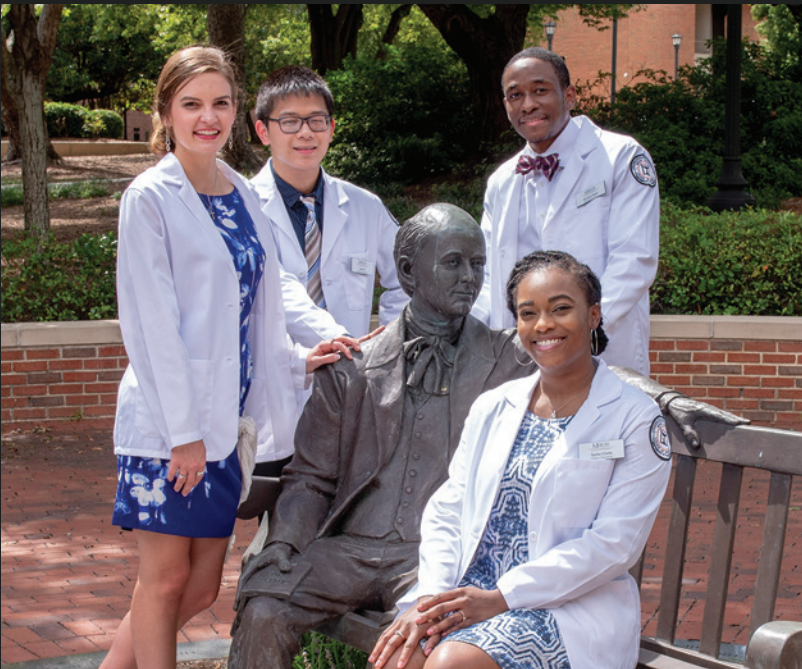




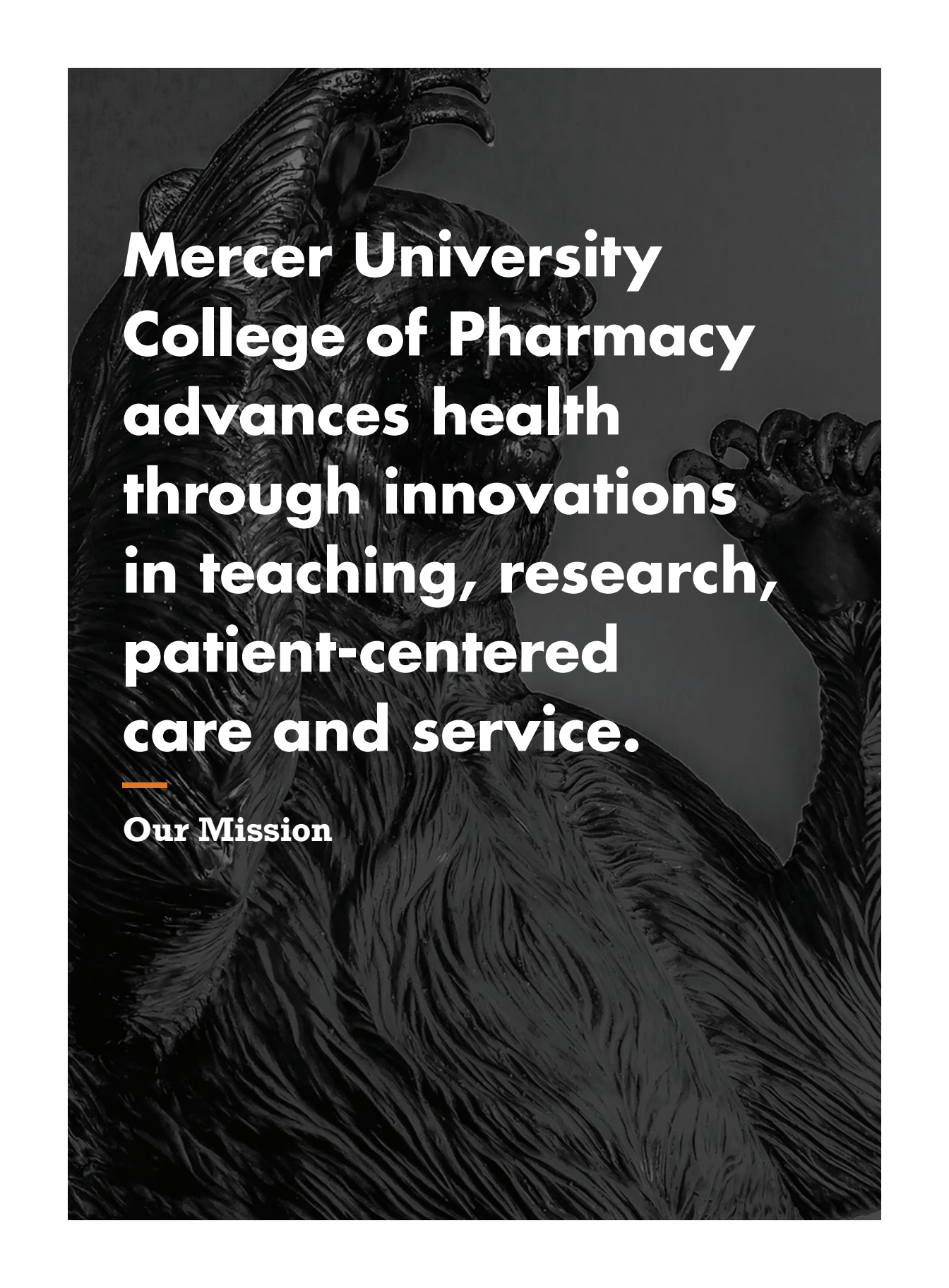
MERCER
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A Tradition of Excellence, A Legacy of Caring





**Mercer University
College of Pharmacy
advances health
through innovations
in teaching, research,
patient-centered
care and service.**

Our Mission

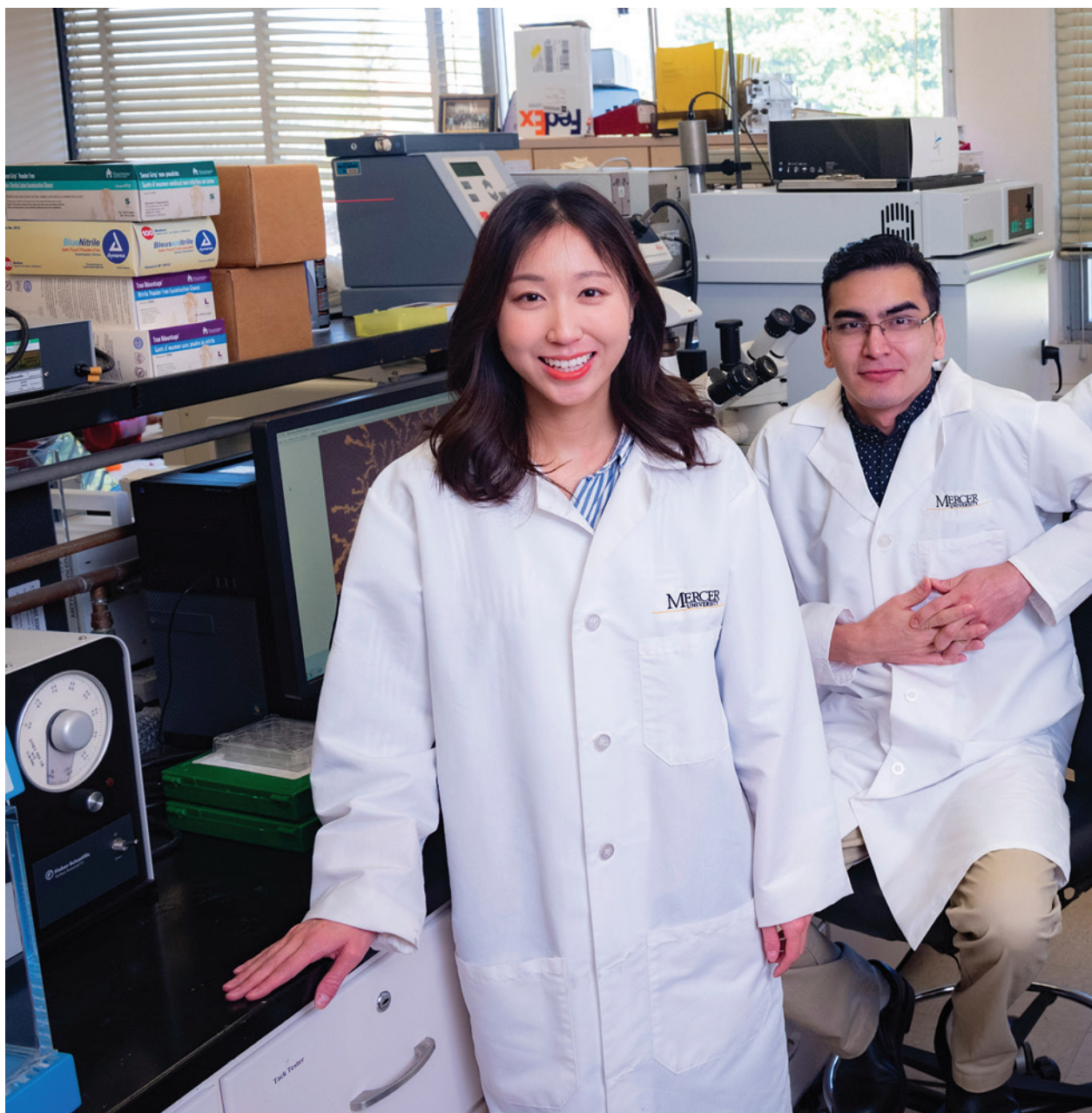
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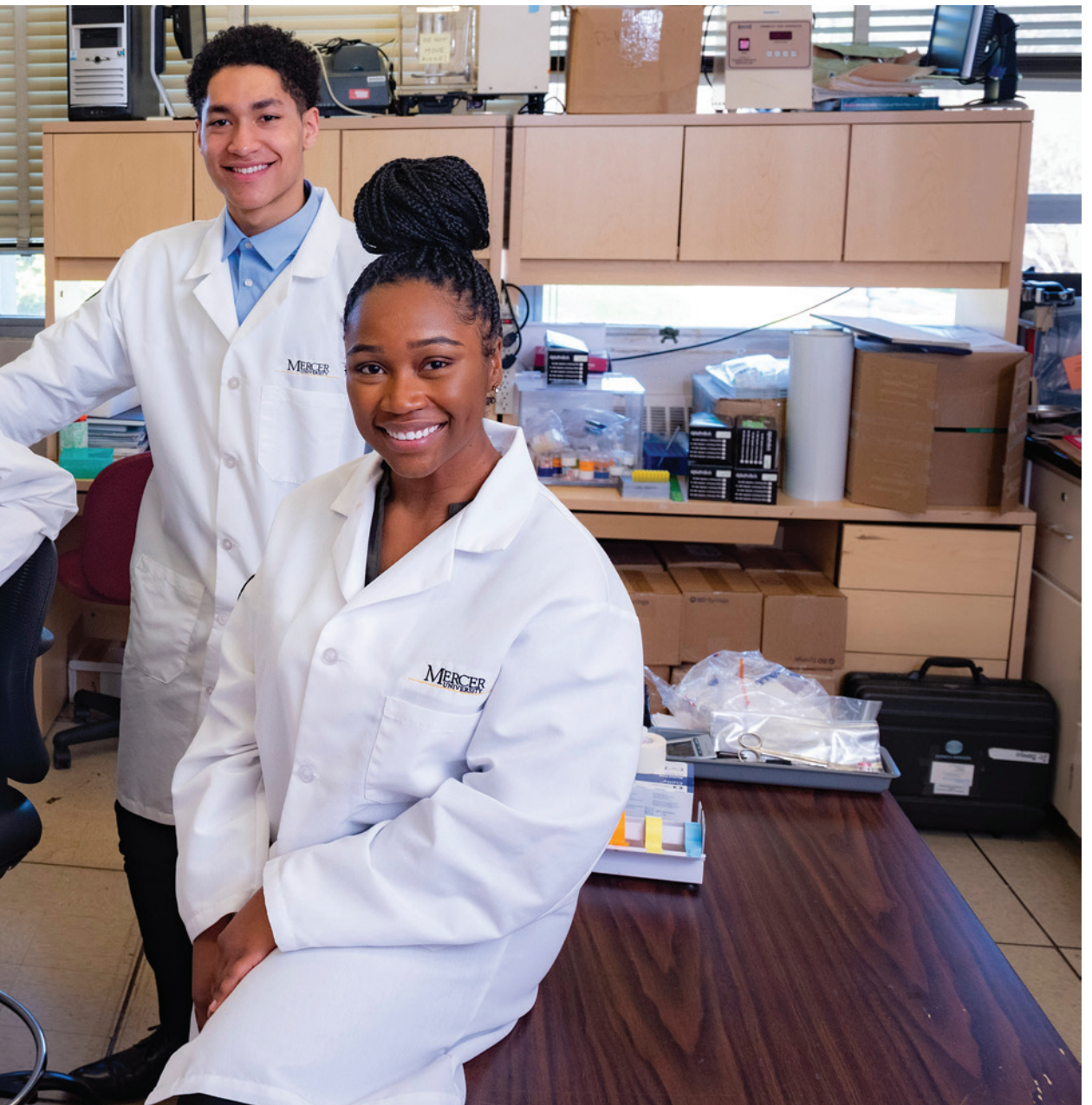


- **The college offers two start dates, January 2024 and August 2024**, to cater to prospective pharmacy students who have completed their prerequisites by December. If you begin in January 2024, **you will graduate in May 2027 and start practicing as a pharmacist one year earlier** than those who start in Fall 2024.
- The College's spiral learning approach uses a blend of didactic lectures, lab experiences, and team-based activities to give students the tools they need to master material and build upon it through lifelong learning.
- **Pharmaceutical sciences research** is increasingly important to the health care industry and aims to optimize patient health and improve drug delivery. Obtaining a master's degree in pharmaceutical sciences alongside your PharmD will enhance your career options.
- **No bachelor's degree? No problem.** Students entering the PharmD program prior to completing their bachelor's degree will be awarded one after completing their second year in the PharmD program. That's 2 degrees in 6 years!

Diversity

Mercer University's College of Pharmacy is focused on diversity, inclusion and equity on campus and in the curriculum. We are proud to be one of the most diverse pharmacy schools in the nation, located in one of the most diverse cities in the world.





Practice-Ready Curriculum

The College's PharmD curriculum follows a spiral learning approach. This method starts with broad concepts and gradually progresses to more complex ones, while also focusing on skills needed for patient care. Comprehensive Patient-Centered Care courses in the P1-P3 years prepare students to handle patients with complex conditions. The Integrated Patient Care sequence provides a broad foundation of pharmacy practice and the profession.

Courses complement what students will see in their rotations:

- Expanded Introductory Pharmacy Practice Experiences (IPPEs) offer insights into the role of a pharmacist in various settings.
- Infectious disease and endocrine courses are included in the P2 year, as these conditions are frequently encountered during community pharmacy rotations. Meanwhile, the more complex nervous system is covered in the P3 year to prepare students for advanced rotations in the P4 year.
- Introductory Law covers essential knowledge for P1 students before their introductory rotations, while Advanced Law in the P3 year delves into the "gray areas" of pharmacy law with case-based scenarios to prepare students for advanced rotations in the P4 year.

First Year (P1)

Fall/Spring*	Credit Hours	Spring/Summer*	Credit Hours
Pharmacy Fundamentals	3	Biopharmaceutics and Pharmacokinetics	4
Foundations of Pharmacology and Immunology	5	Pharmaceutics and Medicinal Chemistry	4
Biochemistry for Health Care Professionals	3	Pharmaceutics and Medicinal Chemistry Laboratory	1
Healthcare Delivery and Population Health	3	Introductory Law	2
Self-Care	3	Integrated Patient Care I	4
Professional Development and Engagement I	1	Professional Development and Engagement II	1
		Comprehensive Patient-Centered Care I	2
Summer/Fall Intersession*			
		Community Introductory Pharmacy Practice Experience	2
		Health and Wellness Introductory Pharmacy Practice Experience**	1

Second Year (P2)

Fall	Credit Hours	Spring	Credit Hours
Cardiovascular and Renal Pharmacotherapy I	4	Infectious Diseases Pharmacotherapy	6
Cardiovascular and Renal Pharmacotherapy II	3	Pulmonary and Integument Pharmacotherapy	4
Endocrine Pharmacotherapy	5	Integrated Patient Care III	3
Integrated Patient Care IIb	4	Professional Development and Engagement III	1
Professional Development and Engagement III	1	Comprehensive Patient-Centered Care II	2
Elective	2	Elective	2
Summer			
		Institutional Introductory Pharmacy Practice Experience	2
		Health and Wellness Introductory Pharmacy Practice Experience**	1

Third Year (P3)

Fall	Credit Hours	Spring	Credit Hours
Nervous System Pharmacotherapy	6	Oncology, Toxicology and Drug-Induced	4
Gastrointestinal and Musculoskeletal Pharmacotherapy	5	Disorders Pharmacotherapy	3
Advanced Law	2	Pharmacy Management	3
Integrated Patient Care IVb	3	Professional Development and Engagement IVb	2
Elective	2	Comprehensive Patient-Centered Care III	4
		Elective	2
		Elective	2

Fourth Year (P4)

Eight 5-week Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experiences (APPEs) and three Pharmacy Review courses.

*August entry students complete P1 classes in fall/spring; January entry students complete P1 classes in spring/summer

**Student enrolls in the Health and Wellness IPPE once, either summer semester or fall intersession



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.

Our faculty actively pushes the boundaries of science with innovative research and development. For Pharm.D. students in their second and third year, elective courses such as Introduction to Research and Project Development offer opportunities to work with our faculty on research projects for course credit. Additionally, over 30 Pharm.D. students take part in informal research projects in fields such as clinical, biomedical, pharmaceutical and social sciences.

Make the most of your summer by doing something meaningful. Our summer research program identifies and trains promising students in the pharmaceutical, administrative and clinical sciences, inspiring them to consider a future in research. Fellowships are available for qualified and interested students.

Atlanta

Our Atlanta campus is special. We have a smaller, close-knit community of students who you'll form bonds with for life. But since we are tucked inside a much larger metropolitan area, we have close ties with world-class facilities, giving you amazing research, clinical and residency opportunities. In addition to traditional pharmacy practice, Mercer facilitates career mentoring and development in alternative professional pathways.





Advancing Your Career



Mercer prepares us to be movers and shakers. The rotations teach us there's so much you can do with pharmacy in clinical specialties, community and ambulatory care, the pharmaceutical industry, government organizations, and beyond. I felt very supported to pursue new opportunities.

Alexander Garrard, Pharm.D. '08
Toxicologist and Expert on Rattlesnake Antivenom

Networking

Mercer is dedicated to help you succeed after graduation. Our Professional Development and Engagement courses enhance academic and career advisement for students through individual and group meetings, seminars and carefully designed activities.

Entrepreneurial-Focused Track

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're interested in forging your own path, we are there for you. Available after your P1 year, the Entrepreneurial-Focused Track focuses on innovation and is designed to develop leaders within the pharmacy community 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

Mercer provides fellowships at Azurity Pharmaceuticals and Galt Pharmaceuticals for new pharmacists to gain extensive experience in medical affairs and outcomes research while transitioning into the workforce. Fellows spend their time between the College and Galt or Azurity, where they assist in advancing the clinical development of secondary indications of approved drugs and supporting scientific affairs of Galt or Azurity products as they progress from development to commercialization. The College of Pharmacy guides and supports fellows' assigned research projects in medical affairs or outcomes, which lead to the publication of their research findings in peer-reviewed publications and presentations at scientific conferences.

Our PharmD graduates have also accepted fellowship positions with a variety of companies and organizations including:



Teaching Certificate

Metro Atlanta pharmacy residents can earn a teaching certificate at Mercer. The College's post-graduate training program offers classroom experience and guidance on effective teaching methods. These opportunities provide consistent and high-quality teaching experiences to prepare residents for diverse training settings and potential careers in academia.

Career Pathways

Pharmacists are in high demand and our graduates have various career options available. They can pursue opportunities in large healthcare systems, hospitals, clinics, pharmaceutical and managed care companies, government agencies, or community pharmacies. Our location in Atlanta provides easy access to career mentoring and development for the various career pathways.





Additional Combined Degrees



The College hosts 16 chapters of regional and national pharmacy organizations and two student councils.

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

The Master of Science in Health Informatics (MSHI) is a fully online degree program showcasing the 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 parallel pursuit of the Pharm.D. and the MSHI, earned through the College of Professional Advancement.

Pharm.D./Master of Business Administration

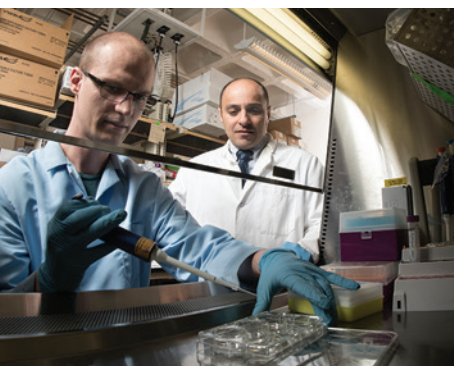
The Master of Business Administration (MBA) is a great addition to the Pharm.D. degree, as it expands the career options for graduates who want to work in community, industry or institutional settings. Earned through the Stetson-Hatcher School of Business, students can pursue both degrees at the same time.

Pharm.D./Master of Public Health

The Master of Public Health (MPH) degree program aims to equip students with the necessary skills to address the intricate and ever-evolving issues surrounding public health in different areas and communities across the globe. This program allows students to pursue both the Pharm.D. and MPH simultaneously, which is offered by the College of Health Professions.

Pharm.D./Ph.D.

The Pharm.D./Ph.D. program is a great opportunity for highly qualified students who want to pursue a career in the pharmaceutical industry or academia. It allows them to obtain both degrees in a shorter period of time. The length of the program depends on the individual's qualifications and interests. Our graduates have successfully pursued careers at prestigious institutions like the Food and Drug Administration and the National Institutes of Health.



Pharm.D./Master of Science in Pharmaceutical Sciences



The Master of Science in Pharmaceutical Sciences (MSPS) is a 30-credit laboratory-based degree program that offers a non-thesis track and a thesis track. The non-thesis track allows students to complete their degree on campus or through synchronous remote learning.

For those enrolled in the combined Pharm.D./MSPS program:

- Students can waive 10 credits by completing Foundations in Pharmaceutical Sciences and Pharmacokinetics. Additionally, they can waive 2 credits by taking Introduction to Research, a Pharm.D. elective.
- If students enroll in MSPS during their first or second year of the Pharm.D. program, they can finish both degrees in four years. If they enroll during the third or fourth year of the Pharm.D. program, it will take an additional year to complete the MSPS degree.

More info at pharmacy.mercer.edu/academic-programs/master-of-science-in-pharmaceutical-sciences





Global Pharmacy

In the fourth year of the Pharm.D. curriculum, you will undertake Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experiences. These come after you have completed your didactic coursework and offer a wide range of options. You can choose from sites located in Atlanta, across Georgia, the United States or even around the world.

The options listed here may be subject to change.







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Ph.D.



The Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) program in pharmaceutical sciences is a graduate program that is personalized to meet the specific needs of each student. It is designed to prepare them for careers in teaching and research at academic institutions or for employment in health science research in industry, government and other institutions.

To complete the Ph.D. program, students must complete 70 semester hours, which includes 35 hours of dissertation research. Doctoral students must maintain a full-time load of six semester hours during the fall, spring and summer semesters while meeting the degree requirements.

The admission standards and requirements for the Mercer Ph.D. program are to ensure the success of students. Selection involves several critical factors, such as academic background (undergraduate coursework, GPAs, GRE scores), extracurricular activities and work experience. The program accepts new students in the fall and spring semesters.

To enroll in the Ph.D. program, all applicants must submit the required application materials and meet the specified requirements:

- 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
- Minimum Graduate Record Examination (GRE) score in at the 40th percentile in the verbal section and the 60th 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) or a minimum IELTS score of 7.5 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



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As you're planning to pursue a doctoral-level health professions degree, we're here to partner with you in achieving your educational and professional goals while you also manage your finances.

Applicants who apply by the **Priority Deadline** (p. 27) are considered for scholarships offered through the College of Pharmacy. **First-year merit scholarships** are based on the PharmCAS application and other criteria including, but not limited to academic excellence, leadership potential, and a commitment to serving others. Merit scholarships are renewable for up to four academic years.

The **Pinnacle Scholarship** is awarded to a limited number of the most talented first-year students who are invited to apply for this scholarship upon acceptance into the PharmD Program.

Additional scholarships received through the generosity of our alumni, friends, and corporate donors are awarded annually through an application process. Accepted students who sub-mitted their PharmCAS application by the Priority Deadline receive access to an application for these scholarships.

Funding through the State of Georgia's **HOPE and Zell Miller** Scholarships and the Tuition Equalization Grant is also available to eligible students enrolling in the PharmD program before completing a bachelor's degree.

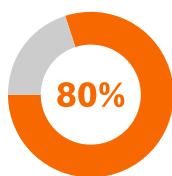
Additional sources of funding include federal work-study and loan programs (e.g., Stafford, Grad Plus, and Health Professional Student loans), and external scholarships. Our Student Financial Planning staff partner with you to identify the best mix of funding that meets your needs.

For current tuition information, visit <https://financialaid.mercer.edu/cost-of-attendance/graduate-and-professional/college-of-pharmacy/>.

\$20,000



Scholarship amounts awarded for the 2023-2024 academic year ranged from \$500 - \$20,000.



Approximately 80% of our incoming class received a scholarship in 2023-2024.

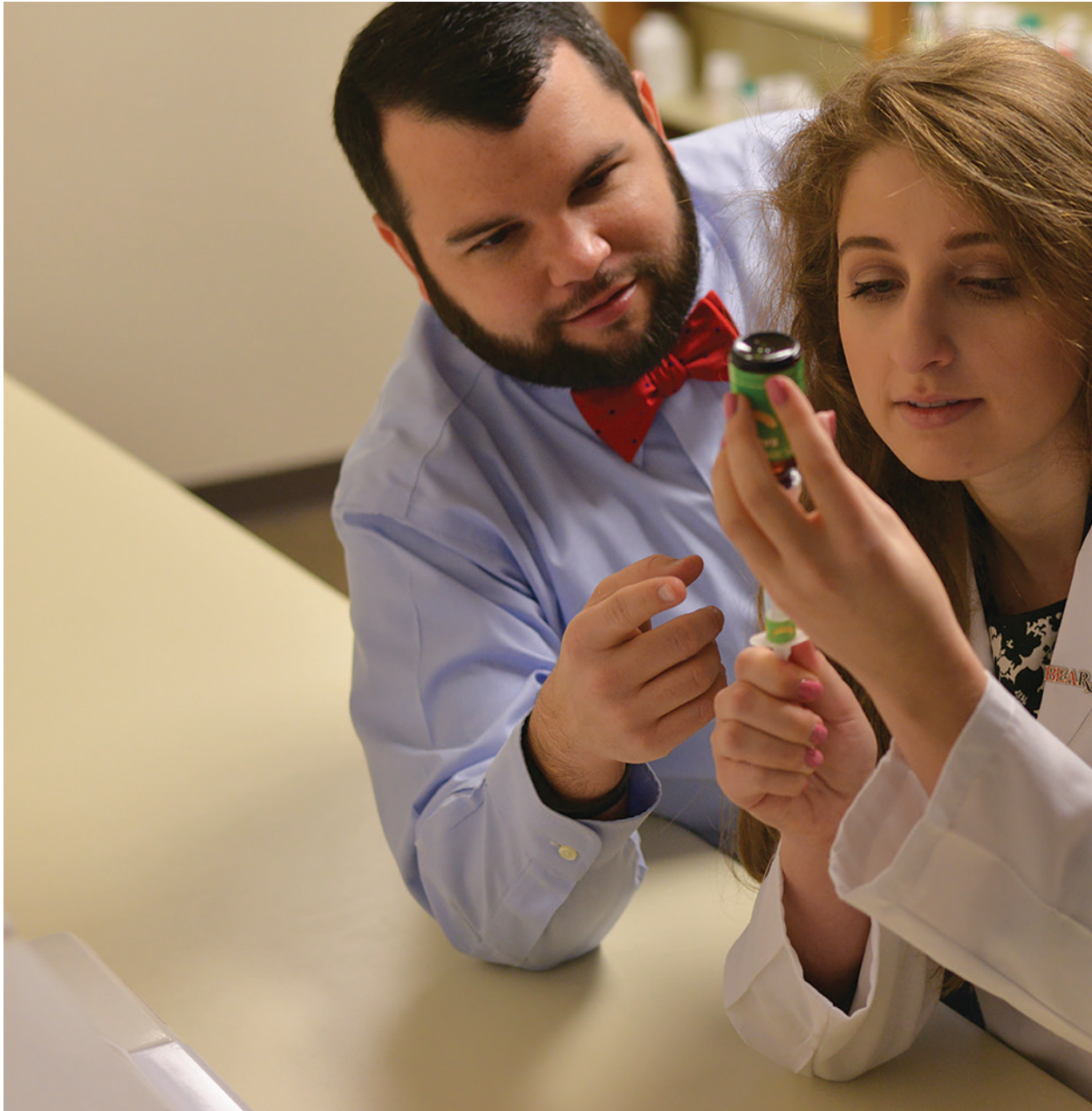


Questions about Financial Aid?

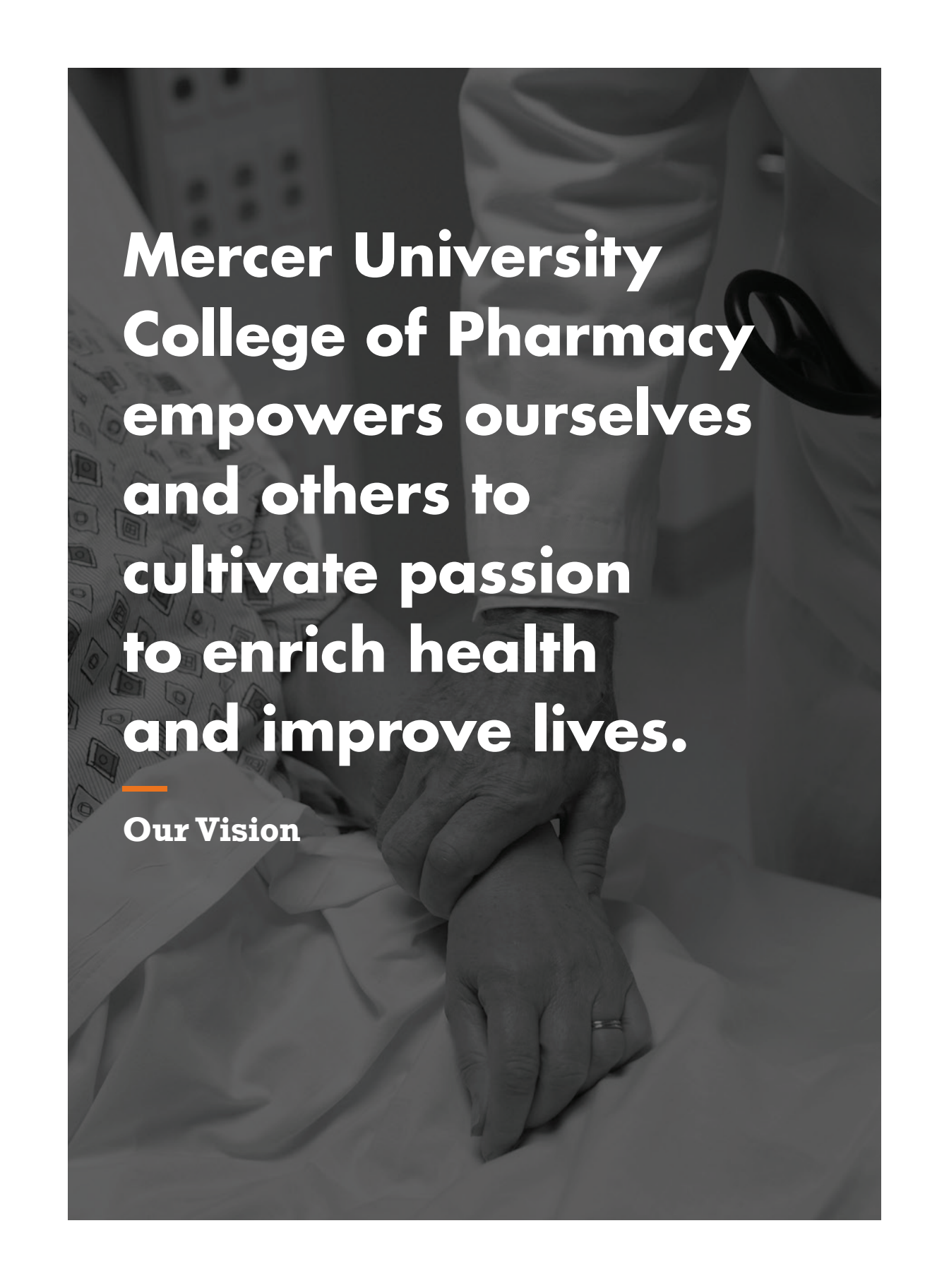
Please reach out to the Student Financial Planning Office at 478.301.2670 or financialplanning@mercer.edu.

Student-focused

At Mercer's College of Pharmacy, our focus is on you. We have a dedicated team of faculty, staff and academic support specialists to assist you in charting your post-graduate journey. The College's Professional Development Network (PDN) provides information and support for successful matriculation and professional development of students. Faculty, professional staff, and alumni are utilized as resource personnel for students in their assigned PDN group.







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empowers ourselves
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to enrich health
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Our Vision

Questions & Answers

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

Applications must be submitted through PharmCAS prior to the deadline. All U.S. college transcripts[^] and two letters of reference must be uploaded to PharmCAS. Letters from college professors, academic advisers, work supervisors and pharmacists are strongly recommended.

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?

A minimum of 63 semester hours of undergraduate coursework must be completed with grades of C or better at a nationally accredited college or university[^] and includes the following prerequisites:

- General Chemistry (two courses with labs)
- Organic Chemistry (two courses with labs)
- 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)*

All required courses do not need to be completed at time of application but must be finished before enrollment in the PharmD program.

[^]Applicants completing coursework outside the U.S. must submit a WES course-by-course foreign transcript evaluation report to PharmCAS.

**At least one elective course must focus on cultural diversity. Examples that fulfill this prerequisite include 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 courses focus on personal, team and career development.

What does the admissions committee look at when selecting students?

We designed our admissions requirements and standards 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. Standards include:

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

Profile of the Mercer University Doctor of Pharmacy Graduate

The Mercer Graduate will have both the breadth and depth of knowledge and skills to ensure successful entry into any of the wide variety of careers available to the Doctor of Pharmacy graduate.

The Mercer Graduate will practice patient-centered, evidence-based pharmacy to optimize the use of medications to improve health, prevent disease, and improve quality of life.

The Mercer Graduate will be an essential member of the patient's interprofessional health care team.

The Mercer Graduate will demonstrate the value of the profession through leadership and service to the community, nationally, and globally.



Decided to Apply?

Use PharmCAS.org. It's the place to apply to Mercer and keeps your application materials in one easy-to-access spot.

Application deadline is Nov. 1 for spring admission and June 1 for fall admission. (If that date falls on a weekend, the deadline moves to the next Monday).

Why should I do Priority Admission?

Applying by the Priority Deadline provides you benefits in the admissions process:

- **Guaranteed interview** - Priority applicants with an undergraduate GPA of 3.0 or higher are guaranteed an interview.
- **Reduced stress** – Secure your seat in the next class through an expedited process to plan your future sooner.
- **Scholarship opportunities** – You will receive preferential consideration for scholarships for entering students.

Applicants who wish to be considered for priority admission must submit all application materials to PharmCAS by Oct. 2 for spring admission and Jan. 4 for fall admission.

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