

Pharmacists are an important part of a healthcare team. They prepare and dispense drugs, understand chemicals and their properties, and advise both patients and health care providers (such as physicians and dentists) on the selection, dosages, interactions, and side effects of medications. Many pharmacists practice in retail or chain store pharmacies. Others practice in hospitals, firms that make pharmaceuticals, public health care centers and government regulatory agencies. Pharmacists can also work in research and academia.

## Degree

Pharmacy programs in the United States grant a Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) degree which requires at least six years of post-secondary study. A license to practice pharmacy is also required in all states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. territories. Contact St. John Fisher University for their most up-to-date application procedures and instructions.

## Criteria of Importance for Acceptance Include

- Essays and letters of recommendation play a significant role in the Admissions decision; highlight your research experience, awards and honors.
- Obtain and demonstrate leadership skills.
- Knowledge of Pharmacy related topics are helpful during the interview process.
- Cumulative and science GPAs of 2.75 are considered competitive. However, most students accepted to the program have performed at a much higher level.

## MCC Prerequisite Courses for St. John Fisher School of Pharmacy

- MTH 160 - Statistics I
  - MTH 200 or 210 - Applied Calculus or Calculus I
  - BIO 155 - General Biology I
  - BIO 156 - General Biology II
  - BIO 209 or 230 Microbiology or Molecular Genetics or other 4 credit Biology lab science
  - CHE 151 - General College Chemistry I
  - CHE 152 - General College Chemistry II
  - CHE 251 - Organic Chemistry I
  - CHE 252 - Organic Chemistry I
  - ENG 101 or 200 - English Composition
  - ENG 105 or other Literature course
  - SPC 140, 141, 142, 143, or 144 – Speech Communication
  - ECO 111 or 112 - Micro or Macroeconomics
  - Social Science/Humanities courses (12 credits)
- Choose one:
- PHY 145 - College Physics I
  - PHY 154 - General Physics I
  - PHY 161 - University Physics I

*AP courses are not accepted for science courses. Grades below 'C' cannot be accepted toward completion of these requirements. Completion of these criteria does not guarantee acceptance into the program. Admission is competitive*

## *Application Notes*

- Fall 2024: PCAT testing is optional. Students may still elect to take the exam and submit scores if they feel it will enhance their application.
- Your PharmCAS application, PharmCAS fee, PCAT scores (if applicable), official transcripts from all previously attended institutions, and two letters of recommendation must be submitted directly to PharmCAS for verification.
- If students want their PCAT scores considered, they must arrange for Harcourt Assessment to send their PCAT scores directly to PharmCAS. The reporting code is 104. Applicants taking the PCAT must take it on or before the March test date to be considered for fall admission to the Wegmans School of Pharmacy. Early completion of the application process is recommended.
- Make sure to check the St. John Fisher University website for the Doctor of Pharmacy application deadline and additional important information.
- Be sure your academic transcripts arrive on time. Follow-up on your application to make sure all information is complete.

## Important Websites

- [St. John Fisher University](#)
- [Visit Opportunities](#)
- [Program Overview](#)
- [Application Process and requirements](#)
- [Pharmacy College Application Service \(PharmCAS\)](#)
- [Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education](#)

*Note: While every effort is made to ensure that the information in this guide is accurate, students are advised to contact transfer institutions for specific course requirements and the most up-to-date information.*

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