



WesternU Preview

College of Pharmacy

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Welcome / Introduction

University Recruiter – Maya Smith

Program Overview

Dean, College of Pharmacy – Dr. Sunil Prabhu, PHARM.D

Admissions Presentation

Admissions Counselor – Julie Smith

Student Panel Q & A

Current PharmD Students



Fall 2020 Entering Class

Number of PharmCAS Applications Received	508
Number of Interviews Granted	291
Number of Students Enrolled	108
Average Overall GPA	3.20
Average Science GPA	3.07
PCAT (NOT REQUIRED)	

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.

Can I transfer into your PharmD program from another PharmD program?

Yes. We do accept transfer applications. Please contact the Admissions office for more information regarding this policy.

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.

Can international students apply?

Yes, we do consider international students provided they have met the prerequisites coursework and other requirements for the traditional 4-year PharmD program. However, we also have a program for foreign pharmacists who desire to obtain the PharmD degree. For additional information on this program, please visit the international student website.

What are the approved evaluation services for international student transcripts? Please keep in mind that any coursework taken outside the U.S. must be submitted to an approved evaluation service for review. The approved evaluation services are: World Education Services (WES) and Josef Silny & Associates (JSA)

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. For more information on tuition, scholarships and loan options please visit the PharmD prospective page.

Does WesternU accept PharmCAS letters of recommendation?

Yes, WesternU will **only** accept letters of recommendation from PharmCAS, and they must be submitted to PharmCAS by WesternU's application deadline.

Do you have an early decision process?

No, early decision will no longer be an option when applying after 2020/2021.

How does the committee decide which applicants are offered seats?

The committee will review all completed applications and select approximately 400 candidates for interview. After the interview, all materials will be reviewed and applicants will be assigned a status: admit, alternate, or reject. All students will be notified of their decision via email. There is no need to call, as applicants will be notified immediately if there is a change in their status. Please visit the competitive candidate profile page for more information about what qualities the admissions committee seeks in a student. You will also find the current statistics on this page.

If you were selected as an alternate and will be receiving a bachelor's degree by the end of the spring semester or quarter, you are encouraged to submit proof of degree received to the Admissions Office by June 1.

How and when will I know if I've been invited for an interview?

You will be notified by email between August and March, should you be selected for an interview.

When are acceptance letters and final notification letters mailed?

Applicants are usually notified of the committee's decision within one-two weeks of their interview. All applicants are notified of their final status by mid-August.

I am a re-applicant. How may I improve my application or chances of gaining admission?

Take a critical review of the information you indicated on your application and see if there are any obvious voids. For example, maybe you had one or two low grades that lowered your overall and/or science GPA, or maybe you weren't involved in community service, or merely forgot to include it on your application. You would be surprised at how much you can learn about the strengths and weaknesses of your application simply by looking at it from an admissions perspective.

It's important to realize that sometimes there isn't one obvious thing that you can change to be admitted. Every case is different and every year the competition is different. Above all else, it is important to realize that we receive applications from many highly qualified applicants each year and are only able to accept about 20 percent of that pool. If this is the path you are committed to, keep trying!



Prerequisites & Application Requirements

Prerequisite Courses	Semesters
College English*	1
English Composition*	1
Speech Communication*	1
Human Physiology	1
Microbiology	1
General Chemistry w/ lab	2
Organic Chemistry w/ lab	2
Biochemistry/ Molecular Biology/ Cell Biology	1
General Biology	1
Calculus	1
Electives* (one course from two of the three areas below): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Speaking/Debate • Social Science • Economics • Physics 	2

Admissions Requirements

- A minimum of 60 semester hours or 90 quarter hours of coursework from a regionally accredited U.S. institution or its equivalent abroad.
- Although not required, we give preference to those who have earned a BS or BA (in any field).
- The preferred overall and science GPA is a 2.75 (undergraduate coursework), however; the applicant should strive for a GPA of 3.0 or higher in order to be competitive. The average GPA for the past 4 application cycles is 3.42 overall, and 3.39 science.

Although not required, pharmacy experience (volunteer or employment), is strongly recommended.