

# DOCTOR OF PHARMACY

## Available on the Jackson Campus

Union University's Doctor of Pharmacy program holds candidate status with the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE, [www.acpe-accredit.org](http://www.acpe-accredit.org)), the national organization that accredits Doctor of Pharmacy programs offered by Colleges and Schools of Pharmacy in the United States and selected non-U.S. sites. Questions about the status of the University's accreditation may be posed to the Dean of the School of Pharmacy's office (731.661.5958) or to ACPE (312.664.3575).

## Mission Statement

The mission of the Union University School of Pharmacy is to develop compassionate, comprehensively trained practitioners who are equipped to meet the immediate and future demands of pharmaceutical science and patient care in an ever changing health care environment.

The vision of the Union University School of Pharmacy is to:

- Promote an excellence-driven academic culture that instills knowledge and advances understanding of biomedical, pharmaceutical, social/behavioral/administrative, and clinical sciences
- Provide a Christ-centered environment that focuses on the intellectual, spiritual, and moral development of students in committing themselves to the service and needs of society
- Develop pharmacy students as practitioners who are people-focused in providing optimum care based on evidence and best-practice standards.
- care providers, and administrative and supportive personnel, to promote health; to provide, assess, and coordinate safe, accurate, and time-sensitive medication distribution; and to improve therapeutic outcomes of medication use.
- Promote health improvement, wellness, and disease prevention in cooperation with patients, communities, at-risk populations, and other members of an inter-professional team of health care providers.

## Graduate Program Admission Requirements

The pre-professional educational design for candidates applying to the School of Pharmacy is based on a minimum of 3 years (90 semester hours) of college-level course work in the areas of basic chemistry, biological and physical sciences, mathematics, information technology, and general education courses in the humanities and behavioral/social sciences. The minimum 90 hours must be distributed as follows:

Course	Semester Hours
Biology or Zoology I & II.....	8
General Chemistry I & II.....	8
Organic Chemistry I & II.....	8
Human Anatomy and Physiology I & II.....	8
Physics I.....	4
Biochemistry I & II.....	6
Microbiology.....	3
Immunology.....	3
Calculus.....	3
Statistics.....	3
Written Composition I & II.....	6
Communications/Speech.....	3
Humanities Electives.....	6
Social Sciences Electives.....	6
General Electives.....	15

Admission to the Union University School of Pharmacy is by committee action, based on the overall record and aptitude of the applicant. A minimum grade point average of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale is required for pre-pharmacy course work with a grade of "C" or higher for each required pre-pharmacy course. The cumulative grade point average, pre-pharmacy and elective course work, must be a minimum of 2.5. All candidates are required to take the Pharmacy College Admission Test (PCAT). A comprehensive score of 40<sup>th</sup> percentile with no individual subject area score below 25<sup>th</sup> percentile is required for admission. Three references along with a writing sample must also be submitted. During the on-site interview, the candidate will be asked to provide a writing sample. Interviews are conducted by invitation only. While there is a priority deadline of March 1 of the year in which admission is desired, applicants are encouraged to apply early, as space is limited, and applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis. The School of Pharmacy admits only one class per year in the Fall Semester.

It is strongly recommended that candidates for the program gain work experience in a pharmacy practice setting prior to application.

## Transfer of Courses

In keeping with the policies and procedures of ACPE

## Progression of Students

A period of academic probation is defined as the semester immediately following the conclusion of the semester in which the student's academic performance meets any of the conditions for imposition of probation. The student is notified of his/her academic probation status by both email and registered mail. Each semester that the student meets conditions for probation will count as a separate probationary period. Academic probation will be imposed upon a student when the student's academic performance meets any of the following conditions:

1. The cumulative grade point average earned at the conclusion of any semester, including the first semester, is less than 2.33.
2. The grade point average earned for any one semester is less than 2.00.
3. A student receives a grade of "F" in any required course. Additionally, students with outstanding

deficiencies in the professional curriculum (Incomplete or "F") may not attend courses in the

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## Financial Information

Tuition is \$24,150 per year with \$1,200 lab fees (\$600/semester) for the Doctor of Pharmacy. Full payment for a term (Fall, Winter, Spring, Summer Semesters or other non-regular terms) is expected at the time of registration for classes.

Application Fee .....	\$50
Graduation Fee .....	25
Laptop .....	actual cost*
Liability Insurance .....	32/year
Cap & Gown Rental.....	approximately \$150
Criminal Background Check.....	70
Urine Drug Screen.....	25
Materials Fees.....	approximately \$100/year

Books will cost approximately \$300 per semester for Years 1-3 and are available for purchase from LifeWay Christian Stores.

\*See the Pharmacy Student Handbook for specifications and for possible commercial discounts to UU Pharmacy students.

## Course Descriptions: Biology (BIO)

An intensive examination of the human body that addresses the normal complex physiological processes of the cell, fluids and electrolytes, acid-base balance, temperature regulation, vascular hemodynamics, mobilization of fluids through the body and lymphatic system, musculoskeletal systems and function of the myocardium. The acquired information will provide the student with a body of knowledge to critically



An introduction to the scientific principles and regulatory issues of pharmaceutical dosage form and delivery system design, compounding, and use. An emphasis will be placed on solid dosage forms including powders, tables, and cap-



Drug therapy management of diseases and conditions associated with specific organ systems and will enable students to apply knowledge of pathology, pathophysiology, diagnosis, clinical presentation, classification, goals of therapy, non-pharmacotherapy, pharmacotherapy, con-