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Think pharmacy is just counting pills?
THINK AGAIN!

Here are some of the many possibilities in pharmacy!

- Critical Care Pharmacist
- Investigational Drug Pharmacist
- Surgical Unit Pharmacist
- Poison Control Pharmacist
- Neonatal Pharmacist
- Infectious Disease Pharmacist
- Government Agency Pharmacist

Just to name a few...

Learn more about careers in pharmacy at pharmacyforme.org
10 REASONS WHY YOU SHOULD CHOOSE MERCER
The College of Pharmacy is well-grounded and a leader in pharmacy education. It was founded in 1903 and was the first pharmacy school in the Southeast to offer the Doctor of Pharmacy degree as its sole professional degree.

Mercer has the only clinical research center in a private pharmacy school, allowing PharmD students to engage in patient-based studies.

Students are active in 17 regional and national pharmacy organizations. Our students and chapters are routinely recognized regionally and nationally.

Mercer student pharmacists provide 13,000 hours of service each year to the local community.

Make yourself more marketable by earning a combined degree and/or a certificate of achievement specializing in a particular area of pharmacy.

Pharmacy students train with other health sciences students in collaborative, interprofessional activities to provide team-based care.

You'll have opportunities to interact with a variety of alumni through the College's Professional Development Network.

Year after year, students rate 93 percent of their teaching faculty ≥ 4.0 on a 5.0 scale on overall teaching effectiveness.

Atlanta is a hub for higher education and health care. Mercer student pharmacists are surrounded by countless clinical, residency and career opportunities.

Our PhD program was the first in a private pharmacy school in the Southeast. It is one of the largest PhD programs, with 45 students, in a private pharmacy school.
Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experience (APPE) rotations are completed in the fourth year of the PharmD 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.
Residencies
To provide challenging post-graduate opportunities for highly motivated PharmD graduates, the College of Pharmacy offers residencies 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 PharmD 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 Rite-Aid.

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.

Teaching Certificate
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 possible careers in academia.

Networking
The Professional Development Network (PDN) enhances academic and career advisement and mentoring for students through individual and group meetings, seminars and carefully designed activities. While every student is part of the larger PDN, each student is part of a sub-group consisting of students from each class, faculty and alumni.
The College of Pharmacy offers several focus areas that enhance the Doctor of Pharmacy degree. Students pursuing these areas receive a certificate of achievement 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:

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.

Diabetes Care provides additional education on coaching patients how to manage their medications and lifestyle to lead a healthier life.

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

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

Leadership in Pharmacy Management prepares students with an interest in management careers by taking an intense look at the business side of pharmacy.

Academic Pharmacy shows students how to become a pharmacy educator in higher education.
RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

Interested in clinical research? Opportunities to support patient-centered studies exist at the Institute for Advanced Medical Research at Mercer, a joint initiative between the College of Pharmacy and a private clinical research organization, located adjacent to the Atlanta campus. The Institute is the first such collaboration for a private pharmacy school in the United States.

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.

Students pursuing the PharmD/PhD degree can enroll in the Clinical Scientist Track for specialized research training in translational investigation. This track is designed to train future translational scientists to enhance patient care by leveraging laboratory findings into therapeutic interventions. Students gain advanced training in pharmacokinetics, pharmacometrics, pharmacogenomics, drug metabolism and clinical trials.

COMBINED DEGREES

PharmD/MBA
The MBA degree complements the PharmD 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 PharmD and MBA, earned through the Stetson School of Business and Economics.

PharmD/MPH
The concurrent PharmD/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 PharmD and MPH, earned through the College of Health Professions.

PharmD/PhD
The PharmD/PhD 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 program is flexible enough to accommodate individuals of varied educational backgrounds. The time required for completion of the program depends on the individual qualifications and interests of the student.

Pharmacotherapeutics Specialization
An experimental pharmacotherapeutics specialization has been integrated with Mercer’s graduate program leading to the PharmD and PhD degrees. This program addresses clinically relevant issues in pharmacotherapeutics and includes clinical
PhD

The Mercer Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) 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 PhD program consists of 70 semester hours, including 35 hours of dissertation research. Doctoral students are required to maintain a full-time load of 6 semester hours each semester (fall, spring, summer) while completing degree requirements. Upon successful completion of the program, the PhD degree is awarded.

Admissions requirements and standards are designed to ensure success in the Mercer PhD 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 Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) 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 Science, Chemistry, Biology, or an equivalent degree in a related area, or a Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) 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 to campus for a personal interview.

For more information, access pharmacy.mercer.edu/admissions/phd
The College of Pharmacy offers more than $1 million in scholarships each year. Two first-year scholarships include the Dean’s Merit Scholarship of $7,500 for students with a cumulative undergraduate GPA of 3.75 or higher prior to enrollment and the Dean’s Scholarship of $5,000 for cumulative undergraduate GPAs of 3.50 – 3.74. Both of these scholarships are renewable if the GPA requirement is maintained in the PharmD Program.

The College has additional scholarships awarded to students in years 2 – 4 in the program based on academic and professional performance.

Please note that the tuition and fees below are for the 2017-2018 academic year and are subject to change each year. There typically 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. For information about on and off-campus housing options for pharmacy students please visit atlstuaffairs.mercer.edu/housing.

*The College is ranked in the top six of all U.S. private pharmacy schools, according to the U.S. News & World Report.*

**TUITION & FINANCIAL AID**

**DOCTOR OF PHARMACY**

Tuition

Facilities and Technology Fee
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 March 1. Applicants who wish to be considered for early decision admission must submit all application materials by the Tuesday following Labor Day.

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 acceptance through Early Decision, your tuition deposit is waived.

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WHAT ARE THE MATERIALS REQUIRED TO APPLY TO THE DOCTOR OF PHARMACY PROGRAM?

- Primary application must be submitted through PharmCAS (www.pharmcas.org) prior to the deadline. All U.S. college transcripts and PCAT scores must be sent to PharmCAS.

- Two letters of reference must be uploaded to PharmCAS. Letters from college professors, advisers, work supervisors and pharmacists are preferred.

- Pharmacy College Admissions Test (PCAT) scores submitted to PharmCAS (code 104). Only scores from June 2013 to January 2018 will be accepted in the current admission cycle. Preliminary PCAT scores can be sent as a PDF to pharmd@mercer.edu for inclusion in the file until official scores are received.

Applicants are encouraged to submit their PharmCAS applications before letters of recommendation and PCAT scores 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 prior to enrollment in August 2018. Admission to the PharmD Program requires a minimum of 90 semester hours (135 quarter hours) of pre-professional education completed with grades of C or better at a regionally 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)
- Human Anatomy and Physiology (two courses, labs optional)
- Microbiology (lab optional)
- Physics (one course with lab)
- Calculus (one course)
- Statistics (one course)
- English Composition (two courses)
- Economics (one course: macro or micro)
- Speech (one course)
- Humanities Electives (two courses)*
- Social/Behavioral Science Electives (two courses) *

*One elective must focus on cultural diversity.
DO I NEED A DEGREE?
Although a bachelor’s degree is not required, it can benefit an applicant’s file. Over 60% of the class entering fall 2017 received their degrees prior to enrollment.

WHAT DOES THE ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE LOOK AT WHEN REVIEWING AN APPLICATION?
Admissions requirements and standards are designed to ensure success in the PharmD Program. Applicants who meet or exceed admissions requirements and standards are invited to visit the College of Pharmacy for a personal interview.

- Academic background
- PCAT scores
- 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

WHAT IS THE CURRICULUM AND SCHEDULE FOR THE DOCTOR OF PHARMACY PROGRAM?
The curriculum uses a hybrid-block schedule, meaning you will have some courses one day each week of the semester and others every weekday for a specific number of weeks in the semester. For a detailed class schedule please visit registrar.mercer.edu/atlanta/class-schedules.cfm.

CAN I WORK WHILE IN PHARMACY SCHOOL? CAN THE PROGRAM BE ACCELERATED?
Many students do work as pharmacy interns while in the PharmD Program. The college does not discourage part-time employment provided it does not conflict with the student’s ability to maintain satisfactory academic performance. The PharmD Program cannot be accelerated. Students typically use the summer and winter breaks to complete internships. The summer between third and fourth year is used for Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experiences after completion of the didactic curriculum.

WHO CAN I CONTACT FOR INFORMATION PERTAINING TO FINANCIAL AID?
Student Financial Planning Office
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FAFSA: fafsa.ed.gov