The PharmD Curriculum

Our curriculum is engaging, contemporary, relevant, and challenging. We provide a path that allows you to reach your full potential and gain a competitive advantage that will serve you well in your future as health-care providers.

At UNC you will work as part of a team to improve the health of patients. Our world-class professors challenge you to think critically and creatively to solve problems. You will be immersed in patient care early and learn to work as an important member of an interdisciplinary health care team. You will pursue scientific inquiry and apply what you’ve learned to innovatively create solutions to real-world problems.

We recognize that some of the best talent comes from outside the United States and welcome students from all corners of the world to apply to our innovative PharmD program. To help you through this process, this application guide will provide you with the steps required to apply to our program.

You may find details about the PharmD program and admission at https://pharmacy.unc.edu/academics/the-pharmd/

If you have further questions, please e-mail Dr. Amanda Corbett at amanda_corbett@unc.edu.

Overview of Important Dates To Remember

- **July 18, 2018:** PharmCAS and Supplemental Applications open
- **September 4, 2018:** Early Decision applications due
- **September 14, 2018:** Early Decision supplemental applications due
- **October 19, 2018:** Early Decision decisions released
- **December 3, 2018:** Regular Deadline for submission of PharmCAS application
- **January 18, 2019:** Regular Deadline for submission of supplemental application
- **February 1, 2019:** Extended Deadline for submission of PharmCAS application
- **February 6, 2019:** Extended Deadline for submission of supplemental application
- **October–February 2019:** Interviews scheduled and admissions decisions made
- **Mid-March, 2019:** UNC will provide each admitted applicant with a Letter of Admission.
- **April 5th, 2019:** CSC scholarship application deadline

Our Vision

To be the preeminent school of pharmacy transforming human health through innovations in education, practice, and research.
The Application Process
The five steps to apply for our PharmD program are outlined below

Step 1: Take the PCAT and the TOEFL

**PCAT**
- The Pharmacy College Admissions Test (PCAT) is a requirement for admission into our PharmD program. The PCAT is administered internationally from Pearson Professional Centers.
- There is a PCAT registration fee to take the test.
- Testing dates: to apply by the UNC PharmD application deadline, you must take the PCAT for the first time by November. Official PCAT testing dates can be found at [http://www.pcatweb.info/](http://www.pcatweb.info/).
- To register for the PCAT online, use the following link: [http://www.pearsonvue.com/pcat/](http://www.pearsonvue.com/pcat/). You will need to create an account and choose the closest testing site to you, then sign up for a specific testing time. To find a test center, locate “Find a test center” on the link above. And then enter your country and click search.
- A PCAT Information booklet can be found here: [http://pcatweb.info/downloads/cib_mnl_fnl_on-line.pdf](http://pcatweb.info/downloads/cib_mnl_fnl_on-line.pdf). This includes information on the structure and format of the test, including topics that will be tested, the time given for each testing section, and additional information on how to register. We highly recommend you review this booklet.
- UNC PharmD score information: The minimum acceptable score on the PCAT is a composite percentile score of 50 with all subsections greater than 50. We recommend a 70 or better to be competitive. On average, the student body admitted has scored above 85, however, many students often fall below or above average have been admitted as well.

**TOEFL:**
- The Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) is highly preferred if English is not your native language.
- The UNC Eshelman School of Pharmacy prefers for students to have a TOEFL iBT score greater or equal to 100. However, those who score less than 100 will still be reviewed for admissions.
- For international registrants in countries other than China, register for the TOEFL iBT [https://toefl-registration.ets.org/TOEFLWeb/extlSRLGmgPrompt.do](https://toefl-registration.ets.org/TOEFLWeb/extlSRLGmgPrompt.do). For those who are testing in China (except Hong Kong and Macau), register at [https://toefl.neea.cn/](https://toefl.neea.cn/) or see [toefl.neea.edu.cn](http://toefl.neea.edu.cn). A Step-by-Step tutorial for TOEFL iBT registration is available [https://www.ets.org/Media/Tests/TOEFL/pdf/4677_TOEFL_Reg_Guide.pdf](https://www.ets.org/Media/Tests/TOEFL/pdf/4677_TOEFL_Reg_Guide.pdf)
- The test fee will depend on the test location that you choose.
Step 2: Apply online through PharmCAS

- All applications to our PharmD program must be submitted through PharmCAS, available at: www.pharmcas.org. There is a PharmCAS application fee.
- The PharmCAS application requires the following components:
  - Biographical data
  - Information on Postsecondary institutions attended
  - Academic course history
  - Work experience
  - Extracurricular activities
  - Personal statement
  - PCAT Score – UNC institution code is 104
  - Transcript – see step 3 below
  - Two letters of recommendation

- The PharmCAS application usually opens mid-July. You can create an account when the cycle opens.
- The PharmCAS application deadline is February 1, however, you should submit your application as soon as possible because it takes 4-6 weeks for PharmCAS to process the application.

Step 3: Transcripts and Prerequisites

- For international applicants, PharmCAS does NOT accept original foreign transcripts. Foreign transcripts will need to be sent to a foreign transcript evaluation service prior to submitting to PharmCAS. UNC ESOP recommends World Education Services for all foreign evaluations.
- In your PharmCAS application, when asked for a transcript, select “Add a School,” and then use code 555555-Non-U.S. (Foreign) Institution to continue filling out the information.
- For your coursework, do NOT list any courses completed at a non-U.S. Institution.
- Send evaluated foreign transcripts to PharmCAS. Details can be found at http://www.pharmcas.org/preparing-to-apply/what-youll-need-to-apply/transcripts/#International

Step 4: Supplemental Application

- After you submit your PharmCAS application and your transcripts, UNC Eshelman School of Pharmacy will send you a supplemental application to complete in approximately one week after your PharmCAS application has been verified (which typically takes 4-6 weeks after submission).
- There is a supplemental application fee and the deadline for submission is February 6.

Step 5: Interview (by invitation)

- Once all your application materials have been submitted and verified, the School will invite qualified candidates for an interview (Online interview for international applicants).
- You can expect an admission decision within 2 weeks of your interview or by the end of April at the latest.
**Tuition and Scholarship Opportunities**

**Tuition**

Estimated tuition and fees for four(4) years of PharmD education for non-North Carolina residents is $197,555.12 USD in 2017-2018; however, rates vary each academic year. Details of tuition and fees may found at [https://pharmacy.unc.edu/academics/the-pharmd/pharmd-tuition-and-fees/](https://pharmacy.unc.edu/academics/the-pharmd/pharmd-tuition-and-fees/)

**Chinese Scholarship Council (CSC):**

The below mentioned scholarships are only available for students who are accepted and choose to attend UNC Eshelman School of Pharmacy.

- CSC will provide Fellowship recipients with a **living allowance for up to 48 months** as well as **round-trip international airfare and visa application fees**.
- Candidates for the Fellowship shall apply to UNC directly in the same manner and by the stated deadlines as applicable to all applicants to the Pharm. D. program.
- By March 1st, UNC will provide each admitted applicant for the Pharm. D. program with a Letter of Admission.
- Before April 5th, candidates admitted by UNC can apply to CSC for funding individually through the CSC’s website: [http://apply.csc.edu.cn/csc/main/person/login/index.jsf](http://apply.csc.edu.cn/csc/main/person/login/index.jsf).
- CSC will evaluate the candidates and provide UNC with a final list of Fellowship recipients before April 15.
- Students who received the above scholarship must return to China to work for minimum of 2 years post PharmD graduation.

**What We Offer: Immersion Program**

**One week integration program:** We hope to prepare international students to fully engage into the PharmD program and better adjust to the new environment. For the one week prior to new student orientation, you will have the opportunity to experience life as a PharmD student at the UNC Eshelman School of Pharmacy.

- Opportunities to meet with current students and network with faculty
- Engage in team work activities
- Campus tours
- Learning the daily activities of living in North Carolina
- Cross cultural awareness

**Helpful contact info**

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**Health Requirements:**

We recommend you start completing health requirements as soon as possible; some vaccines may take up to 7 months to complete. All health documents are required to be submitted to the school prior to starting, if you are accepted into the program.

Health requirements can be found at: [https://pharmacy.unc.edu/academics/the-pharmd/prerequisites/](https://pharmacy.unc.edu/academics/the-pharmd/prerequisites/)