

What are core pre-pharmacy courses?

Selected core courses will be used for selection criteria to determine GPA used in calculation for admission to the professional program. These courses are indicated by an asterisk (*) in the pre-pharmacy curriculum.

What electives should I take?

You must take six credits of Humanities/Fine Arts, and three semester credits of Social & Behavioral Sciences. Of these nine credits, three credits must satisfy the cultural diversity category. They are listed in the pharmacy handbook on pages 9-11.

Do I have to take a wellness course?

Yes. You must take a minimum of two semester credits of a wellness course. They are listed on page 11 of the pharmacy handbook.

What if I receive a "D" in a course?

All courses must be completed with at least a grade of "C." This includes the electives, economics, physics and wellness courses. If a student receives a grade of "D" they must repeat the course for a passing grade of at least a "C."

May I repeat courses?

Yes. The number of pre-pharmacy core courses you may repeat is limited to three. You may only repeat each of the three courses one time.

When I repeat a course, which grade do you use?

The grade received during the student's second attempt, whether higher or lower, will be used for admission.

If I take a course at NDSU, may I retake it at another university?

To replace a grade for a course taken at NDSU, that course must be repeated at NDSU.

The one exception is that NDSU students may register for a Tri-College course to repeat a course previously taken at NDSU.

What if I have courses from years ago?

Selected core courses in biology, chemistry and math must not be more than seven years old at time of application. Current competency must be demonstrated if a student wishes to use older coursework.

How do I demonstrate current competency?

You may retake the course for a grade, audit the course or test out of the course.

Do these count as retakes?

No. Coursework in biology, chemistry and math that is more than seven years old does not fall under the rule of repeats.

Will you accept college level coursework taken while in high school (PSEO credit)?

When you send an official transcript of the college coursework you took while in high school, the NDSU Office of Registration & Records will evaluate the coursework. They determine which courses will transfer to NDSU.

Do you use grades from PSEO credit? (Post Secondary Education Opportunity)

Yes. We include these grades as part of the overall cumulative gpa when a student applies to our program. If any of these PSEO credits transfer as core pre-pharmacy courses, we will include them in our process.

Do you also accept AP (advanced placement) exams?

Yes, if you pass the exam and if there is an equivalent course at NDSU. You must request the scores be sent to NDSU. Please see page 25 of the 2006-2008 NDSU Undergraduate Bulletin for additional information.

Can we CLEP out of pre-pharmacy classes while at NDSU?

There are a few pre-pharmacy courses on the NDSU course equivalent list for the College Level Examination Program (CLEP). Please see page 25 of the 2006-2008 NDSU Undergraduate Bulletin for additional information.

Extracurricular

Are there pharmacy student organizations?

Yes. The student organizations are listed in our pharmacy handbook on pages 45-48. You may contact the student organizations by leaving a message in their mailbox in Sudro 123.

Is there special housing on campus for pre-pharmacy students?

Yes. The pharmacy house is currently located on the 8th and 9th floors of Thompson Hall. It is available for pre-pharmacy students who are working to gain admittance into the pharmacy program. When you fill out the NDSU room & board contract application, select Thompson Hall as your residence hall preference, <http://www.ndsu.edu/reslife/reshalls/apply.php>.