

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON  
DOCTOR OF PHARMACY (PHARMD)



School of Pharmacy  
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

# ADMISSIONS PLANNING GUIDE

## ADMIT TERM: FALL 2024

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## THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON SCHOOL OF PHARMACY

The University of Wisconsin–Madison School of Pharmacy, located in Madison, Wisconsin, has been a world-class leader in pharmacy education, research, and service for more than a century. Established in 1883, it was the first School of Pharmacy to offer a baccalaureate degree in pharmacy. It was also the nation’s first to award doctoral degrees in pharmaceutical chemistry, pharmaceutics, the history of pharmacy, social studies of pharmacy, and continuing education.

Our School of Pharmacy is a small community with the benefits of a large university. We are located in Rennebohm Hall and are a member of the Health Sciences Learning Center (HSLC). The HSLC provides an integrated learning environment where students have access to healthcare professionals and a network of hospitals (UW Hospital & Clinics, William S. Middleton Memorial Veterans Hospital, and American Family Children’s Hospital). The University of Wisconsin–Madison School of Pharmacy is ranked 7th by U.S. News and World Report.

Students who pursue our four-year Doctor of Pharmacy degree will learn from outstanding and award-winning faculty. Our experiential learning program offers more than 1,500 available rotations, including international rotations, reflecting the variety of interests, specialties, and career pathways in pharmacy.



In addition, our PharmD students have the opportunity to [customize](#) their coursework through the Scholars in Pharmacy (SIP) office by pursuing a:

- Pharmacy Operations Technology and Management (OTM) Named Option through our partnership with the Wisconsin School of Business
- Rural Health Named Option
- PharmD/MPH dual degree
- Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experiences Residency Track (APPE-RT)
- Path of Distinction in Antimicrobial Stewardship, Applied Drug Development, Psychiatric Pharmacy, Leadership, or Research
- 5 Certificate Options

Visit the [Scholars in Pharmacy](#) page for full details.

## ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

The University of Wisconsin–Madison was founded in 1848 and is located on 938 beautiful acres in the heart of Madison. For over 175 years, this campus has been a catalyst for the extraordinary. As a public land-grant university and major research institution, our students and faculty members partake in a well-rounded, world-class education and solve real-world problems. UW–Madison’s education prepares you not only for a better career, but also to be a better citizen. Wherever you are on your academic journey, a community of more than 400,000 Badgers around the world is waiting for you.





## THE DOCTOR OF PHARMACY PROGRAM (PHARM D)

The PharmD program is a full-time, four-year professional degree program that prepares students to provide high-quality pharmaceutical care with the patient as its focus and optimal drug therapy and health as its goal. All students applying to the Doctor of Pharmacy program must complete our prerequisite courses, which typically take 2-3 years. Students begin to apply their knowledge and gain skills in real pharmacy settings during the first year of the program through our Experiential Education Program, known as [Introductory Pharmacy Practice Experiences \(IPPE\)](#).

The UW-Madison PharmD program is designed to prepare the next generation of pharmacy leaders. As the health care landscape transforms, our [time-tested curriculum](#) evolves with it, so you'll leave our program with the knowledge and skills employers need.

The innovative curriculum is based on the philosophy that a successful student builds expertise in many specific areas of pharmacy by gaining mastery of foundation material from the biomedical, pharmaceutical, social and clinical sciences. The School of Pharmacy embraces diversity in our teaching approach, including active learning, hands-on pharmacy practice experiences, interprofessional development and education, and robust use of technology, emphasizing health equity and continual professional development.

Be at the forefront of personalized medicine and the latest pharmaceutical breakthroughs at one of the best research universities. Our graduates are pharmacists trained as scientists and clinicians who are ready to make a better world for patients and improve people's health.

# DOCTOR OF PHARMACY PREREQUISITE COURSES



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## PREREQUISITE COURSES

Prerequisites do not need to be completed to apply, but must be complete before you begin the PharmD program in the Fall. We accept summer coursework as well. The prerequisites can be completed at any accredited college or university.

PREREQUISITE	REQUIREMENT
Calculus	1 course
General Chemistry I & II	2 courses and labs
Organic Chemistry I & II	2 courses and labs
General Biology I & General Biology II or Advanced Biology	2 courses and labs Advanced Biology lab is preferred, but not required
Microbiology	1 course
Human or Comparative Physiology	1 course
General Physics	1 course
Statistics	1 course
English Composition or Written Communication	1 course or U.S. bachelor's degree
General Elective Coursework in Social Science, Communication, Humanities, Foreign Language, or Diversity Studies	4 courses (12 credits minimum) or U.S. bachelor's degree
Additional Elective Coursework	72 total credits



## SELECTION CRITERIA

The PharmD Admissions Committee carefully considers eight selection criteria in the evaluation of all applicants. These criteria allow the Committee to use a holistic approach in reviewing applicants, which gives more dimension and breadth to the applicant review process. Applicants should do their best to address the selection criteria in their application, essays, letters of recommendation, and interview.

### Academic Achievement »

1

- The PharmD program does not have an explicit minimum GPA requirement. The GPA range for the Fall 2023 entering class was 2.8 – 4.0. The average GPA for the Fall 2023 entering class was 3.5.
- Applicants are encouraged to aim for B or better in coursework.
- The Admissions Committee also considers trends and grades, combination of courses taken per semester, and total credit load, in addition to GPA.

### Communication Skills »

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- Pharmacists communicate daily with diverse populations, including patients, healthcare providers, and the general public. For this reason, applicants must be able to communicate effectively in both oral and written English. The applicant should exhibit a mature, motivated, and professional attitude and demeanor.
- Interviews, recommendation letters, personal statements, and other essays are used to assess communication and interpersonal skills.

### Cultural Awareness & Understanding »

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- Cultural awareness is the ability and willingness to objectively examine the values, beliefs, traditions and perceptions within our own and other cultures.
- Examples of how you can increase your cultural awareness: community service/volunteer activities, courses, seminars, workshops, clubs, social organizations, community civic and religious groups, and study abroad.

### Diversity of Background & Experiences »

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- The School of Pharmacy is committed to admitting a diverse student body so our graduates can succeed in an increasingly complex and multicultural society.
- Applicants are encouraged to share information about their own unique backgrounds and experiences with the Admissions Committee.



## Experience in Pharmacy, Healthcare, or Research »

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- Applicants are encouraged to gain experience in pharmacy, healthcare, or research.
- Examples: Talk to current pharmacy students or faculty, shadow pharmacists, conduct an informational interview with a pharmacist, volunteer or work as a pharmacy technician, work or volunteer in a lab setting, volunteer at a healthcare facility, join a pre-pharmacy club.

## Extracurricular, Community Service, Volunteer Activities »

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- Engage in learning opportunities outside of the classroom by getting involved with extracurricular activities/experiences that you're interested in or passionate about.
- Some examples of extracurricular activities include academic and/or social clubs, student organizations, civic groups, religious organizations, team or recreational sports, and fraternities/sororities.

## Interest & Understanding of the Pharmacy Profession »

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- The Admissions Committee wants to know what motivates an applicant to pursue a career in pharmacy. Applicants should have a foundational understanding of the pharmacy profession, career options, and how pharmacists interact with the healthcare team.

## Leadership »

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- The Admissions Committee selects applicants who they feel have the potential to become future leaders.
- Examples of leadership roles: Executive board member, officer of an organization, captain, coach, teacher/mentor, supervisor/manager/team leader at a place of employment, organizer/initiator/creator of a project.





## HOW TO APPLY

Students can apply to the Doctor of Pharmacy program approximately one year before they enroll. The UW–Madison Doctor of Pharmacy program participates in rolling admissions. We review applications as they are completed and verified by PharmCAS, filling seats in the class throughout the application cycle. For detailed information on the PharmD admissions process, please visit our website: <https://pharmacy.wisc.edu/academics/pharmd/admissions/>

### Application Deadline for Fall 2024 Admission:

- Priority Application Deadline: November 1, 2023
- Final Application Deadline: March 1, 2024

All the materials listed below must be submitted by the application deadline.

#### PharmCAS Application:

1

The PharmCAS application opens mid-July prior to the year in which you are seeking admission. The PharmCAS personal essay cannot exceed 4,500 characters, including spaces (this is about one page). All official college transcripts and letters of recommendation should be sent to PharmCAS. PharmCAS can take up to two weeks to verify your application. Your PharmCAS application must be complete and verified in order for the Committee to consider inviting you to an interview.

[www.PharmCAS.org](http://www.PharmCAS.org)

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#### Official College Transcripts:

All official college transcripts are required and must be sent to PharmCAS. Transcripts sent to the University of Wisconsin during the application period will not be accepted. If post secondary coursework was completed outside of the U.S. or Canada, a World Educational Services (WES) transcript evaluation is required and must be sent to PharmCAS.





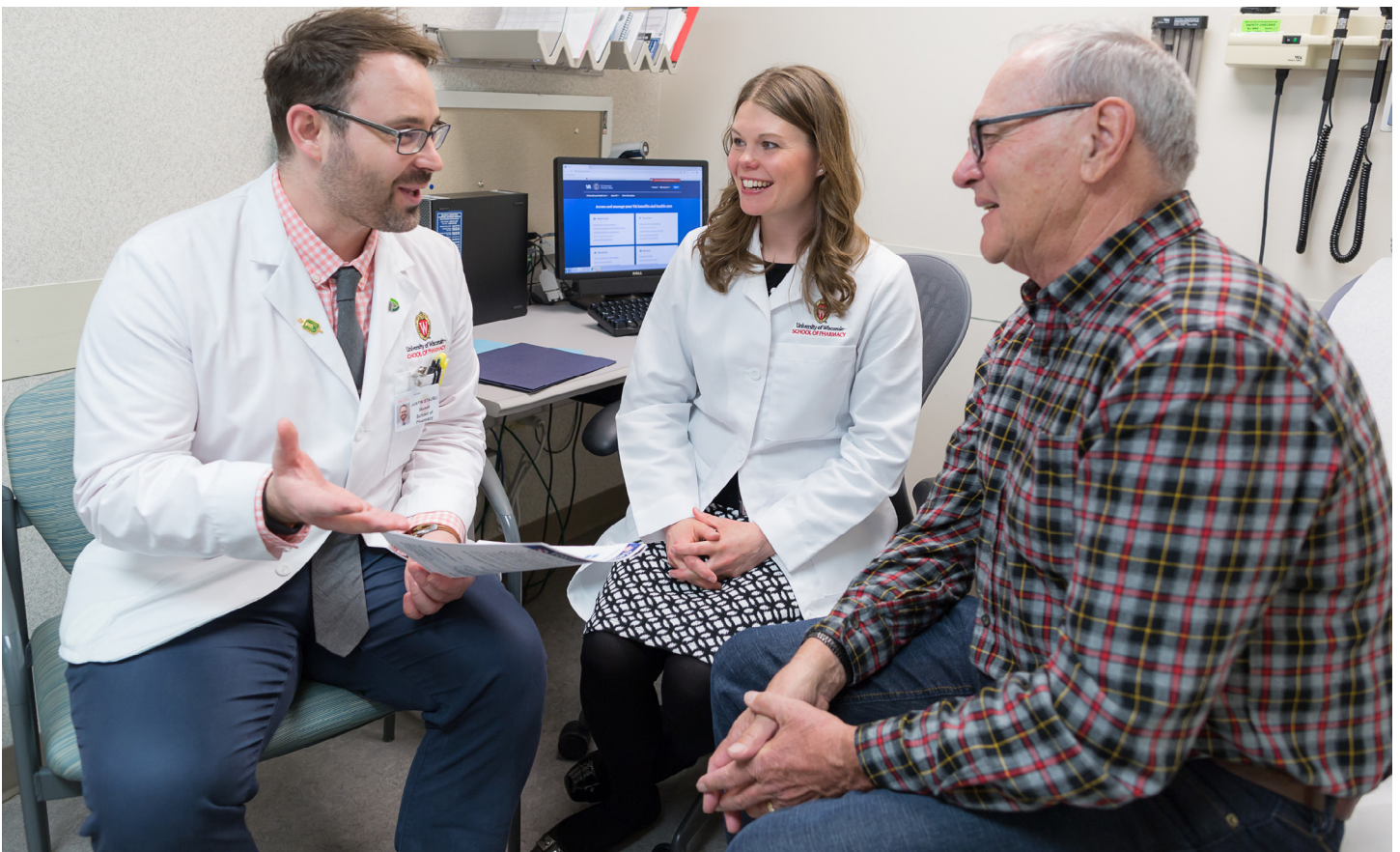
## Letters of Recommendation:

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Two letters of recommendation are required and must be sent to PharmCAS. All applicants must use PharmCAS recommendation forms and should designate their evaluators as part of their PharmCAS application. Choose a recommender who knows your character/work ethic/interest in pharmacy and things about you that aren't apparent in your online application.

- One of the two letters must be from a college-level instructor (professor, lecturer, teaching assistant). A letter from a science instructor is preferred.
- The second letter should be from a reference who knows you professionally such as a work/volunteer supervisor, pharmacist, professor, lecturer, teaching/research assistant, or academic advisor. We will not accept letters from a politician, friend, family member, or coworker of equal standing.

International applicants and non-native English speakers must submit additional materials with their application. Depending on your academic history and native language, you may have to submit certain documents, while others may not be required. Accepted International applicants will be required to submit funding documents prior to requesting your F-1 or J-1 Visa. For more information, please visit: <https://pharmacy.wisc.edu/academics/pharmd/international-students/>



# APPLICATION DEADLINES, ADMISSION TIMELINE



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We encourage applicants to apply early as UW-Madison School of Pharmacy participates in rolling admissions. PharmCAS can take up to two weeks to verify complete applications. We are not able to consider inviting you to an interview until your PharmCAS application is verified, and all other required application materials are received.

## BENEFITS OF APPLYING BY THE PRIORITY APPLICATION DEADLINE (NOVEMBER 1, 2023):

- Priority in the selection of scholarship offers.
- Guaranteed interview for applicants who have a 3.0 cumulative GPA or higher.
- Benefit of knowing your admission decision sooner.
- We participate in rolling admissions and the class can fill as the final application deadline approaches.

Priority applicants must complete the required admission interview by December 8, 2023 in order to take advantage of the priority deadline benefits.

**Priority Application Deadline: November 1, 2023**

**Final Application Deadline: March 1, 2024**

**July 14, 2023**

PharmCAS Application Opens

**September 2023 – April 2024**

Admissions Interview (Invitation-only interviews, in which selected applicants are invited to interview)

**October 2023 – April 2024**

Applicants will be notified of admissions status via email

**November 1, 2023**

Priority Application Deadline for Fall 2024 Admission

**March 1, 2024**

Final Application Deadline for Fall 2024 Admission







With generous support from donors, alumni, and other School of Pharmacy and campus initiatives, over \$500,000 in scholarships were offered to first-year PharmD students for the 2023-2024 academic year.

All students applying for Fall 2024 admission are automatically considered for scholarships using submitted application materials to determine scholarship eligibility. The optional scholarship essay is included on the Programs Materials section of the PharmCAS application. Types of scholarships offered include:

- Resident & Nonresident Merit Scholarships
- Need-Based Scholarships
- AOP (Advanced Opportunity Program) Scholarships

## **INITIAL SCHOLARSHIP NOTIFICATION: OCTOBER THROUGH DECEMBER 2023**

Applicants who apply by November 1, 2023 will receive priority in selection of scholarship offers.

Applicants who apply and interview after the priority application deadline are still eligible for available scholarships. Please contact the PharmD Admissions Office if you have any questions at [apply@pharmacy.wisc.edu](mailto:apply@pharmacy.wisc.edu).



## ADMISSIONS DECISIONS

After your interview, the Admissions Committee will complete another full review of your application and interview. You will receive one of the following admission decisions approximately 2-3 weeks after your interview:

### Admitted

1

Congratulations! We hope that you will accept the offer of admission and join our program! We typically ask students to accept or decline the offer of admission within two weeks of receiving the offer. Students admitted prior to March 1 are required to pay a \$200 enrollment deposit within two weeks of receiving the offer of admission. A second deposit of \$300 will be required on March 1. Students admitted after March 1 will be required to pay the entire \$500 enrollment deposit within two weeks of receiving the offer of admission.

### Deferred Decision

2

The Admissions Committee was not able to make a final admissions decision on your application. They will continue to review your application throughout the admissions process.

### Denied Admission

3

The Admissions Committee completed a full and extensive review of your application, and we are not able to offer you admission into the PharmD program. The Admissions Committee appreciates the hard work, care, and interest you have shown and wish you success in your future endeavors.





## ADMISSIONS OFFER & DEPOSIT TIMEFRAMES

### Before March 1:

- The University of Wisconsin–Madison Doctor of Pharmacy program requires a \$200 deposit when an applicant accepts the offer of admission. This \$200 deposit is due within two weeks of receiving an offer of admission.
- Applicants may choose to accept multiple admission offers.

### After March 1:

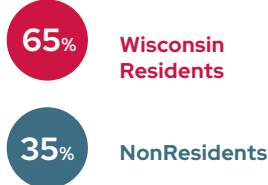
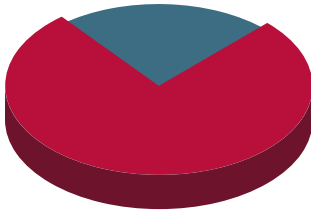
- An additional \$300 deposit is required.
- Students who are admitted into the PharmD program after March 1, will be required to pay the total \$500 deposit when the applicant accepts the offer of admission.
- Because we participate in AACP’s Cooperative Admission Guidelines, applicants may hold only one acceptance. Participating schools and colleges may choose to rescind offers to applicants holding multiple acceptances.



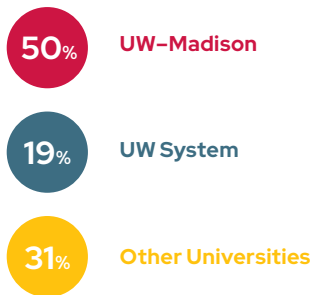
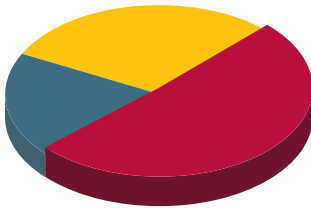


## PHARMD ADMISSION STATISTICS

WI Residents & Non Residents



Where Students Complete Prerequisite Coursework



### Most Recent Accepted Class:

- ✓ Cumulative GPA: 3.5
- ✓ GPA Range: 2.8–4.0
- ✓ Average Science GPA: 3.4
- ✓ First Generation: 21%
- ✓ States and U.S. Territories: CA, CO, GA, IL, IN, MA, MI, MN, NY, OK, SD, WI, and Puerto Rico
- ✓ Country of Origin/Country of Birth: Cameroon, Canada, China, Jordan, Korea, and the United States





# CONTACT INFORMATION AND RESOURCES



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## PHARMD ADMISSIONS CONTACT INFORMATION

For general admissions questions or to set up an appointment, please contact [apply@pharmacy.wisc.edu](mailto:apply@pharmacy.wisc.edu) or 608-262-6234.

### ADMISSIONS TEAM

- Jeremy Altschafli, MA, Assistant Dean of PharmD Admissions
- Jannelle Frey, MS, PharmD Admissions Manager

[apply@pharmacy.wisc.edu](mailto:apply@pharmacy.wisc.edu)  
608-262-6234

### MEET WITH US

- If you would like to [schedule an appointment](#) with an admissions advisor (virtual, in-person, or phone), please contact 608-262-6234 or [apply@pharmacy.wisc.edu](mailto:apply@pharmacy.wisc.edu)
- Attend a Prospective Student Event: <https://pharmacy.wisc.edu/academics/pharmd/events/>

### ADDITIONAL RESOURCES AND LINKS

- Campus Map: <https://www.map.wisc.edu/>
- City of Madison Biking: <https://www.cityofmadison.com/bikeMadison/>
- Estimated Cost of Attendance: <https://financialaid.wisc.edu/cost-of-attendance/>
- Financial Aid: <https://financialaid.wisc.edu/>
- Gender & Sexuality Campus Center: <https://lgbt.wisc.edu/>
- Housing Resources:  
Campus Area Housing - <https://campusareahousing.wisc.edu/>

University Graduate & Family Housing - <https://www.housing.wisc.edu/apartments/>

- International Student Services (ISS): [iss.wisc.edu](http://iss.wisc.edu)
- Madison Metro: <https://www.cityofmadison.com/metro>
- McBurney Disability Resource Center: <https://mcburney.wisc.edu/>
- Multicultural Student Center (MSC): <https://msc.wisc.edu/>
- PharmCAS: <http://www.pharmacas.org/>
- Popular Campus Destinations: <https://info.wisc.edu/destinations>
- Recreation & Wellbeing: <https://recwell.wisc.edu/>
- School of Pharmacy Student Life: <https://pharmacy.wisc.edu/programs/pharmd/student-life/>
- Student Life: <https://www.wisc.edu/student-life/>
- Pharmacy Student Organizations: <https://win.wisc.edu/>  
<https://students.pharmacy.wisc.edu/student-life/student-organizations/>
- The Open Seat: UW Student Food Pantry <https://asm.wisc.edu/the-open-seat/>
- University Health Services (UHS): [www.uhs.wisc.edu](http://www.uhs.wisc.edu)
- UW Student Job Center: <https://studentjobs.wisc.edu/>
- UW-Madison Scholars in Pharmacy: <https://students.pharmacy.wisc.edu/scholars-in-pharmacy/>
- Veteran Services & Military Assistance: <https://veterans.wisc.edu/>
- Visit Downtown Madison: <https://visitdowntownmadison.com/>
- Wisconsin Athletics: <https://uwbadgers.com/>