

Pre-Pharmacy

Competitive GPA: 3.3+

- BCP, Cumulative GPA - all attempts
- Avg accepted: 3.15/3.30

Competitive PCAT: Composite of 50%+

- Each section gets a scaled score (200-600) and a percentile rank. Most schools look at the percentile rank and might have minimum requirements for individual sections or the composite score.

Multiple-Choice	SS	PR	Score	Mean	
Biological Processes	407	48	Writing	4.5	2.80
Critical Reading	401	63			
Quantitative Reasoning	405	60			
Chemical Processes	411	52			
Composite	406	55			

Writing	30 mins
Biological Processes <i>Gen Bio, Microbio, Human Anatomy/Physiology</i>	45 mins
Chemical Processes <i>Gen Chem, Org Chem, Biochem</i>	45 mins
Critical Reading <i>Comprehension, Analysis, Evaluation</i>	50 mins
Quantitative Reasoning <i>Basic Math, Algebra, Prob/Stats, Precalc</i>	50 mins
Total time (with breaks)	4 hours

Preparing for the PCAT

- [About the PCAT](#)
- [Register for the PCAT](#)
- Plan for **2-4 months** and **400-600 hours** of study
- Create a study schedule
- Content review + question practice + full length tests

[Learn more about careers in pharmacy](#)

[Pharmacy school directory](#)

[PharmCAS: Pharmacy College Application Service](#)

Free resources

\$ exam prep:

[Pearson test prep](#)

- 3 full length practice tests, writing practice, study guide

[Dr. Collins PCAT prep class](#)

[Kaplan](#)

Many schools strongly recommend but do not require the PCAT. It's important to check with the programs you plan to apply to.

Applying to pharmacy school is expensive...

Apply for the Fee Assistance Program through [PharmCAS](#)

Item	Cost
Test registration	\$210
Test prep	\$300-3,000+
Application (1 school)	\$175
Additional schools	\$55
Secondary applications	\$50-150
Interview costs	\$100-1000+
Total cost	\$1,000-10,000+

Experiences

- Community service
 - Serving the underserved
- Healthcare or pharmacy exposure
- Research
- Leadership and teamwork
- Extra-curricular involvement

Personal Qualifications

Characteristics:

- Attention to detail
- Scientific aptitude
- Empathy
- Integrity
- Dependability
- Interest in continual learning

Skills:

- Communication
- Leadership and teamwork
- Problem solving
- Counseling

Timeline

January-July: Take PCAT

July: Application opens

Verification: 4-6 weeks after submission
After application is verified, it is released to schools.

July: Secondary applications
Schools vary in whether they have secondary applications.

August-June: School review, select candidates to interview, and release decisions

July/August: Pharmacy school begins

- The earliest you can apply for pharmacy school is the summer after sophomore year. Pharmacy schools only require that applicants have completed the prerequisite courses, not a bachelor's degree. 80%+ of students admitted to pharmacy school finish their bachelor's degree. You would apply the summer after junior year if you plan to enter pharmacy school after graduation.

A well-rounded application shows...

- Ability to communicate effectively on the application and in an interview
- Background, strengths, and what makes you unique
- Passion and fit for the dental profession
- Ability to do the academic work



Parts of the Application

- Biographical information
 - Transcripts
- Letters of Recommendation
- Personal Statement (Essay)
 - Experiences (Resume)
 - School Selection