

OVERVIEW

The University of Minnesota PharmD Early Assurance Program provides an opportunity for highly-qualified students to receive admission to the University of Minnesota Rochester and conditional admission to the PharmD program at the top ranked University of Minnesota College of Pharmacy through a combined admission process. Following admission to the Early Assurance Program, students have up to four years to fulfill program entry requirements.

BENEFITS TO STUDENTS

For students with a clear goal to pursue a PharmD, the Early Assurance Program can reduce the stress of the PharmD application process and provide extra support and preparation for successful matriculation into the PharmD program. Benefits include:

- Conditional admission to the PharmD program, pending completion of program entry requirements.
- Access to pharmacy advisors to assist with course and extracurricular planning.
- Access to faculty and pharmacist mentors.
- Special workshops on topics such as pharmacy career exploration, study skills, and interview preparation.
- PharmCAS application fee waiver in the year of application to the PharmD program.

Student Benefits

- ▶ Conditional admission
- ▶ Pre-pharmacy advisors
- ▶ Faculty/pharmacist mentors
- ▶ Workshops
- ▶ Application fee waiver

HOW TO APPLY

- Undergraduate students interested in this program will apply through the UMN Rochester undergraduate application process by December 1.
- When applying, students should indicate “Early Assurance Pharmacy” and respond to the four short answer questions specific to this program.
- Students will be reviewed for an early assurance interview with the PharmD program.
- Students will submit a simplified PharmCAS application and complete an affirmation interview one year prior to PharmD entry.



PREREQUISITE COURSES

For each prerequisite, the minimum course requirements are listed. Recommendations are also provided for some prerequisites to provide guidance on the best preparation for the PharmD curriculum; choosing not to take the recommended courses is not considered by the admissions committee.

PREREQUISITE	REQUIREMENT	UMN ROCHESTER SPECIFIC COURSES
General Biology	1 course with lab required	BIOL 2311
Microbiology	1 course required (lab recommended)	BIOL 3344
Advanced Biology	1 course required	BIOC 3321 BIOL 3311 BIOL 4342
Human or Comparative Anatomy	1 course required (lab recommended; human-focused course recommended)	BIOL 2331 & 3332
Human or Comparative Physiology	1 course required (lab recommended; human-focused course recommended)	BIOL 2331 & 3332
Calculus	1 course required	MATH 1171
Statistics	1 course required	MATH 1161 MATH 2161
General Chemistry	2 courses and 1 lab required (full lab sequence recommended)	CHEM 1331, 1333, 2335 & 2336
Organic Chemistry	2 courses and 1 lab required (full lab sequence recommended)	CHEM 1331, 1333, 2131 & 2132
General Physics	1 course required	PHYS 1251
Social & Behavioral Sciences	2 courses or U.S. bachelor's degree required (bachelor's degree recommended)	Psychology, sociology, economics, anthropology, global issues, geography, political science, etc.
Advanced Composition (Writing)	1 course or U.S. bachelor's degree required (bachelor's degree recommended)	WRIT 1501 WRIT 1512
Introductory Communication	1 course or U.S. bachelor's degree required (bachelor's degree recommended)	COMM 2511 COMM 2711

*For more information on prerequisite policies and requirements, visit z.umn.edu/guide