

Pharmacy

<p>Nature of the Work</p>	<p>For descriptions of this profession see:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Student Center</i> under Resources tab on the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACP) website (www.aacp.org) • www.explorehealthcareers.org
<p>Course Requirements</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requirements vary by school • Check the <i>Pharmacy School Admission Requirements</i> (PSAR) (www.aacp.org) • Generally, course work should include general biology, general chemistry, organic chemistry, and physics; schools will require additional courses in the natural sciences, social sciences, and humanities
<p>Application Timeline</p>	<p>Pharmacy school directly after Gettysburg College:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Required courses completed by end of fall semester of senior year • Apply summer between junior and senior years
<p>Standardized Test</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pharmacy College Admission Test (PCAT) • Website: www.pcatweb.info • ~2/3rds of pharmacy schools require the PCAT • Given multiple times a year, often in July, September, October, November, and January • Register on-line • Length ~ 3.5 hours • 5 sections : Biological Processes, Chemical Processes, Critical Reading, Quantitative Reasoning, Writing • Receive scores approximately 5 weeks after test • Scores range from 200 to 600 • Resources on www.pcatweb.info <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – <i>Candidate Information Booklet</i> – Practice test
<p>Application Service</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pharmacy College Application Service (PharmCAS) (www.pharmcas.org) • Available ~ July • Each school selects an application deadline (November, December, January, February or March) • Schools not participating in PharmCAS: apply directly to school • APPLY EARLY!!! Do not wait until application deadlines!

Admissions Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overall and science GPA (check PSAR for #'s) • PCAT scores (check PSAR for #'s) • Letters of evaluation • Interview • Written communication skills • Health-related experience • Extracurricular activities
Length of Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 academic years or 3 calendar years
Degree	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD)
Additional Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (www.aacp.org) • American Pharmacists Association (www.pharmacist.com)