DOCTOR OF PHARMACY (PharmD)
Admission Requirements

Required Prerequisite Coursework (minimum of 65 semester hours)

Communications: 8 semester hours
Both written and verbal must be represented

Life Sciences: 22 semester hours
General Biology with lab: 8
Anatomy and Physiology: 8
Microbiology with lab: 3
Genetics: 3

Physical Sciences: 23 semester hours
Inorganic Chemistry with lab: 8
Organic Chemistry with lab: 8
Physics: 4
Biochemistry: 3

Mathematics/Statistics: 6 semester hours
Calculus: 3
Statistics: 3

Social/Behavioral Sciences: 3 semester hours

Humanities: 3 semester hours

NOTES:
- AP credit is acceptable to meet prerequisites if it’s identified by specific courses/credit hours on college transcripts.
- All prerequisite coursework must be completed with a grade of C or higher by the end of the spring semester (or no later than the first week of June for schools not on a semester system) before they would begin the professional program.
- Any course with a grade of C- (C minus) or lower grade must be repeated.
- All prerequisite coursework must be taken on a graded basis.

Pre-Pharmacy Prerequisite Coursework Guides
The College of Pharmacy Office of Student Affairs works with many Illinois colleges and universities to create prerequisite transfer equivalency guides. These guides are available at the following website:

http://pharmacy.uic.edu/programs/pharmd-professional-program/admission-requirements-new/prepharmacy-prerequisite-coursework-guides

PCAT Scores
- The average PCAT scores from the past few years have been in the 70-80th percentile range.
- There is no minimum score required. However, for best consideration, a score of 50th percentile or higher is recommended.
- If the PCAT has been taken multiple times, the attempt with the highest composite percentile will be used in the review process.
- PCAT scores within the last two years (at the time of application) will be considered.
Grade Point Average (GPA) Requirements
The UIC College of Pharmacy requires applicants to have Cumulative, Science/Math, and Pre-Pharmacy Prerequisite coursework GPAs that meet or exceed **2.50 (on a 4.00 scale)** to be eligible for admission consideration. The average prerequisite GPA over the past few years has been a 3.3 on a 4.0 scale.

- **Pre-Pharmacy Prerequisite GPA** – only prerequisite coursework (if any prerequisite course has been repeated, the better grade will be used in this calculation)
- **Science/Math GPA** – all science and mathematics/statistics coursework
- **Cumulative GPA** – all coursework taken at all colleges and universities combined (if any course has been repeated, all attempts will be used in this calculation)

Factors Considered by the Admissions Committee During the Review Process

- Communication, leadership and people skills
- Community service hours, volunteer work
- Grade Point Averages
- PCAT test scores
- Pharmacy or health care related experiences such as pharmacy technician, hospital volunteer, volunteer for Red Cross, etc.
- Prerequisite coursework
- Letters of Recommendation – two are required: one from an academic source such as an academic advisor or a professor/TA, and one from an employer/supervisor or volunteer supervisor

Applying to the Pharmacy Program

- **STEP 1 – Complete a PharmCAS Application.** Available at [www.PharmCAS.org](http://www.PharmCAS.org) at the beginning of July each year
- **STEP 2 – Compete the Supplemental Application and UIC Online Application** (by invitation only for qualified applicants)

**NOTES:**

- The Admissions Committee reviews complete applications (verified PharmCAS application, supplemental application materials, PCAT scores in PharmCAS, and the two required letters of recommendation).
- Between 400 and 500 of the most qualified applicants are invited for an on-site Multiple Mini-Interviews (MMI).
- Approximately 210 students are admitted to the program each fall (160 on the Chicago campus and 50 on the Rockford campus).
- A non-refundable $1,000 holding deposit is required when an applicant accepts an admission offer. The deposit is applied to a student’s tuition after matriculation.

If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact:

Ms. Paula Fleming  
Admissions Counselor  
College of Pharmacy  
pfleming@uic.edu  
312 996 2329
PHARMACY CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
Areas of Specialization

Industry
- **Business**: Sales, Marketing, Management
- **Technical/Scientific/Manufacturing**: Product Quality Control, Drug Info/Post-Marketing Surveillance, Regulatory Affairs
- **Research/Development**: Biopharmaceutical Sciences, Basic Research, Clinical Research, Clinical*, Administration, Biological Sciences, Continuing Education, Medicinal Chemistry/Pharmacognosy, Pharmacology, Pharmacy Administration, Pharmacy Practice
- **Administration**: Professional Relations

Community
- **Medical Group/HMO**: Clinical*
- **Independent**: Long-term Care Consultation, Franchise, Medical Building, Home Health Care Center, Pharmacy Office Apothecary, Office-based Practice, Clinical*
- **Chain**: Long-term Care Consultation, Clinical*, Franchise, Medical Building, Home Health Care Center, Pharmacy Office Apothecary

Government
- **Federal**: Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), Veterans Affairs (VA), Department of Health, Armed Services, Clinical*
- **State**: Department of Health, Department of Consumer Affairs, Clinical*

Consulting
- **Long-term Care**
- **Home Health Care**
- **Clinical**
- **Hospital**: Clinical*
- **Consumer**

Academia
- **Academic Administration**
- **Biological Science**
- **Continuing Education**
- **Medicinal Chemistry/Pharmacognosy**
- **Biopharmaceutical Sciences**
- **Pharmacology**
- **Pharmacy Administration**
- **Pharmacy Practice**: Clinical*

Institution
- **Long-term Care**
- **Government Facility**
- **Medical/Dental, Etc.**
- **Hospital**: Nuclear, Chain-owned Pharmacy
- **Administration**
- **Distribution & Control**
- **Outpatient**
- **Clinical**

Other
- **Legal**
- **Mail Order**
- **U.S. Pharmacopeia**
- **Third-Party Insurance**
- **Computer Technology**
- **Trade Journal**
- **Wholesaling**
- **Pharmacy Association**

There are over 80 careers in the field of pharmacy.
The median annual wage for pharmacists is $120,950 (2014).

Clinical*: Adult Medicine, Ambulatory, Critical Care, Drug Information, Emergency Room, Geriatrics, Infectious Diseases, Internal Medicine, Intravenous Drug Therapy, Medical Oncology, Nutrition, Pediatrics, Pharmacokinetics, Poison Control, Psychiatric

Sources:
Glaxo Pathway Evaluation Program®
Bureau of Labor Statistics
## Tuition, Fees, and Assessments per semester
for 2015-2016 Academic Year

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Tuition and fees are subject to change without notice at any time prior to the first day of instruction.

* With proof of insurance, this fee can be waived.

** Not applicable to Rockford students.

### Office of Student Financial Aid
The Office of Student Financial Aid is located in the Student Services Building (SSB) at the corner of Racine and Harrison in Chicago.

**Hours:** Monday through Friday, 8:30am-5pm  
**Phone:** 312 996 3126  
**Fax:** 312 996 3385  
**URL:** [http://www.uic.edu/depts/financialaid/](http://www.uic.edu/depts/financialaid/)
Scholarships for New Students
The UIC College of Pharmacy offers many scholarship opportunities for new students. These scholarships are applied to tuition and have the possibility of being renewed annually. For more information about these scholarship opportunities, please contact the College of Pharmacy, Office of Student Affairs, at pharmosa@uic.edu.

College of Pharmacy Dean’s Academic Excellence Scholarships
The Academic Excellence Awards Program is designed to attract and secure admission of Doctor of Pharmacy students with outstanding academic credentials and professional preparedness.

College of Pharmacy Opportunity Scholarships
The College of Pharmacy values the benefits of a diverse student body. Diversity enriches the academic experience by providing an opportunity to explore different world views, philosophies, and cultural approaches to pharmacy practice and the pharmaceutical sciences. To continue to develop and energize our diverse student body, the College of Pharmacy offers a limited number of scholarships based on criteria such as leadership experiences, unique personal abilities or talents, health care related experiences, racial, ethnic, socioeconomic, geographic and/or intellectual diversity, perspective in overcoming obstacles to academic success or others.

College of Pharmacy Tuition Scholarships
ROCKFORD
To augment the geographic diversity of the student body, the College of Pharmacy offers tuition scholarships for out-of-state students who are committed to completing the PharmD degree on the Rockford Campus. The scholarship gives high-achieving and talented out-of-state students the opportunity to pay an alternate tuition rate equal to the in-state tuition rate.

CHICAGO
To increase the geographic diversity of our student body, the College of Pharmacy offers a limited number of tuition scholarships for out-of-state students who are committed to completing their PharmD degree on the Chicago Campus and who demonstrate their commitment by participating in the PharmCAS Early Decision Program. The scholarship gives high-achieving and talented out-of-state students the opportunity to pay an alternate tuition rate equal to the in-state tuition rate.

College of Pharmacy RPHARM and UPHARM Concentration Scholarships
Scholarships are available for students who demonstrate an interest in serving underserved rural populations and who desire to be a part of the RPHARM Program.

Scholarships are available for students who demonstrate an interest in serving underserved urban populations and who desire to be part of the UPHARM Program.
Benefits

★ Work and learn with medical students for 4 years
  • Same classes
  • Same assignments
  • Become accustomed to working with other health care professionals

★ Provides a network of peers and future colleagues that have similar life experiences
  • All students in the program understand the advantages and disadvantages of growing up and living in a small community

★ Rural coursework makes up 6 of the 12 required elective credit hours

★ Complete half of your 4th year rotations in the same rural community
  • Rotation sites are available throughout the state

★ By the time you graduate, you will have:
  • Created a research project
  • Experienced the IRB process
  • Completed a research project, including data collection
  • Presented your research project at Research Day

★ Graduate with a PharmD and a concentration in rural pharmacy services (the graduate school version of a minor)

Application Process

1. Indicate interest in rural pharmacy (via supplemental application or other means)

2. Contact the Director of the Rural Pharmacy Education Program
   a. Heidi Olson, PharmD at holson6@uic.edu

3. Interview with RPharm faculty/staff

4. Receive RPharm Program acceptance letter

5. Sign RPharm pledge
RPHARM MATRICULANTS

Classes of 2014 – 2019

Matriculants
No Matriculants