



Western  
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College of Pharmacy

# Master of Science in Pharmaceutical Sciences (MSPS)

## Program Preview

Wednesday, June 9th, 2021

Presenters:

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Professor and Director for Graduate Education  
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**Elaine Gonzalez**

Admissions Counselor

**Maya Smith**

University Recruiter



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## Agenda

March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021 | 2:30 PM Pacific

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**Welcome / Introduction**

Maya Smith  
University Recruiter

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**Program Overview**

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**Admissions Presentation**

Ms. Elaine Gonzalez  
Admissions Counselor

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**Student Panel Q & A**

Current MSPS Students



## MS in Pharmaceutical Sciences (MSPS) | FAQ

### **Does it matter that I'm older than your average applicant?**

Definitely not, we find that students of all ages make unique contributions to the class. We encourage qualified applicants to apply regardless of age.

### **Do you give preference to California residents?**

No, although a significant portion of our student body is from California, this is merely a reflection of our overall applicant pool.

### **Is tuition the same for in-state and out-of-state residents?**

Yes. We are a private institution, therefore the tuition is the same for in-state, out-of-state and international students. Qualified applicants may be offered teaching assistantship, with monthly stipends and tuition waiver.

### **Do you have an early decision process?**

No, the College of Pharmacy currently does not have an early decision process.

### **How does the committee decide which applicants are offered seats?**

Applications, including all supporting application materials, will be reviewed starting September 1 for the spring semester (January) and April 1 for the fall semester (August). Completed applications which arrive before or after the deadline may be considered on a rolling basis.

### **When are acceptance letters and final notification letters mailed?**

Applicants are usually notified of the committee's decision within two-three weeks of review of application.

### **Can international students apply?**

Yes, we do consider international students. Please keep in mind that any coursework taken outside of U.S. must be submitted to an approved evaluation service for review. All foreign transcripts must be evaluated course-by-course with letter grades, pass/fail, or credit/no credit, and must specify which courses are considered undergraduate, graduate and professional. The official evaluation must be included with the supplemental packet. For additional international student information please visit the international student website.

#### **Approved services:**

World Education Services (WES)  
P.O. Box 5087, Bowling Green Station  
New York, NY 10274-5087  
(212) 966-6311 | <https://www.wes.org/>

Josef Silny & Associates (JSA)  
7101 SW 102 Avenue  
Miami, FL 33173  
(305) 273-1616  
<https://www.jsilny.org/>



## Admission Requirements & Professional Opportunities

### Admission Requirements

- Bachelor of Science or Arts degree in pharmacy, chemistry, biology, or a related scientific area.
- Minimum overall GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale
- Graduate Record Examination (GRE)-Combined verbal and quantitative score of greater than or equal to 300 and a minimum of 10% for the analytical writing section is recommended
- Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or International English Language Testing System (IELTS) if required-A minimum score of 89 on the TOEFL or a 6.5 on the IELTS is recommended. Test scores must be less than 2 years old from the application deadline to be considered.
- Three letters of reference from individuals who are familiar with the applicant's scholarship and research potential.

### Professional Opportunities

- Recent advances in pharmaceutical sciences make pharmaceutical research a rewarding career for people interested in improving lives through the discovery, development, and manufacture of new pharmaceutical products.
- Our students are in high demand! Sought after by well-known institutions around the country; many of our graduates have become a part of the pharmaceutical industry in both small and large biotech and pharmaceutical companies. Other students have joined internationally recognized biomedical research institutes, making major contributions to cutting-edge translational research programs. Students wishing to continue their education have entered PhD and professional programs throughout the United States.