

UNIVERSITY OF THE  
**PACIFIC**

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School of Pharmacy

**APPLICATION GUIDE**

# Doctor of Pharmacy



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

# PharmCAS Application

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

[info@pharmcas.org](mailto:info@pharmcas.org) | 617.612.2050

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 all completed courses to date, 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.**

## 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 first language, you may be required to submit an appropriate TOEFL or IELTS exam. Learn more at

[pacific.edu/pharmacy/pharmd/apply](http://pacific.edu/pharmacy/pharmd/apply)

# 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

Applicants 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 spring 2020 through fall 2022. 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 changes that are not related to pharmacy prerequisites. Use the form found at [pacific.edu/pharmacy/pharmd/apply](https://www.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.

## Dual degrees

To apply to the PharmD/MS or PharmD/PhD dual degree programs, you must also apply to Pacific's Graduate School. Learn more about our graduate programs at [pacific.edu/pharmacy/pcsp](https://www.pacific.edu/pharmacy/pcsp)

## Letters of recommendation

The two required letters of recommendation should be sent to PharmCAS using the PharmCAS Letter of Recommendation rating form. They can be from anyone you choose (family or friends are not acceptable) and should speak to your academic ability, communication skills, analytical skills, extra-curricular activities, work and/or volunteer experiences as well as personality characteristics. A recommendation from a professor or pharmacist is NOT required but highly recommended.

## 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 will 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. Final admission decision and possible clinical placement may be based upon the information thereby obtained. The applicant is responsible for the cost of the background check.

### PharmCAS

- PharmCAS Application
- Essay
- Transcripts
- World Educational Services International Credential Advantage Package\*
- AP/IB/CLEP test scores\*
- TOEFL or IELTS score\*
- Application fee

### University of the Pacific Supplemental PharmD Application

- Essay
- Two letters of recommendation
- Visa information\*

\*If applicable

### International applicants

- 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

Earn a PharmD in three years, with or without a bachelor's degree.

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.


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.

	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.



For a list of courses that fulfill the prerequisite requirements, visit [pacific.edu/pharmacy/pharmd/prereqs](https://pacific.edu/pharmacy/pharmd/prereqs)

# APPLICATION DEADLINES

Consideration of completed applications for interview slots begins on August 1 and proceeds on a rolling basis. Since interview slots are limited, it is to your advantage to apply as early as possible.

## Early Action – September 1

Early Action is a non-binding option. Receive priority review of your application and selection of scholarships. Applicants who have a 2.8 cumulative GPA or higher are guaranteed an interview. You will be notified of your status within one week of your interview date. You may be offered early admission, denied admission or deferred to regular applicant status to be reviewed again later in the cycle.

## Priority Application Deadline – First week of October

You will be given priority after Early Action applicants in the review of your application and selection of scholarships. You will be notified of your status within one week of your interview date. Applicants who have a 3.0 cumulative GPA or higher are guaranteed an interview.

## Final Application Deadline – February 1

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.

- ❗ **PharmCAS will hold all applications until they are completed. All documents must be received by BOTH PharmCAS and Pacific for the application to be considered complete.**



## Early Action

Compete with fewer applicants, reduce stress by decreasing the wait time for a decision and gain more time preparing for the PharmD program.

## 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.

### **Is a bachelor's degree required?**

No, only the prerequisites are absolutely necessary.

### **Is there an advantage to applying early?**

Yes! You will be given priority in the review of your application and selection of scholarships.

### **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.

### **Will there be an interview?**

Yes, all qualified applicants will be invited to interview. Interviews are held starting in late September. Applicants 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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