Direct Admission Program

The University of Tennessee College of Pharmacy has partnered with undergraduate institutions to offer direct admission to our professional doctorate (PharmD) program directly from high school during the undergraduate admission process.

To be admitted to the program, you must
- Be admitted to the undergraduate university
- Have a high school Core Weighted GPA of $\geq 3.5$
- Have an ACT Superscore $\geq 25$ or an SAT Superscore $\geq 1150$

To maintain your admission to the program, you must
- Maintain an annual cumulative undergraduate GPA $\geq 3.0$
- Take the PCAT; score to be evaluated by the Admissions Committee
- Complete PharmCAS Early Decision application in the fall of the year before beginning the UT PharmD program
- Interview with the Admissions Committee in September of the year before beginning the UT PharmD program
- Participate in the following UT College of Pharmacy activities:

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<th>Freshman Year</th>
<th>Fall: Attend program orientation and APhA-ASP Pre-Pharmacy Club Spring: Participate in a pharmacy student organization event</th>
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<td>Sophomore Year</td>
<td>Fall and Spring: Participate in the shadowing program one semester and a pharmacy student organization event the other semester</td>
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<td>Junior/Senior Year*</td>
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*Students may complete prerequisites, pursue a 3+1 degree, or earn a degree

To apply
- Complete the Undergraduate Application
- Select College: Arts and Sciences, Major: Pre-Professional/Pre-Pharmacy
- Write a short essay about your interest in pharmacy
- Students applying to other programs within the university (e.g., Food Science, Nutrition) are also eligible for direct admission. Please contact us directly.

Other opportunities for admission
If you are not admitted to the PharmD program by Direct Admission, you have the opportunity to apply during your freshman year, and during the regular application process. Additionally, there are opportunities for all students to get involved in pre-pharmacy events through shadowing and the American Pharmacist Association-Academy of Student Pharmacists (APhA-ASP). Contact us for more information!

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Pharmacy as a Career

- Pharmacists are among the nation’s most trusted professionals, ranking 3rd overall. This trustworthiness is the backbone of the profession.

- When asked what a pharmacist does, most people describe the functions/responsibilities of a community pharmacist; there are also many other opportunities within the profession that you can consider as a career path. These opportunities include: clinical, institutional/hospital, government agencies, uniformed service, managed care, home and hospice care, long-term care, consulting, medical publishing, pharmaceutical industry, nuclear pharmacy, pharmacy law, pharmacoeconomics, pharmacoinformatics, and academia.

- Job responsibilities range from direct patient care, where you may dispense or administer medications and advise physicians on medication selection, dosage, drug interactions, side effects, and monitoring of medication therapy, to working behind the scenes with policy development, marketing, and scientific research. As a pharmacist, you are the “medication expert,” no matter which area of pharmacy you choose to enter.

- The average salary is $80,000 - $120,000 a year.

- Future outlook: Growth within the profession is greater than the average career. The number of positions available to pharmacists is expected to continue to increase into the foreseeable future.

UT College of Pharmacy

- **Reputation of excellence.** UT College of Pharmacy is consistently ranked in the top 20 colleges of pharmacy in the nation.

- **Exceptional faculty.** Our college is home to the largest number of board certified pharmacy specialists of any college in the nation; more than 100 faculty members hold that designation in a number of practice specialties.

- **Dedicated to research and scholarship.** Our faculty collaborate with colleagues, students, residents, and fellows to conduct research to make drug discoveries and improve patient care every day.

- **Progressive and unique.** Our curriculum allows students to begin their pharmacy coursework immediately, spend three semesters studying therapeutics, and three semesters engaged in experiential education. Additionally, we are one of only a few select colleges that offer dual degree programs. We offer both a PharmD/PhD and PharmD/MBA program to our students.

- **Academically successful.** Our graduates consistently achieve national board examination scores and pass rates above the national average.

- **Leaders in the community.** The College supports six main student organizations, all of which give students the opportunity to perform community service and healthcare education. These activities have led to numerous national and regional awards year after year.

- **The best choice for Pharmacy education in Tennessee.** UT provides the state’s best value in pharmacy education, offering a combination of tradition, innovation, and affordable tuition.