

## **Doctor of Pharmacy/Master of Business Administration Program**

### **Program Description**

For qualified Pharmacy students Mercer University provides an opportunity to pursue the Master of Business Administration (MBA) degree concurrently with a Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.) degree. The MBA degree is earned through the School of Business and Economics (SSBE).

The (MBA) degree is a professional degree for qualified students interested in the management of human, material, and/or financial resources in business, government, or non-profit institutions. The degree is designed to complement the Pharm.D. degree in a manner that will broaden the occupational and professional opportunities of the prospective graduate in community, industry, or institutional practice. The program has been carefully designed to permit concurrent pursuit of both the Pharm.D. and MBA curriculum.

### **Program Outcomes/Objectives**

The outcomes of the Pharm.D. degree program also apply to the Pharm.D./ MBA program. The objectives of the MBA program are published in the School of Business and Economics section of this catalog.

### **Admissions Requirements and Procedure**

In order to apply for admission to the MBA Program, a Doctor of Pharmacy student must have earned a baccalaureate degree or 120 hours of college credit. Applicants must meet admission requirements for both the Pharm.D. and MBA programs. Applicants must submit current scores for the Graduate Management Admissions Test (GMAT) or GRE and follow the admissions procedures outlined on the School of Business and Economics website (<http://business.mercer.edu/programs/atlanta-mba/>). A GMAT/GRE waiver may be available.

For detailed information on the program, contact the Director of the Pharm.D./MBA Program in the College of Pharmacy.

### **Program Requirements**

While completing the requirements for the Doctor of Pharmacy degree, students may take courses in the School of Business and Economics toward the MBA degree provided they maintain a 2.75 minimum pharmacy school grade point average. Please refer to the School of Business and Economics Graduate Program section for program requirements.

MBA core courses offered at the School of Business and Economics can be used to satisfy professional-level elective hours required for the Doctor of Pharmacy Program. This does not preclude students taking professional-level electives in the Doctor of Pharmacy Program, and students are encouraged to take advantage of elective courses offered by the College of Pharmacy that will further develop their knowledge and skills in specific areas within the field of pharmacy.

### **Academic Advisement**

Academic advisement for students participating in the Pharm.D./MBA Program is provided by the Pharm.D./MBA Program Director and the Office of Academic Affairs in the School of Business and Economics.