



DOCTOR OF PHARMACY (PHARM.D.)



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The Wegmans School of Pharmacy is steadfast in providing a solid background in patient-centered, outcomes-oriented care, and to preparing its graduates to become effective members of the health care team for all areas of pharmacy practice.

We are dedicated to setting ourselves apart from other schools by making teaching a priority, promoting excellence in the classroom, creating a student-centered learning environment, and maintaining small class sizes to ensure each student receives what is needed to reach their fullest potential.

CURRICULUM

The Pharm.D. degree is awarded after the successful completion of four years of professional study. Two years (62 semester hours) of pre-professional education are required for admission, followed by three years of didactic education, and one year of experiential education. The curriculum is designed such that courses integrate information, building upon one another. An integrated course model is used to provide the foundations of drug action. In this model, physiology, medicinal chemistry, and pharmacology are integrated to allow students to see a broad view of how the physiochemical properties of medications interact with human physiology. Courses are taught by system (i.e. cardiovascular, neurological, renal, etc.). Medications and human physiology pertinent to each system will be team-taught by faculty in their respective areas of expertise.

Beginning in the second year, an integrated course is used to provide the foundations of the application of drug therapy to disease. Also taught by system (i.e. cardiovascular disease, infectious diseases, etc.), the pathophysiology and application of drug therapy will be team-taught by faculty in their respective areas of expertise.

Throughout the first three years of the curriculum, professional courses provide opportunities to integrate and apply information, work in small groups to complete projects and assignments, support the development of critical thinking, and foster the spirit of collaboration among our student pharmacists. These courses also provide early laboratory work in dispensing, and an opportunity for further development of both verbal and written communication abilities.

The curriculum also includes a broad array of introductory and advanced pharmacy practice experiences over the four years study. These experiences provide student pharmacists with student-centered, activity-based, outcome-oriented experiences designed to develop attitudes, values, and skills that foster the effective delivery of patient-centered, outcomes-oriented pharmacy services.

FINANCIAL AID AND SCHOLARSHIPS

In order to determine financial aid eligibility, applicants must file a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online (Fisher school code: 002821). If you have questions, please contact our Financial Aid Office at (585) 385-8042 or visit <http://go.sjfc.edu/financial-aid>.

The School of Pharmacy offers a small scholarship program. The Admissions Committee, working with the Scholarship and Awards Committee, automatically notifies eligible students at the beginning of the fall semester. It is recommended that students also search for private scholarships. Free scholarship links are provided on the Financial Aid website.

Program costs and payment information are available online at <http://go.sjfc.edu/graduate-tuition>.

DOCTOR OF PHARMACY BY THE NUMBERS

4 YEARS
OF STUDY

42 CLINICAL
ROTATION WEEKS

1 FISHER
FAMILY

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

Direct-Entry Admissions

Admission to the Doctor of Pharmacy program requires the equivalent of two years, or 62 semester hours, of pre-professional education at an accredited college or university. Applications may be submitted after the completion of 30 semester hours of college coursework.

Application Process for Direct-Entry

Students looking to transfer to the School of Pharmacy must submit an online application to PharmCAS (Pharmacy College Application Service), a centralized application service that offers the convenience of one general application for multiple Pharm.D. programs. Applicants are encouraged to complete the application process early. Incomplete applications will not be processed by PharmCAS or the Wegmans School of Pharmacy. The PharmCAS application, PharmCAS fee, PCAT scores, official transcripts from all previously attended institutions, and two letters of recommendation must be submitted directly to PharmCAS for verification. Complete applications will be forwarded to the School of Pharmacy and applicants will receive additional information upon receipt.

The Admissions Committee will identify and invite the most qualified candidates to campus for an interview. Interviews will be conducted on a rolling basis. In addition, the Admissions Committee will notify applicants of a decision on a rolling basis. Early completion of the application process is recommended.

Early-Assurance Admissions

We offer academically gifted high school seniors with a strong interest in science, excellent communication skills, and the desire to make a difference in the lives of others the opportunity to have a seat in the professional degree program “reserved” for them before beginning their freshman year at St. John Fisher College. The Pharmacy Early Assurance (PHEA) program provides students opportunity to engage in both professional and personal relationships with School of Pharmacy faculty and upper-classmen immediately upon entering the College, rather than after completing the pre-pharmacy program.

Application Process for Early-Assurance

Students who apply to St. John Fisher College, indicate that they are interested in pre-pharmacy on their application, and meet the PHEA's minimum criteria, will automatically be considered for this program.

Specifically, students who wish to be considered for the Pharmacy Early Assurance Program MUST qualify for the top two tiers of merit-based scholarships at St. John Fisher College. Moreover, applicants must complete a mandatory interview with pharmacy faculty and/or staff, resulting in a recommendation of admission.



Pharmacy College Admission Test (PCAT)

The PCAT assesses one's general academic ability and scientific knowledge in preparation for pharmacy studies. Students must arrange for Pearson Education Inc. to send their PCAT scores directly to PharmCAS (reporting code is 104).

Applicants must take the PCAT on, or before, the February test date to be considered for fall admission to the School of Pharmacy. For more information, visit www.pcatweb.info or call 1 (800) 622-3231.

Special Instructions for International Applicants

The School of Pharmacy requires TOEFL scores for non-native English speaking applicants. The minimum acceptable score on the TOEFL is 575 (paper-based), 233 (computer-based), or 80 (Internet-based). Foreign transcripts must be sent to an evaluation service for a course-by-course report. Applicants should arrange to have this report sent directly to PharmCAS. Please see www.pharmacas.org for a list of approved foreign evaluation services.

Criminal Background Check Requirements

Students accepted to the School of Pharmacy are subject to criminal background checks. All accepted students are required to complete this procedure prior to matriculation. It is the student's responsibility to assume expenses related to this requirement, and follow procedures as instructed.

For a complete overview of admissions requirements, visit <http://go.sjfc.edu/pharmacy-admissions>.



MISSION OF THE WEGMANS SCHOOL OF PHARMACY

The Wegmans School of Pharmacy is dedicated to serving the needs of the public by preparing pharmacists to provide patient-centered, outcomes-oriented care that enhances the health-related quality of life of the patients they serve.

The School is committed to creating an environment that promotes academic excellence, service, and scholarship; encourages each student's intellectual and personal growth; and fosters the development of lifelong learners committed to advancing the profession of pharmacy.

In other words, the School of Pharmacy is committed to preparing pharmacists for lives of intellectual, professional, and civic integrity.

ACCREDITATION



The Doctor of Pharmacy program received full accreditation from the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE) in June 2016. This achievement marks the culmination of a five-year accreditation process. Full accreditation is awarded to a program that has met all ACPE standards and guidelines.

The Accreditation Standards and Guidelines are available to the public on the ACPE website at www.acpe-accredit.org. Moreover, the accreditation status of all pharmacy programs may be found at: www.acpe-accredit.org/pharmd-program-accreditation.

TAKE A CLOSER LOOK

To schedule an appointment, attend an Information Session, or observe a class, call the Office of Graduate Admissions at (585) 385-8064 or visit the Graduate Admissions website at <http://go.sjfc.edu/graduate>.