

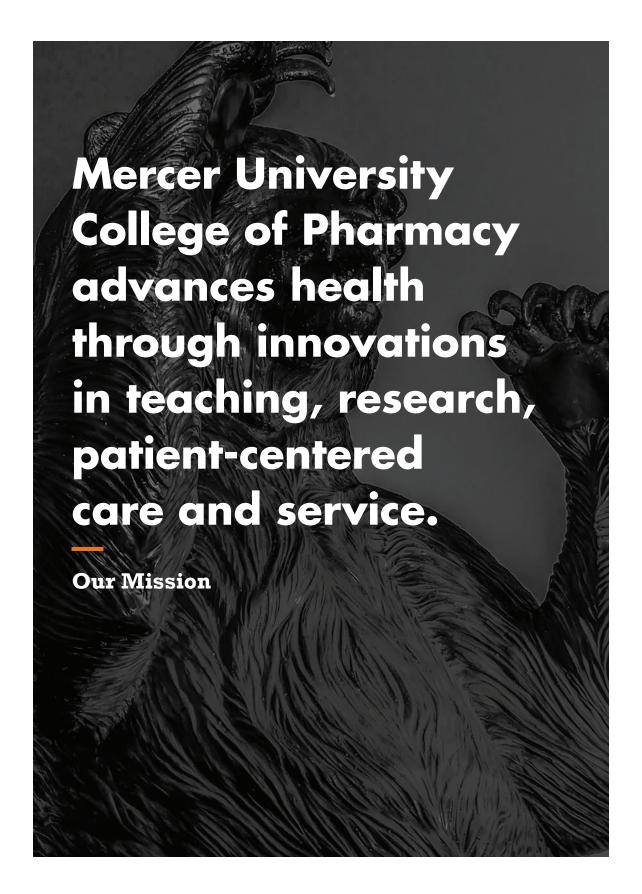




A Tradition of Excellence, A Legacy of Caring

MERCER UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE OF PHARMACY





What's New



- The College is unveiling a **renewed curriculum** that features a "spiral" learning style. Learn more on page 4.
- The College is admitting students for a new start date,

 January 2021, in addition to its Fall 2021 class. For prospective
 pharmacy students who finish their prerequisites in December,
 they can begin at Mercer in January instead of waiting eight
 months. The January 2021 class will graduate in May 2024 and
 practice as a pharmacist a year earlier than if they had started
 in Fall 2021.
- Earn two degrees in six years: Students who do not hold a bachelor's degree will earn a bachelor's of pharmaceutical sciences degree from Mercer upon successful completion of two years of the Pharm.D. Program. (You may even walk in the University commencement ceremony at that time for your B.S. degree!) Continue for another two years to earn your Pharm.D.
- Two new master's degrees in health outcomes or pharmaceutical sciences. Read more on page 9.

Renewed Curriculum

In Fall 2020, the College unveiled a renewed curriculum featuring a "spiral" learning style that highlights broad concepts initially and funnels down to increasingly complex concepts, all while emphasizing skills competency required for pharmacy care.

We've added *Comprehensive Patient-Centered Care* courses to the P1-P3 years to gear up students for the increasing care of patients with complex conditions. Our *Integrated Patient Care* sequence gives students a broad foundation of pharmacy practice and the profession. Our new *Specialty Pharmacy Practice* course in the P3 year addresses the management practices and pharmacotherapy of advanced pharmacy practice areas.

Courses complement what students will see in their rotations:

- Infectious disease and endocrine moved up to the P2 year as students increasingly see these conditions in their community pharmacy rotations and the more complex nervous system is covered in the P3 year in preparation for advanced rotations in the P4 year.
- Introductory Law covers what P1 students need to know before they enter their introductory rotations. Advanced Law in the P3 year covers the "gray areas" of pharmacy law with more case-based scenarios, all in preparation for advanced rotations in the P4 year.
- Each Introductory Pharmacy Practice Experience will now run three weeks, allowing more time for students to experience the workings of a pharmacy.

First Year (P1)

First semester:	Credit Hours:	Second semester:	Credit Hours:
Pharmacy Fundamentals	2	Biopharmaceutics and Pharmacokinetics	4
Foundations of Pharmacology and Immunolog	y 5	Pharmaceutics and Medicinal Chemistry	5
Healthcare Delivery and Population Health	3	Integrated Patient Care II	4
Self-Care	3	Introductory Law	2
Integrated Patient Care I	4	Comprehensive Patient-Centered Care I	2
Professional Development and Engagement I	1	Professional Development and Engagement II	1
Second Year (P2)			
Community Introductory Pharmacy Practice E	Experience 2		
Fall semester:		Spring semester:	
Cardiovascular and Renal Pharmacotherapy	6	Infectious Diseases Pharmacotherapy	6
Endocrine Pharmacotherapy	5	Pulmonary and Integument Pharmacotherapy	4
Integrated Patient Care III	4	Integrated Patient Care IV	3
Professional Development and Engagement III	1	Comprehensive Patient-Centered Care II	2
		Elective	2
		Professional Development and Engagement IV	7 1
Third Year (P3)			
Institutional Introductory Pharmacy Practice E	Experience 2		
Fall semester:		Spring semester:	
Nervous System Pharmacotherapy	5	Basic and Clinical Sciences Review	1
Gastrointestinal and Musculoskeletal Pharmac	otherapy 5	Oncology, Toxicology and Drug-Induced	4
Integrated Patient Care V	3	Disorders Pharmacotherapy	
Advanced Law	2	Integrated Patient Care VI	3
Elective	2	Comprehensive Patient-Centered Care III	3

Specialty Pharmacy Practice

Professional Development and Engagement VI

Electives (2)

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Fourth Year (P4)

Professional Development and Engagement V

Eight 5-week Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experiences and three pharmacy review courses.



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At Mercer, faculty were encouraging and supportive of students exploring traditional and non-traditional career paths. I took every opportunity to explore pharmacy, including taking varied elective courses, working in retail and hospital settings, opting to take extra rotations and partnering with faculty to conduct primary research and to publish. I also was involved in several student organizations including APhA, AMCP, ISPOR, SNPhA and Kappa Epsilon. It was through my involvement in these organizations that I found my passion in health economics and outcomes research.

Silky Webb Beaty, Pharm.D. '05, MSPH Head of HEOR/Immunology Medical Affairs UCB, Inc.

Research Opportunities



Students learn how to work in a team and how their decisions impact other healthcare professionals and quality of care. nterested in research? The summer research program is a training program in the pharmaceutical, administrative and clinical sciences designed to identify promising students and encourage them to consider research-oriented careers. Fellowships are available to assist students who wish to be actively involved in research endeavors during the summer term.

Pharm.D. elective courses, including *Introduction to Research and Project Development*, provide P2 and P3 students opportunities to perform research alongside faculty for course credit. In addition, more than 40 Pharm.D. students participate in clinical, biomedical, pharmaceutical or social science research projects with faculty on an informal basis.

Advancing Your Career



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You don't have to be a traditional retail pharmacist. Mercer's clinical rotations teach us that there's so much you can do with pharmacy. Mercer has prepared us to be movers and shakers. I felt very supported to pursue new opportunities.

Alexander Garrard, Pharm.D. '08

Toxicologist and Expert on Rattlesnake Antivenom Director, Field MSL Team, Boston Scientific

Networking

The Professional Development and Engagement course enhances academic and career advisement and mentoring for students through individual and group meetings, seminars and carefully designed activities. While every student is a member of the larger group, each student is part of a sub-group consisting of students from each class, faculty and alumni.

Entrepreneurship Track

Are you an entrepreneur? Are you driven by an innate need to create, build and grow? Entrepreneurship is not solely owned by the pharmaceutical industry; it's found in every corner of pharmacy—community, academia, pharmacy associations and IT, among many others.

If you want to define your path in pharmacy, consider enrolling in the entrepreneurship track in your P1 year. The Entrepreneurial-Focused Track focuses on entrepreneurial innovation and is designed to develop leaders within the community and the profession of pharmacy through a mixture of required and elective courses.

Advanced Clinical Track Program

The Advanced Clinical Track (ACT) Program provides a challenging combination of advanced pharmacy practice experiences, one-on-one mentoring and research experience that focuses on advancing fourth-year students as future clinicians and clinical researchers.



Post-Graduate Opportunities



We are located in Atlanta, with all of its diverse research, clinical and residency opportunities.

Fellowships

The College offers fellowships at Arbor Pharmaceuticals and Galt Pharmaceuticals in metro Atlanta that offer new pharmacists in-depth experience in medical affairs and outcomes research as they transition into the workforce. Fellows divide their time between the College and Galt or Arbor, where they help advance the clinical development of secondary indications of approved drugs and support scientific affairs of Galt or Arbor products as they move from development to commercialization. The College of Pharmacy supports and guides fellows' assigned research projects in medical affairs or outcomes that result in publication of their research findings in peer-reviewed publications and present at scientific conferences.

Residencies

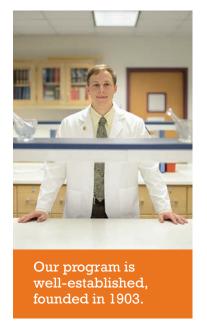
To provide challenging post-graduate opportunities for highly motivated Pharm.D. graduates, the College of Pharmacy offers residencies for them to specialize in the delivery of pharmaceutical care services, to improve their teaching abilities and to develop research skills. Although not required for entry into pharmacy practice, a one-year residency affords the Pharm.D. graduate an opportunity to develop expertise in clinical pharmacy practice and specialty areas. Residency positions are currently available in community pharmacy at Kroger, Walgreens and Poole's Pharmacy.



Pharmacy residents at metro Atlanta hospitals come to Mercer to earn a teaching certificate. The College's post-graduate training program provides opportunities to gain classroom experience and receive instruction on educational methods. Consistent and quality teaching experiences help prepare residents for a variety of training settings and future careers in academia.



Certificates of Achievement



nhance your Doctor of Pharmacy degree by earning a certificate of achievement. Students pursuing these areas receive a certificate upon completion of didactic and experiential coursework. All students earn a certificate in **Pharmacy Based Immunization Delivery** and **Medication Therapy Management** (as required by the Medicare Part D prescription drug coverage). You have the option of earning the following certificates:

Academic Pharmacy provides you with insight on how to become a pharmacy educator.

Community Pharmacy Ownership takes you step-by-step on how to become a community pharmacy owner either through establishing a new pharmacy or the purchase of an existing practice.

Contemporary Compounding takes you through the art and science of preparing customized medications by mixing ingredients in the strength and dosage form required by the prescription.

Diabetes Care provides you additional skills needed to coach patients on how to manage their medications and make lifestyle changes to lead a healthier life.

Geriatric Pharmacy Practice informs you on how to better manage this patient population with special needs.

Leadership in Pharmacy Management prepares you by taking an intense look at the business side of pharmacy and management roles.

Managed Care Pharmacy details pharmacy benefit management tools and strategies, specialty pharmacy, Medicaid and Medicare and quality measures.

Combined Degrees



The College hosts 15 chapters of regional and national pharmacy organizations and two student councils.

Pharm.D./M.S. in Health Outcomes

A five-semester, fully online master's program geared toward students who want careers in comparative effectiveness research and management or pharmacoeconomics modeling. The degree program offers two tracks, pharmacoeconomics or health outcomes research, with common courses in statistical software programming, epidemiology and biostatistics, among others, before completing specific track courses. Two nine-credit certificate programs also are offered.

Pharm.D./M.S. in Health Informatics

The MSHI is a fully online health informatics degree program showcasing the new and rapidly evolving field of using healthcare information through computing and communication technologies to foster better collaboration among a patient's various healthcare stakeholders. The program permits concurrent pursuit of both the Pharm.D. and the MSHI, earned through the College of Professional Advancement.

Pharm.D./MBA

The MBA degree complements the Pharm.D. degree by broadening the occupational and professional opportunities of the prospective graduate in community, industry or institutional practice. The program permits concurrent pursuit of both the Pharm.D. and MBA, earned through the Stetson-Hatcher School of Business.

Pharm.D./MPH

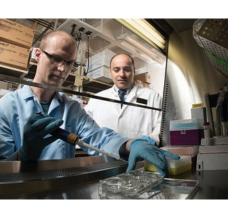
The MPH degree program is designed to transform students into graduates ready to tackle the complex and dynamic challenges of public health in neighborhoods and populations in the United States and around the world. The program permits concurrent pursuit of both the Pharm.D. and MPH, earned through the College of Health Professions.

Pharm.D./Ph.D.

The Pharm.D./Ph.D. program enables highly qualified students to obtain both degrees in a shortened period of time and is designed for students who are strongly motivated toward an academic/research career in the pharmaceutical sciences. The time required for completion of the program depends on the individual qualifications and interests of the student.

Pharm.D./M.S. in Pharmaceutical Sciences

This master's program seeks to equip graduates with the interdisciplinary research skills necessary for careers in academia, the pharmaceutical industry or in government. Some courses for students seeking a combined Pharm.D./M.S. in pharmaceutical sciences are waived as credit is earned in the Pharm.D. curriculum.



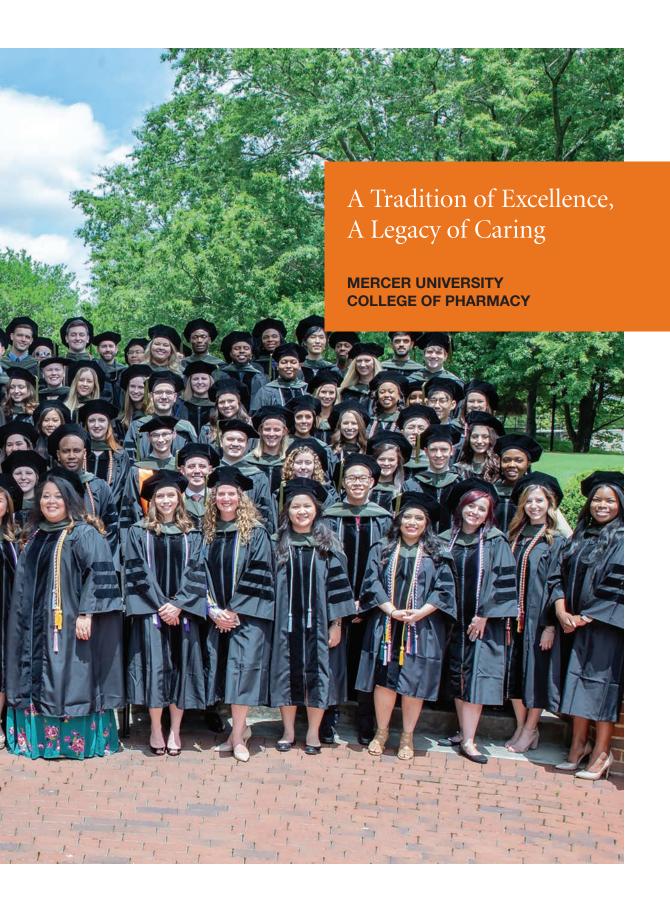


Global Pharmacy

Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experiences are completed in the fourth year of the Pharm.D. curriculum after you have completed your didactic coursework. You have a multitude of options, from sites in Atlanta, across Georgia and the United States or around the world. These options are listed as of August 2020, and changing conditions due to COVID-19 may alter available locations in the future.











he Mercer Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) program in pharmaceutical sciences is a highly individualized graduate program tailored to each student to prepare them for careers in teaching and research in academic institutions and for employment in industry, government and other institutions involved in health science-oriented research and development.

The Ph.D. program consists of 70 semester hours, including 35 hours of dissertation research. Doctoral students are required to maintain a full-time load of six semester hours each semester (fall, spring, summer) while completing degree requirements. Upon successful completion of the program, the Ph.D. degree is awarded.

Admissions requirements and standards are designed to ensure success in the Mercer Ph.D. program. Selecting a candidate for a doctoral program involves many important factors including academic background (undergraduate coursework, GPAs, GRE scores), and extracurricular and work experiences. New students are accepted in the fall and spring semesters.

All applicants seeking admission to the Ph.D. Program must submit all required application materials and meet the following requirements prior to enrollment in the program:

- Completion of a Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy, Pharmaceutical Sciences, Chemistry, Biology or an equivalent degree in a related area or a Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.) degree.
- Minimum undergraduate Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.0 or higher.
- Minimum Graduate Record Examination (GRE) score of at least 40 percentile in the verbal section and at least 60 percentile in the quantitative section.
- For applicants from a country where the primary language is other than English, a minimum TOEFL score of 100 on the internet-based test (IBT) is required.
- Qualified applicants with complete files and who meet or exceed the admissions criteria listed above may be invited for a personal interview with program faculty.

Tuition & Financial Aid



in scholarships.

The College of Pharmacy offers \$1 million in scholarships each year. First-year merit scholarships are awarded to accepted students with cumulative undergraduate GPAs of 3.5 or higher. The College has additional scholarships for students in years 2–4 in the program based on academic and professional performance.

Doctor of Pharmacy

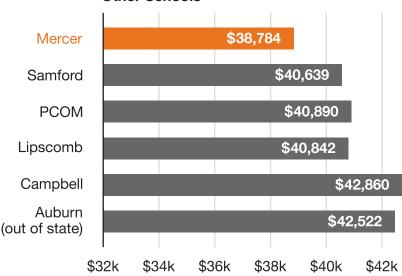
Annual Tuition	\$38,484
Annual Facilities and Technology Fee	\$300
Total Estimated Tuition and Fees for Students	
Entering Pharm.D. Program in August 2020	\$153,936

Please note that the tuition and fees above are for the 2020–2021 academic year and are subject to change each year. There has been a slight increase in tuition each year (in recent years, between 2% to 3%). Other expenses you should plan for when setting your budget include those for books, living (e.g., housing, food), transportation, etc.

Questions on Financial Aid?

Please reach out to the Student Financial Planning Office at 678.547.6444 or financialaid.mercer.edu

Mercer Annual Tuition and Fees Cost Compared to Other Schools



Mercer University
College of Pharmacy
empowers ourselves
and others to
cultivate passion
to enrich health
and improve lives.

Our Vision

Questions & Answers

What are the materials required to apply to the Doctor of Pharmacy Program?

An application must be submitted through PharmCAS prior to the deadline (www.pharmcas.org). All U.S. college transcripts must be sent to PharmCAS. Two letters of reference must be submitted to PharmCAS. Letters from college professors, advisers, work supervisors and pharmacists are preferred.

Applicants are encouraged to submit their applications before letters of recommendation are received by PharmCAS.

What are the required courses needed for applying to the Doctor of Pharmacy Program?

All required courses do not need to be completed at time of application but must be completed before enrollment in the Pharm.D. Program. Admission requires a minimum of 66 semester hours (99 quarter hours) of pre-professional education completed with grades of C or better at a nationally accredited college or university in the United States and includes the following prerequisites:

- General Chemistry (two courses with labs)
- Organic Chemistry (two courses with labs)
- Biochemistry (one course, lab optional)
- General Biology (two courses with labs)
- Anatomy and Physiology (two courses, labs optional)
- Microbiology (one course, lab optional)
- Calculus (one course)
- Statistics (one course)
- English Composition (two courses)
- Economics (one course)
- Speech (one course)
- Humanities Electives (two courses)*
- Social/Behavioral Science Electives (two courses)*

*At least one elective course must focus on cultural diversity. Examples that fulfill this prerequisite are: sociology, cultural anthropology, cultural geography, world literature, world religions, gender studies or cultural studies in specific languages other than the student's native language.



Your Professional Development and Engagement course will bring you together with our alumni and other leaders in pharmacy.

What does the admissions committee look at when reviewing an application?

Admissions requirements and standards are designed to ensure success in the Pharm.D. Program. Applicants who meet or exceed admissions requirements and standards are invited to visit the College of Pharmacy for a personal interview.

- Academic background
- Letters of recommendation
- Pharmacy/work experience
- Extracurricular/community service activities
- Written and oral communication skills
- Critical-thinking and problem-solving skills
- Motivation and commitment to life-long learning and the profession of pharmacy
- Participation in activities that raise awareness of cultural and social diversity and promote community engagement

Are scholarships available?

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Who can I contact for information pertaining to financial aid?

Student Financial Planning Office: 678.547.6444 or financialaid.mercer.edu FAFSA: fafsa.ed.gov



Decided to Apply?

Use PharmCAS. It's the place to apply to Mercer and keeps your application and letters of recommendation together in one easy-to-access spot.

www.pharmcas.org

Application deadline is Nov. 1 for Spring admission and June 1 for Fall admission.

If Nov. 1 or June 1 falls on a weekend, the following Monday is the deadline.

Why should I do Early Decision?

Applying Early Decision saves you time, money and stress.

- Your application receives priority processing by PharmCAS and the College of Pharmacy.
- You are considered for interview and admission in early fall before regular applicants are considered.
- Upon your acceptance, your tuition deposit is waived.

Applicants who wish to be considered for early decision admission must submit all application materials to PharmCAS by the Tuesday following Labor Day.

For more information, please visit pharmacy.mercer.edu

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