

The Pre-Pharmacy Program at Messiah College

Description of the Profession	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pharmacy Workforce Center: http://www.aacp.org/resources/research/pharmacyworkforcecenter/Pages/default.aspxw • Explore Health Careers - http://explorehealthcareers.org/en/Field/9/Pharmacy
Course Requirements	<p>Admission requirements vary by institution so you should research programs of interest. (http://www.aacp.org/resources/student/pharmacyforyou/admissions/admissionrequirements/Documents/School%20Admission%20Requirements.pdf) In <i>general</i>, requirements include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 year general biology • Anatomy and physiology • 1 year general chemistry • 1 year organic chemistry • 1 year general physics • Mathematics • 1 year English • Courses in social sciences or humanities
Application Timeline	<p>Chiropractic school directly after Messiah College:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Required courses must be completed by end of the first semester of senior year • Apply in the summer between junior and senior year
Standardized Test	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Pharmacy College Admissions Test (PCAT) is required by approximately 2/3 of all pharmacy schools. • The PCAT is a specialized test that helps identify qualified applicants to pharmacy colleges. It measures general academic ability and scientific knowledge necessary for graduate-level pharmaceutical education. • The test is offered on one or more dates in July, September, October, November, and January. • Free, online PCAT Information Booklet can be found at: http://pcatweb.info/downloads/CIB_MNL_FNL_on-line.pdf
Application Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pharmacy College Application Service (PharmCAS): www.pharmcas.org • Apply directly to schools not participating in PharmCAS • Pharmacy schools vary with respect to their application due dates. • APPLY EARLY! Do not wait until application deadlines!
Admissions Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GPA • Letters of evaluation • Pharmacy-related experience • Personal statement
Degree	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm D) is usually conferred after four years or three calendar years of post-graduate study.
Additional Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (www.aacp.org) • American Pharmacists Association (www.pharmacist.com)

