

Doctor of Pharmacy Program

Admission Preparation for Hunter College Students

1. Take the required pre-pharmacy courses. These courses may be taken at Hunter College or elsewhere. The appropriate Hunter College courses are listed below. Please note: a bachelor's degree is **not** required, although it is often suggested.

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2. Make sure all pre-pharmacy required courses have a grade of C or better. Please note, C minus (C-) grades **must** be repeated.

Since UIC does not use +/- grading, it transfers C- grades from other institutions as C grades. However, in fairness to all applicants, for admission purposes the College of Pharmacy uses the grades as received from the institution(s) where courses were taken.

Pre-Pharmacy Coursework Prerequisites	Minimum Semester Hours**	Hunter College Course(s)
Written communication	6	6 credits of written communication
Speech communication	2	SOC 251 or MEDP 240 or COMHE 304
General biology with lab	8	BIO (100, 102)
General chemistry with lab	8	CHEM (102, 104, 106)
Organic chemistry with lab	8	CHEM (222, 223, 224, 225)
Physics with lab (may be non-calculus based)	8	PHYS (110, 111) or PHYS (120, 121)
Calculus (integral and differential)	3	MATH 150
Human Anatomy (all organ systems)	4	BIO (120, 122)
General Education	3	Social and Behavioral Sciences
	3	ECO 100 or ECO 200 or ECO 201
	3	Humanities
	0-4	Electives
Total Pre-Pharmacy Coursework	Minimum of 60 semester hours (2.75 minimum GPA)	
**Semester hours: These represent the minimum semester hours. The credits associated with these courses may exceed the minimum.		

3. Start the application process a little more than a year before the semester in which you hope to begin pharmacy school. Submit the following.
 - a. PharmCAS (Pharmacy College Application Service) Application
 - b. UIC College of Pharmacy Supplemental Application

Keep your application materials up to date at all times.

4. Plan to take the PCAT (Pharmacy College Admissions Test) more than once. The PCAT **must** be taken prior to the PharmCAS deadline and scores must be submitted to PharmCAS.
5. Think carefully about people you might ask to write letters of evaluation on your behalf. These people should know you, your potential, and your capabilities. UIC College of Pharmacy requires one academic reference (professor, TA, advisor) and one supervisor reference. Evaluations from friends/friends of the family, relatives, politicians, or clergy are **not** permitted.
6. Investigate pharmacy and the area of health-care in general – read about it, shadow professionals, get a pharmacy technician license, work as a pharmacy technician, volunteer in a health-care area. Show a dedication to community service. Demonstrate leadership through membership in organizations.
7. Calculate your GPAs. The pre-pharmacy, science/math, and cumulative GPAs each must be 2.75 or higher. If you've repeated courses, the higher grade may be used in the pre-pharmacy GPA calculation, but not in the science/math or cumulative GPA calculations.
8. Your application is eligible for by the Admissions Committee if:
 - a. you have submitted your PharmCAS application and it's been verified by PharmCAS,
 - b. you have demonstrated that **all** pre-pharmacy coursework will be completed by the end of spring semester, and
 - c. you have submitted a UIC Supplemental Application (if invited to do so).
9. For further information about this program, please contact:

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