

Pre-Pharmacy Advantage Program



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Set yourself up for success as you take the first step toward a career in pharmacy. From the first day, you will build foundational skills for pharmacists. Pacific's Pre-Pharmacy Advantage Program gives first-time freshmen the opportunity to complete their undergraduate requirements in the same environment as their doctor of pharmacy (PharmD) studies.

Guaranteed PharmD admission. Pacific offers three freshman admission pathways for completing the Pre-Pharmacy Advantage Program. Each pathway requires a minimum overall 3.0 GPA and a 2.7 GPA in specific math and science courses, in addition to submission of an advancement application, an interview and a writing sample. Successfully completing each of these requirements guarantees admission into our PharmD program.

Pathways

Earn your PharmD in as few as five years. Based on academic standings, you will be placed in one of three pathways, completing your PharmD in five, six or seven years. The majority of students are placed in the 2+3 or 3+3 pathways.

Five-year

2+3

Two years of undergraduate study followed by three years of study in the professional PharmD program.

Six-year

3+3

Three years of undergraduate study followed by three years of study in the professional PharmD program.

Seven-year

4+3

Four years of undergraduate study, earning a bachelor's degree, followed by three years of study in the professional PharmD program.

\$9.35 M

Since 2007, Pacific's Medicare Part D Outreach Clinics have assisted almost 9,500 patients with their Medicare Part D drug plan, helping patients save an estimated total of \$9.35 million. Get in on the action – pre-pharmacy students are welcome to participate in these clinics.



Gain the skills you need to become a highly-skilled, patient-centered pharmacist. Starting your freshmen year, learn basic pharmaceutical calculations and practice skills such as sterile compounding, aseptic technique and prescription interpretation and filling.

The student-run Pre-Pharmacy Society hosts panels with former pre-pharmacy students, PharmD program mock interviews, mentor-mentee mixers and other networking opportunities. Learn from guest speakers about pharmacy career specialties and hear from recent PharmD graduates about their residency experiences.

There are plenty of opportunities to get involved. Choose from over 150 student organizations. Enjoy some friendly competition by joining an intramural or club team. Rush a fraternity or sorority and connect with peers who are at each stage of their PharmD journey. We are proud to have two chapters of pharmacy honor societies and four professional pharmacy fraternities.

“Having a faculty advisor who currently teaches at the Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy is a great asset in working through my undergrad years and making sure I’m prepared for that next step in my education.

I’ve received a lot of helpful advice, all of which has helped me in learning how to more effectively plan ahead, whether it be figuring out my classes for the next semester or the steps I should be taking now to prepare for my future career.”

- **Olivia Laprade '24**, pre-pharmacy student



Doctor of Pharmacy

Help patients live healthier lives. The skill set and clinical experience you will gain at Pacific will open doors to the many settings where pharmacists play a key role, from hospitals to pharmaceutical research and development. The Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy has been training pharmacists who are problem-solvers, innovators and leaders since 1955.

Pacific PharmD graduates have consistently had a higher first-time pass rate for the NAPLEX exam than the national average and ranked in the top 10 percent nationally in PGY1 postgraduate residencies.

Learn by doing. During your time here, you will be immersed in a wide range of practice settings. As you explore the various practice settings, you will find one that's right for you; whether that is a fast-paced hospital environment, a research-based setting, a setting that utilizes your business acumen or a cutting-edge specialty.

At Pacific, you will have the opportunity to work alongside our faculty members on cutting-edge research. Three NIH grant funded research projects are currently underway at the School.

Connect with our powerful alumni network. Our alumni are the core of the Pacific family. They are committed to helping you reach your academic and professional goals, now and throughout your career. By choosing Pacific, you become part of our legacy of excellence and leadership.

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



Stockton is the most diverse city in the U.S. and ranks No. 11 in best places to live in California according to the U.S. News and World Report.

Our Campus

Our campus has been named one of the most beautiful campuses in the country, but don't take our word for it — come see it! Take a tour, grab lunch and see all that Pacific has to offer.

Schedule your tour at pacific.edu/pharmacy/visit

CAMPUS SAFETY

Pacific is one of only three private universities in California whose officers have full police officer authority, giving them the ability to focus on keeping us safe, 24/7. Pacific's crime statistics are among the lowest of our peer institutions. In addition to the campus, Public Safety has jurisdiction to patrol and police specific off-campus areas, which include residential neighborhoods that are highly populated with students.

WE LOVE STOCKTON — AND YOU WILL TOO!

Walk to Stockton's Miracle Mile for unique local restaurants and live music. Head downtown to watch a movie or cheer on the Stockton Ports baseball team, the Stockton Kings basketball team or the Stockton Heat hockey team. To explore all that Stockton has to offer, go to visitstockton.org





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