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**APPLICATION GUIDE**

# Doctor of Pharmacy



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# PharmCAS Application

[pharmcas.org](http://pharmcas.org)

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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 5600  
Watertown, MA 02471

## Transcript Requirements

You must send PharmCAS one official transcript from every accredited school attended in the United States. Send through summer 2021, if available. If not, summer and fall grades will need to be updated through PharmCAS after grades are posted.

If you have studied outside the United States, you must send PharmCAS an official copy of the World Educational Services International Credential Advantage Package. To order, go to [wes.org](http://wes.org). Courses taken during a study abroad program through a U.S. institution are exempt.

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.**

## PharmCAS

- PharmCAS Application
- Essay
- Transcripts
- World Educational Services International Evaluation\*
- AP/IB/CLEP Test Scores\*
- TOEFL or IELTS Score\*
- Application Fee

## University of the Pacific Supplemental PharmD Application

- Essay
- Two Letters of Recommendation
- Visa info\*

\*If applicable

 PharmCAS will hold all applications until they are completed.

### **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. 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. We do not accept exam scores for biology or chemistry.

### **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.

## **University of the Pacific Supplemental PharmD Application**

[pacific.edu/pharmd](https://www.pacific.edu/pharmd)

[pharmdadmission@pacific.edu](mailto:pharmdadmission@pacific.edu) | 209.932.3600

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: Due to COVID-19, we are accepting online courses for all prerequisites completed during the following terms: spring, summer and fall 2020, and spring and summer 2021. Courses must be completed with a letter grade, as pass/no pass or credit/no credit is not acceptable.

You must inform us in writing of all changes to your schedule, including the changes that are not related to pharmacy prerequisites. Use the form found at [pacific.edu/pharmacy/pharmd/apply](http://pacific.edu/pharmacy/pharmd/apply)

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

## Supplemental Essay

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

## 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, it is not required.

## 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.

## Background Check

All applicants 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 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.

## 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

# 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](http://pacific.edu/pharmacy/pharmd/prereqs)

Once you complete your application, Pacific will perform an evaluation of your coursework and identify missing prerequisites. You will be notified and asked to add any missing coursework to your schedule. It is an advantage to apply early so you are assured all requirements have been met.

**Earn a PharmD in three years, with or without a bachelor's degree, as long as you have completed at least 68 units in specific prerequisite courses.**

	Semesters	Quarters	Lab required for each term	AP Exam Accepted
Calculus	1	2		Yes
Physics	1	1	✓	Yes
General Chemistry	2	3	✓	
Organic Chemistry <sup>1</sup>	2	3	✓	
General Biology <sup>1</sup>	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.

<sup>1</sup>Must be repeated if it has been longer than seven years.

Two additional general education courses are required for candidates entering without a U.S. bachelor's degree. It is recommended that all science requirements be completed at a four-year institution.

Learn more at [pacific.edu/pharmacy/pharmd/prereqs](http://pacific.edu/pharmacy/pharmd/prereqs)

# Deadlines

Applications may be submitted beginning on July 14. Since interview slots are limited, it is to your advantage to apply as early as possible.

## Application Deadlines

### EARLY ACTION

**September 1, 2021**

Early Action designations take priority over non-Early Action applications during the review process and scheduling of interview dates. You will be notified of your status within one week of your interview date. Early Action is a non-binding option. You may be offered early admission, denied admission or deferred to regular applicant status to be reviewed again later in the cycle.

### PRIORITY FILING DATE

**November 1, 2021**

Priority Filing Date applications are given priority over applicants who do not meet the November 1 deadline. You will be notified of your status one to two weeks from your interview date.

### DEADLINE TO APPLY

**February 1, 2022**

Final deadline to apply and be considered on-time!

**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 materials must be postmarked by the deadline date.

## Early Action

Reduce stress by decreasing the time waiting for a decision — gain more time preparing for the PharmD program. Compete with fewer applicants and increase your chances for an interview offer.

## 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](http://grad.pacific.edu)



## FAQs

### What is the minimum required GPA?

There is no absolute GPA cutoff. Admission is based on a number of factors in addition to GPA, including bachelor's degree, science grades, extracurricular activities, community service, pharmacy experience, letters of recommendation, essay, interview results and demonstration of your ability to succeed in 17 units or more per semester. 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.

### Is the PCAT required?

No, the 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.

### When do I need to take organic chemistry?

No later than the fall semester prior to the year you are applying.

## 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.





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