The UTHSC College of Pharmacy

For more than a century, the college has been a leader in pharmacy education, practice and research. For more than 20 years, U.S. News & World Report has confirmed this by ranking the college as one of the top pharmacy schools in the nation.

The University of Tennessee College of Pharmacy Doctor of Pharmacy Program is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education. UTHSC student pharmacists receive an exceptional education because of the excellence of our faculty, staff, student services, curriculum and experiential learning programs.

Our student pharmacists are among the brightest and best in the nation and possess hearts to serve humankind. One of the major strengths of the college is the national reputation of our student organizations and professional fraternities that win awards for excellence. These accolades demonstrate not only the quality of our student body, but the college's commitment to student professionalism and community service.

Our faculty and alumni are among the best in the country, and they are well known for their teaching, practice and science. Our three major locations, Memphis, Knoxville and Nashville, reside in new and newly renovated buildings that are equipped with state-of-the-art technology.

Whether you are an alumnus, a student or a prospective student, I encourage you to contact any of us at the college if you have questions about our programs.

Sincerely,

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Our History

Founded in 1898 as part of the Department of Chemistry at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, the pharmacy school was moved to Memphis in 1911. Today, Pharmacy is one of the six colleges that constitute the UT Health Science Center (UTHSC) and is housed in state-of-the-art facilities at our major sites in Memphis, Knoxville and Nashville.

As the only public, statewide, academic health system, the mission of UTHSC is to bring the benefits of the health sciences to the achievement and maintenance of human health, with a focus on the citizens of Tennessee and the region, by pursuing an integrated program of education, research, clinical care, and public service. Offering a broad range of postgraduate training opportunities, the main UTHSC campus is located in Memphis.

The Strategic Role

The strategic role and mission of the College of Pharmacy supports the achievement of the University of Tennessee’s mission by:

• Offering a professional degree educational program that produces knowledgeable, skilled and caring pharmacists who are prepared to optimize medication therapy.
• Conducting research, scholarship and postgraduate training in the design, development, production and utilization of medications and in the areas of clinical care, education and health care in order to prevent or treat disease and injury.
• Delivering patient care services, based on contemporary evidence-based guidelines, best practices and research findings to the citizens of Tennessee and the region.
• Serving as a resource to the community, health care professionals, policy makers and scientists on the safe, equitable, efficient and effective use of medications for the citizens of Tennessee and beyond.

A National Leader

• The UTHSC College of Pharmacy has been ranked among the very best pharmacy schools in the United States for over two decades.
• The largest number of board-certified pharmacy specialists in the nation, more than 100, serve on the UTHSC College of Pharmacy faculty.
• The UTHSC College of Pharmacy is the home of the Center for Pediatric Pharmacokinetics and Therapeutics (CPPT), one of only six such centers nationwide. Through research, education and patient care, CPPT continues to bring national and international prominence to UT and our partner institutions.

Members of our faculty have been honored by many national and international professional organizations for their excellence in education, research, patient care and public service:

Education
• American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACP) Innovations in Teaching and the Robert K. Chalmers Distinguished Pharmacy Educator Awards
• American College of Clinical Pharmacists (ACCP) Educator and New Educator Awards

Research
• AACP Volwiler and Rufus A. Lyman Awards
• ACCP New Investigator and Russell Miller Awards
• American Society of Health-System Pharmacy (ASHP) Pharmacy Practice Research Award, and awards for Sustained Contributions to the Literature of Pharmacy Practice
• National Academies of Science members

Patient Care
• ACCP Clinical Practice Award
• American Pharmacists Association (APhA) Daniel B. Smith Practice Excellence Award, the William H. Briner Distinguished Achievement Award in Nuclear Pharmacy Practice and the Distinguished Achievement Award in Hospital and Institutional Practice
• National Academies of Practice members

Public Service
• ACCP Paul F. Parker Medal and the Robert M. Elenbaas Service Award
• APhA Remington Medal and the Outstanding Career Achievement Award
• AAPS, ACCP, ACCM, APhA, ASHP, PPAG Fellows
• AAPS, ACCP, APhA Presidents
Impact on the State

- The UTHSC College of Pharmacy’s total economic impact was estimated at $83 million, through licensing technologies and discoveries that fuel the biotech industry in the Mid-South region.
- More than 75 percent of the UTHSC College of Pharmacy alumni live and work in Tennessee.
- The UTHSC College of Pharmacy generates a significant amount of its budget from contracts, grants and private gifts. The college continues to leverage its existing resources to increase extramural funding, and further increases are anticipated with expanded research space in the new building in Memphis.
- The UTHSC College of Pharmacy provides valuable continuing education programming for practicing pharmacists and the pharmaceutical industry. More than 20,000 individuals participate each year.

Access and Excellence

- UTHSC College of Pharmacy graduates consistently achieve national board examination scores and pass rates above the national average.
- UTHSC College of Pharmacy’s excellent alumni network supports a near 100 percent placement rate of our graduates in jobs or residencies within three months of graduation.
- With the exception of the five historically black schools of pharmacy, the UTHSC College of Pharmacy has one of the largest percentage of African-American students enrolled of any college of pharmacy in the United States.
- More than 50 scholarships are awarded to more than 250 UTHSC College of Pharmacy students each year.

Options

The UTHSC College of Pharmacy offers the following programs of study:

- PharmD
- PharmD/PhD
- PharmD/MBA
- Health Informatics Certificate
- Nuclear Pharmacy Certificate

Our student pharmacists have the opportunity to study abroad in one of 12 countries through a month-long international exchange program. They also have the opportunity to participate in several different government rotations. Advanced pharmacy practice experiences (APPE) are offered here in the states and outside the country.
Student Success
Our outstanding student organizations provide activities that complement coursework. Throughout the years they have earned many accolades.

- The UTHSC College of Pharmacy Student National Pharmaceutical Association (SNPhA) chapter received the Rite-Aid Chauncey I. Cooper Large Chapter of the Year Award and Overall Chapter of Excellence Award in 2013 and 2014. The chapter has also won the Regional Clinical Skills Competition.
- The UTHSC College of Pharmacy American Pharmacists Association Academy of Student Pharmacists (APhA-ASP) chapter has won numerous awards over the years including National Patient Care, National Immunization and Division A Chapter of the Year Awards. It has been named overall national Chapter of the Year seven times in the past decade. The organization’s 2013-14 national president was a UTHSC COP student.

NAPLEX Pass Rate
The North American Pharmacist Licensure Examination (NAPLEX) is a standard examination created by the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy to help individual state boards of pharmacy assess an individual’s competency and knowledge so that he or she may be given a license to practice.

Source: National Association of Boards of Pharmacy.
http://www.nabp.net/programs/examination/naplex/

After Graduation
More than 98 percent of our graduates reported employment within three months.

Class positions, 2014
- Chain Pharmacy: 33%
- Independent Pharmacy: 4%
- Compounding Pharmacy: 4%
- Institutional Pharmacy: 3%
- Institutional Residency: 1%
- Community Residency: 2%
- PhD: 2%
- Unknown: 1%

Map current as of January 2015. The college continues to expand the opportunities it offers its students.

Statewide Presence
The UTHSC College of Pharmacy is accessible to students across the state of Tennessee. In addition to sites in Memphis, Knoxville, and Nashville, the college offers experiential training at more than 300 sites across the state.

All UTHSC College of Pharmacy students spend their first nine months together on the campus of the largest health science university in the southeastern United States, the University of Tennessee Health Science Center in Memphis.

After this, students have the opportunity to continue their coursework in Memphis, Nashville or Knoxville. Students then complete their degree with 1.5 years of advanced pharmacy practice experiences (APPE) offered at locations across the state.

For more information about the UT Health Science Center College of Pharmacy, visit www.uthsc.edu/pharmacy

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