



The Pre-Pharmacy Program at HPU

Pharmacists play an integral role in today's health care system. If being a pharmacist is your career goal, this checklist will help you plan your years at HPU and prepare you to be a competent and desirable applicant. Please contact the Pre-Health Professions Specialist, Dr. Allison Bachlet (abachlet@hpu.edu) with any concerns or questions at any step of the way.

PHARMACY SCHOOLS ARE LOOKING FOR CANDIDATES WHO:

- Have excellent Science and Chemistry Grades**
- Enjoy working in teams and with all types of people**
- Are dependable, adaptable and full of personal integrity**

Freshman / Sophomore Year

- Meet with pre-health professions specialist and discuss future ideas and plans
- Work with science advisors to plan out course selection
- Attend seminars on careers in the health care field
- Join the Pre-Health Club & / Honor Societies
- Get volunteer experience in health care and pharmacy

Sophomore / Junior Year

- As for freshman year PLUS:
- Assess GPA and reality of attaining goals
- expand volunteer experience
- Explore other options in health care to make sure pharmacy is what you really want
- Assess your financial status and explore options for financing pharmacy school
- Explore the AACP (American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy) website (www.aacp.org) and get familiar with the PharmCAS application process (www.pharmcas.org)

Spring / Summer

- Take practice PCAT tests on-line and PCAT Preparation Course
- Expand volunteer experience
- Make contacts with professors / supervisors to build relationships for future reference letters
- Register for and take PCAT examination (exam dates available July - January only: www.pcatweb.info)

Junior / Senior Year - Application Year

Fall

- Meet with pre-health specialist to discuss application plans and timeline
- Complete the pre-health professions readiness assessment and self-evaluation
 - Provided by Dr. Bachlet ** Due January 31st **
- Continue with clinical and volunteer experiences
- Ensure all pre-requisites for pharmacy school are met

Spring

- Create PharmCAS account
- Collect letters of reference from professors and clinical supervisors ** Due June 1st**
- Complete and submit application = June / July (PharmCAS opening for applications is June)
- NOTE: application is submitted ONE FULL YEAR before Matriculation