

Doctor of Pharmacy APPLICATION GUIDE

UNIVERSITY OF THE
PACIFIC

Thomas J. Long
School of Pharmacy

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**If applicable*



PharmCAS Application | pharmcas.org

Addresses for documents to be sent directly to PharmCAS:

Regular Delivery:

PharmCAS
P.O. Box 9109
Watertown, MA 02472

Express/Overnight Mail Address:

PharmCAS, Liason International
311 Arsenal Street, Suite 15
Watertown, MA 02471

IMPORTANT! PharmCAS will hold all applications until they are completed.

It is your responsibility to make sure they receive all required documents and payment no later than 11:59 pm Hawaii Time (HT) on the final deadline date. Students who have questions regarding the status of their PharmCAS application should contact PharmCAS directly at PharmCAS Hotline: 617.612.2050 (TTY Phone: 617.612.2060), by email at info@pharmcas.org or visit pharmcas.org

University of the Pacific Supplemental PharmD Application | pacific.edu/pharmd

Send supporting documents not electronically submitted to:

University of the Pacific
Office of Pharmacy Admission
3601 Pacific Avenue
Stockton, CA 95211

Application and Eligibility Requirements

Students who have completed, or have a plan in place to complete, all of the prerequisites prior to entering our program are eligible to apply. Online coursework is not acceptable for science requirements or public speaking.

Note: We are accepting online courses for all prerequisites completed in spring 2020 and summer 2020 terms and possibly fall 2020. Courses must be completed with a grade, pass/no pass or credit/no credit is not acceptable.

You have through the summer prior to entrance to complete your prerequisites, with the exception of organic chemistry. We must have a grade for the first semester of organic chemistry no later than the fall semester prior to the year you are applying. Prerequisites in biology and organic chemistry must be repeated if it has been longer than seven years. It is recommended that all science requirements be completed at a four-year institution. Check the transferable course information found at pacific.edu/pharmacy/pharmd/prereqs to determine if you have met the requirements.

Transcript Requirements

You must send PharmCAS one official transcript from every accredited school attended in the United States. Send through summer 2020, if available. If not, summer and fall grades will need to be updated through PharmCAS after grades are posted. Do not wait to apply and do not neglect to send what is available due to summer session enrollment.

You must send PharmCAS an official copy of the World Educational Services International Credential Advantage Package (ICAP) if you have previously studied outside of the U.S. The ICAP will include an evaluation and verification of your international transcript(s). All international transcripts must be evaluated unless you enrolled through a study abroad program through a U.S. institution. For information on ordering an evaluation, go to wes.org

If you completed coursework in the military, you must send an official copy of the ACE transcript and DD214 form directly to Pacific.

You must send one official transcript from U.S. schools which are not regionally accredited (vocational, technical, language schools) to Pacific.

You should send transcripts and evaluations as soon as you begin your application.

Letters of Recommendation

The two required letters of recommendation should be sent to PharmCAS using the PharmCAS Letter of Recommendation rating form. One **MUST** be from a professor at a school you attended within the last three years. If you have been out of school for over three years, you may substitute the academic recommendation with one from a supervisor. The other recommendation may be from anyone you choose, as long as the person is not a family member. Pacific highly recommends you choose a pharmacist to recommend you; however, a recommendation from a pharmacist is not required.

TOEFL or IELTS Score

If English is not your native language, you may be required to submit an appropriate TOEFL or IELTS exam. Students who have lived in the U.S. for more than six years and earned a U.S. bachelor's degree are automatically exempt. Students who have enrolled in four years of academic coursework with no ESL courses are also typically exempt. All non-native English speakers who do not meet the above exemptions are **REQUIRED** to submit a minimum TOEFL score: Paper 550; Internet 80; Computer 213 or IELTS score: 6.5. Select PharmCAS Code 104 to report scores directly to PharmCAS.

Visa Information

If you are a permanent resident, please upload a copy of the front and back of your Permanent Resident Card in the document section of the application. If you are in the process of applying for permanent residency or you are applying/ approved DACA, please upload a copy of your latest correspondence with USCIS.

International Students

- Residency Status Verification
- Funding Letter/Certification of Finances
- Statement of Financial Responsibility and Affidavit of Support Form
- Copy of passport biographical page
- Copy of I-20 and I-94 forms

AP/IB/CLEP Test Scores

We only require test scores if you use the exam to fulfill a prerequisite. Please be sure to report your scores in the supplemental application section. If admitted, you will be required to send an official copy of the score report at that time.

We do not accept exam scores for biology or chemistry. You must have scored a 4 or 5 in AP or a 5, 6, or 7 in higher level IB exams to fulfill a prerequisite.

Supplemental Essay

In 500 words or less, please briefly explain why you wish to attend University of the Pacific.

Background Check

All applicants are informed that in order to qualify for consideration for clinical placement, he or she may be required to authorize the completion of a lawful criminal background check by signing an authorization form within 10 days of placing a confirmation deposit. All applicants are informed that he or she may also be required to self-report accurate information on criminal history.

Final admission decision and possible clinical placement may be based upon the information thereby obtained. The student is responsible for the cost of the background check.



Deadlines

Applications may be submitted beginning on July 14 and consideration of completed applications for interview slots will begin on August 1 and proceed on a rolling basis. Since interview slots are limited, it is to your advantage to apply as early as possible. In fact, analysis of previous applicant pools indicates that early applicants have been interviewed and admitted in greater proportions than on-time applicants completed in later tiers.

Application Tiers

Early Action Priority Review	Early Action applications completed between July 14 and September 8. Early Action designations take priority over non-Early Action applications during the review process and scheduling of interview dates.
Tier 1	Applications completed September 9 through October 1
Tier 2	Applications completed October 2 through November 1
Tier 3	Applications completed November 2 through December 1
Tier 4	Applications completed December 2 through January 4
Tier 5	Applications completed January 5 through February 1

Applications not completed by February 1 are LATE and will be reviewed only if time and space permit.

All documents must be received by **BOTH** PharmCAS and Pacific for the application to be considered complete. In order to meet the deadline, PharmCAS must receive all documents by 11:59 pm Hawaii Time (HT) and all supplemental material must be postmarked by the deadline date. Incomplete applications will be reviewed when all missing documents arrive on or before the deadline date.

Early Action

The Early Action program is a non-binding option for applicants who apply early. If you meet the September 8 deadline you will be given priority and a guaranteed decision by the third week in October. You may be offered early admission, denied admission or deferred to regular applicant status to be reviewed again later in the cycle.

Complete your application by the Tuesday after Labor Day and you will be notified of your status by the third week in October.

Reduce stress by decreasing the time waiting for a decision.

Gain more time preparing for the professional program.

Applying Early Action means you are competing with fewer applicants and increasing your chances for an interview offer.

Prerequisites

A minimum of 68 semester units of college level coursework is required for admission to the PharmD program, including all requirements listed below. All requirements must be completed, in progress, or planned before your application will be reviewed. For a list of courses that fulfill the prerequisite requirements, visit pacific.edu/pharmacy/pharmd/prereqs

Once you submit your application, Pacific will perform a formal review of your application checklist and identify any remaining requirements. It is an advantage to apply early so you are assured all requirements have been met. Pacific has established articulation agreements (course equivalences) with more than 200 colleges and universities.

	Semesters	Quarters	Lab required for each term	AP Exam Accepted
Calculus	1	2		Yes
Physics	1	1	✓	Yes
General Chemistry	2	3	✓	
Organic Chemistry	2	3	✓	
General Biology	2	3	✓	
Physiology	1	1	✓	
Microbiology	1	1	Recommended, but not required	
English Composition	2	2		Yes*
Public Speaking	1	1		
Economics	1	1		Yes*
Psychology	1	1		Yes*

**Students may use no more than two AP exams to fulfill English, psychology, economics, general education or the liberal arts requirement.*

Three additional general education courses are required for candidates entering without a U.S. bachelor's degree.

Learn more at pacific.edu/pharmacy/pharmd/prereqs

Dual Degrees

To apply to the PharmD/MS or PharmD/PhD dual degree programs, you must also apply to Pacific's Graduate School. For more information, go to grad.pacific.edu

FAQs

What is the minimum GPA required?

There is no absolute GPA cutoff, however, admission is competitive and based on a number of factors in addition to GPA: bachelor's degree, science grades, the strength of your curriculum, extracurricular activities, community service, leadership qualities, pharmacy experience, letters of recommendation, essay, interview results and demonstration of your ability to succeed in 17 units or more per semester. Competition can vary from year to year depending upon the size and strength of the applicant pool. The average GPA over the past four years has ranged from 3.29 to 3.35.

Is a bachelor's degree required?

No, only the prerequisites are absolutely necessary. However, a degree can make an applicant more competitive for admission, and in recent years a strong majority of our successful applicants have had degrees. Many others have junior standing and have completed upper division math/science preparatory courses. Recommended electives include anatomy, genetics, physiology, microbiology, biochemistry, analytical chemistry and physical chemistry.

Is the PCAT required?

No, the Pharmacy College Admission Test (PCAT) is not required and Pacific will not take the scores into consideration if they are sent.

Is there an advantage to applying early?

Yes, applying early can enhance your chances of receiving an interview invitation. There are less applications and more interview spaces earlier in the admission cycle.

Must I have all the prerequisite courses completed before I apply?

No, but you must have a plan in place which allows you to complete all requirements prior to entering our program. You should be enrolled in organic chemistry no later than the fall semester prior to the year you are applying. You may enroll through the summer prior to entrance to fulfill requirements. You must inform us in writing of all changes to your schedule, including the changes that are not related to pharmacy prerequisites. Please use the online form found at:

pacific.edu/pharmacy/pharmd/apply

You must also notify us immediately if you will not be receiving a bachelor's degree as anticipated.





Ready to take the next step?

Go to pacific.edu/pharmd

Have questions? We're here to help!

Contact the Office of Pharmacy Admission at pharmdadmission@pacific.edu or 209.946.7415.

Want to learn more about Pacific's PharmD program?

Go to pacific.edu/pharmacy/pharmd/academics

Contact us at pharmacyrecruiting@pacific.edu or 209.946.3957.

Would you like to visit our campus?

Schedule your tour at pacific.edu/pharmacy/visit

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Interviews

All qualified applicants will be invited to interview. Interviews are held starting in late September. Admission offers for strong candidates are made within two weeks of the interview. Students who are not offered admission early in the cycle will be re-reviewed toward the end of the review period, late March through the end of the cycle.

What to Expect

All candidates will have individual interviews with a faculty member and a current PharmD student. A current student will give a presentation introducing you to the organizations, resources and events that are part of the Pacific PharmD experience. Learn more at pacific.edu/pharmacy/pharmd/deadlines