ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

60 applicants are accepted per year from 350+ applications.

New classes begin only in the fall semester each year. As such, the application cycle is always in the fall semester previous of a new class's start date, with interviews during the following spring semester [i.e an applicant wishing to start course work in the Fall of 2015 should apply in the Fall of 2014].

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS:

Prerequisite courses: The College of Pharmacy requires the general education requirements of the university or institution the applicant is studying at be completed prior to beginning the PharmD program in addition to the prerequisite course below. All prerequisite courses MUST be completed with a final grade no lower than a C.

GPA: A GPA will be calculated by the College of Pharmacy using only the prerequisite course below. The minimum prerequisite GPA must be a 2.8; the average GPA for the past incoming classes has been a 3.5.

- 1 Semester of Human Anatomy*
- 1 Semester of Human Physiology*
- 1 Year [2 Semesters, 3 Quarters] of General Chemistry with Labs
- 1 Year [2 Semesters, 3 Quarters] of Organic Chemistry with Labs
- 1 Year [2 Semesters, 3 Quarters] of Calculus
- 1 Semester of Physics
- 1 Semester of Statistics [or, Physics II]
- 1 Semester [or 2 quarters] of Microbiology
- 1 Semester of Professional/Technical Writing** [or Public Speaking**]
* If your institution offers a combined Anatomy/Physiology course, you must complete two semesters [Anatomy/Physiology I & II] or three quarters [Anatomy/Physiology I, II & III]

** While only one of these courses is required, we recommend taking both a technical writing course and a public speaking course, as both skill sets are very valuable for success in the PharmD program.

Students at institutions around the state of Utah may visit our course equivalency page [HERE](https://example.com)

**PCAT or Bachelor's Degree:** Applicants who do not plan on completing their bachelor's degree must take the PCAT. The minimum PCAT composite percentile score is 65, but the average composite score for the incoming class the past few years is 85. The minimum degree GPA for applicants with a bachelor's degree is a 3.0; the average GPA of the past incoming classes has been a 3.5.

**EXTRACURRICULAR REQUIREMENTS:**

**Community Service/Volunteer Work:** Applicants must have volunteer experience, post high school. Ongoing experience overtime is encouraged, preferably in a healthcare setting. Service rendered for pay, academic credit or other remuneration cannot be counted.

**Pharmacy Experience/Patient Exposure:** This is recommended, but not required. Approximately half of the applicants accepted over the past few years have had their pharmacy technician license, and this trend is increasing. If an applicant does not have direct pharmacy experience, any volunteer work or work experience in a healthcare setting involving patient exposure is recommended.

**Leadership Skills:** Applicants are recommended to have experience [paid or unpaid] in a position of responsibility for others.

**Letters of Recommendation:** Applicants are required to have to letters of recommendation: one must be from a professor of science or math; the other should be from a pharmacist. In the case an applicant feels they would receive a stronger letter of recommendation from a supervisor, a supervisor may be substituted for a pharmacist.

For questions regarding admissions requirements, please see the [Frequently Asked Questions](https://example.com) or send an email to [PharmD.Admissions@pharm.utah.edu](mailto:PharmD.Admissions@pharm.utah.edu).