THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE OF PHARMACY

2026-2027

PharmD Application Guide

About

For more than 140 years, The Ohio State University College of Pharmacy has been a driving force in advancing world-class patient care services while moving the pharmacy profession forward. *U.S. News & World Report* has consistently ranked the College of Pharmacy as a top-10 pharmacy school for its excellence in student education and research.

We are helping to solve health care challenges through meaningful partnerships. Faculty, students and staff dedicate thousands of hours each year to working collaboratively across campus and in our communities. The college has partnered with several organizations, many of which support vulnerable populations, to deliver patient care and offer numerous student rotations, residencies and academic fellowships.

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PHARMACY SCHOOL
U.S. News & World Report

In 2024 and 2025, students provided 3,847 hours of community service and served 9,595 patients through 119 distinct sites.

College of Pharmacy At A Glance

Degrees Offered

PharmD	4 Years
PharmD-Ms	4 Years (avg.)
PharmD-MBA	5 Years
PharmD-PhD	7 Years

Class of 2024 Fast Facts

94%

ASHP Combined residency match rate

89.5%

NAPLEX licensure exam pass rate (compared to 77.5% nationally)

95.7%

MPJE licensure exam pass rate (compared to 78.4% nationally)

Admissions Process

Below is a brief timeline outlining the college's fluid admissions process.

Prerequisites

A completed US bachelor's degree (or the equivalent) is required. Additionally, students must complete the following prerequisites courses with a grade of C- or higher:

- Biology *(1 class/lab)*
- General Chemistry *(2 classes/2 labs)*
- Organic Chemistry *(2 classes/1 lab)*
- Microbiology *(1 class/lab)*
- Biochemistry *(1 class)*
- Precalculus *(1 class)*
- Statistics *(1 class)*
- Human Physiology *(1 class)*

*(Your degree **must** be completed by the time of the program start)*

Campus Visit

We encourage all interested applicants to schedule a time to come visit and tour our college campus. Tours will also be offered as a part of the in-person interview day experience.

Online Applications

Complete and submit an online application through PharmCAS at:

pharmcas.org

Once your PharmCAS application is verified, you will receive the Ohio State supplemental application.

Interview Day

After reviewing full applications, our admissions committee will invite selected applicants to schedule an interview.

The interview experience gives candidates the opportunity to learn more about our program as well as engage with current students, faculty and staff.

For More Information

Please contact the PharmD Admissions Team at
COP-Admissions@osu.edu

Priority Deadline

If you'd like to receive priority consideration for an interview invitation and scholarships, be sure to submit your PharmCAS application and supplemental application by the priority deadline of November 1.
This option is non-binding and is best suited for candidates for whom Ohio State is their top choice.

Requirements

Admissions Requirements

- A grade of C- or higher is required for ***all*** prerequisite courses
- A minimum 2.7 cumulative GPA is required to be considered for admission
- A completed US bachelor's degree or the equivalent is required by time of matriculation

Prerequisite Requirements

- A grade of C- or higher is required for ***all*** prerequisite courses
- Introductory Biology with a lab *(3 hrs)*
- General Chemistry with labs *(10 hrs)*
- Organic Chemistry with a lab *(7 hrs)*
- Precalculus *(4 hrs)*
- Microbiology with a lab *(4 hrs)*
- Statistics *(3 hrs)*
- Biochemistry *(3 hrs)*
- Human Physiology *(3 hrs)*

Ohio State Course Numbers

- BIO 1113
- CHEM 1210 and 1220
- CHEM 2510 + 2540 and 2520
- MATH 1150
- STATS 1450 or 1350
- MICRO 4000
- BIOCHEM 4511 or BIOCHEM 5613 + 5614 or PHR 3200
- EEOB 2520 or PHR 3100 or PHYSIO 3101 + 3102 or PHYSIO 3200

*We consider **all** components of a candidate's application for admission, including academics, personal statement, letters of recommendation, work and volunteer experience, and interview.*

Find Your Fit

We highly encourage anyone who is interested in our program to come and visit the College of Pharmacy!

Schedule an on-campus tour

To properly schedule an on-campus tour with one of our admissions team members, please use the button below.

Schedule a visit

Online Application

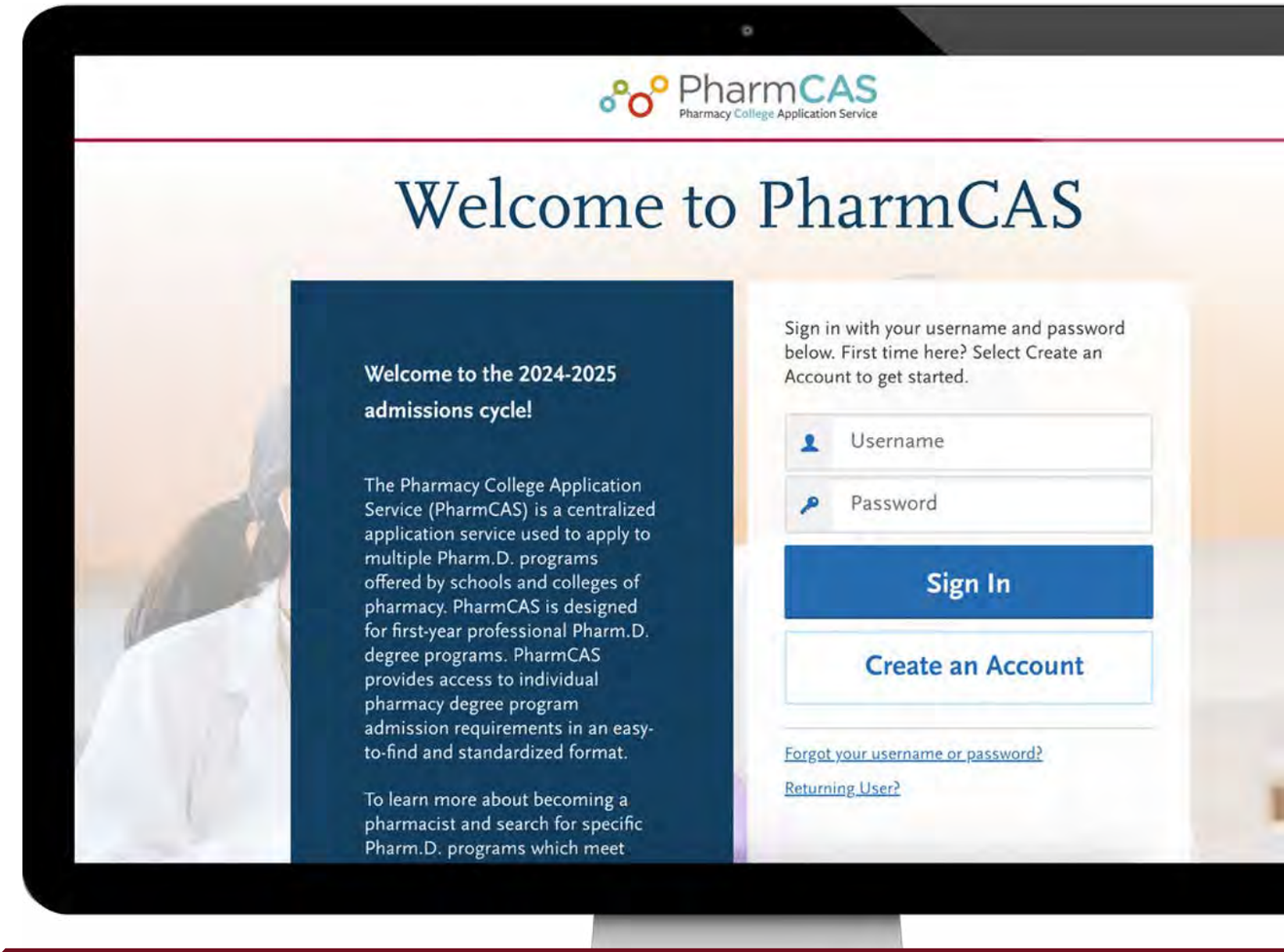
01 PharmCAS Application

The first step in the application process is to complete and submit an online application to PharmCAS. To be considered by the priority deadline, your PharmCAS application must be submitted by November 1. Otherwise, ***your PharmCAS application must be submitted by the final application deadline of March 1,2027.*** We encourage you to apply as early as possible. You must submit your PharmCAS application before starting your supplemental application.

The PharmCAS application includes the following:

1. PharmCAS application fee
2. Biographical data
3. Postsecondary institutions attended
4. Academic course history
5. Work experience
6. Extracurricular activities
7. A personal statement
8. Three letters of recommendation
9. Official transcripts from all accredited U.S. institutions attended

We recommend that you have unofficial copies of all postsecondary transcripts available before you begin this process.



02 Supplemental Application

After completing the PharmCAS application, you will be sent The Ohio State University supplemental application. **It will be sent to the email address that you applied with.**

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Interview Days

All interviews are offered both virtually and in-person.

Candidates have the option to choose an in-person or virtual interview. Zoom interviews are more accessible for students with limited resources to travel to the Ohio State campus. In-person interviews will include an added tour of the College of Pharmacy.

The interview day will give you a chance to learn more about what makes our PharmD program unique. It will also offer you the opportunity to get your questions answered and see if Ohio State is the best fit for you. Students will interact with program staff, faculty and current PharmD students throughout the process.

Interviews typically occur September through March.

Funding Your PharmD

Tuition

Please view our PharmD website for the most up-to-date tuition information:
pharmacy.osu.edu/education/doctor-pharmacy/tuition-fees

Non-Resident Surcharge (First Year Only)

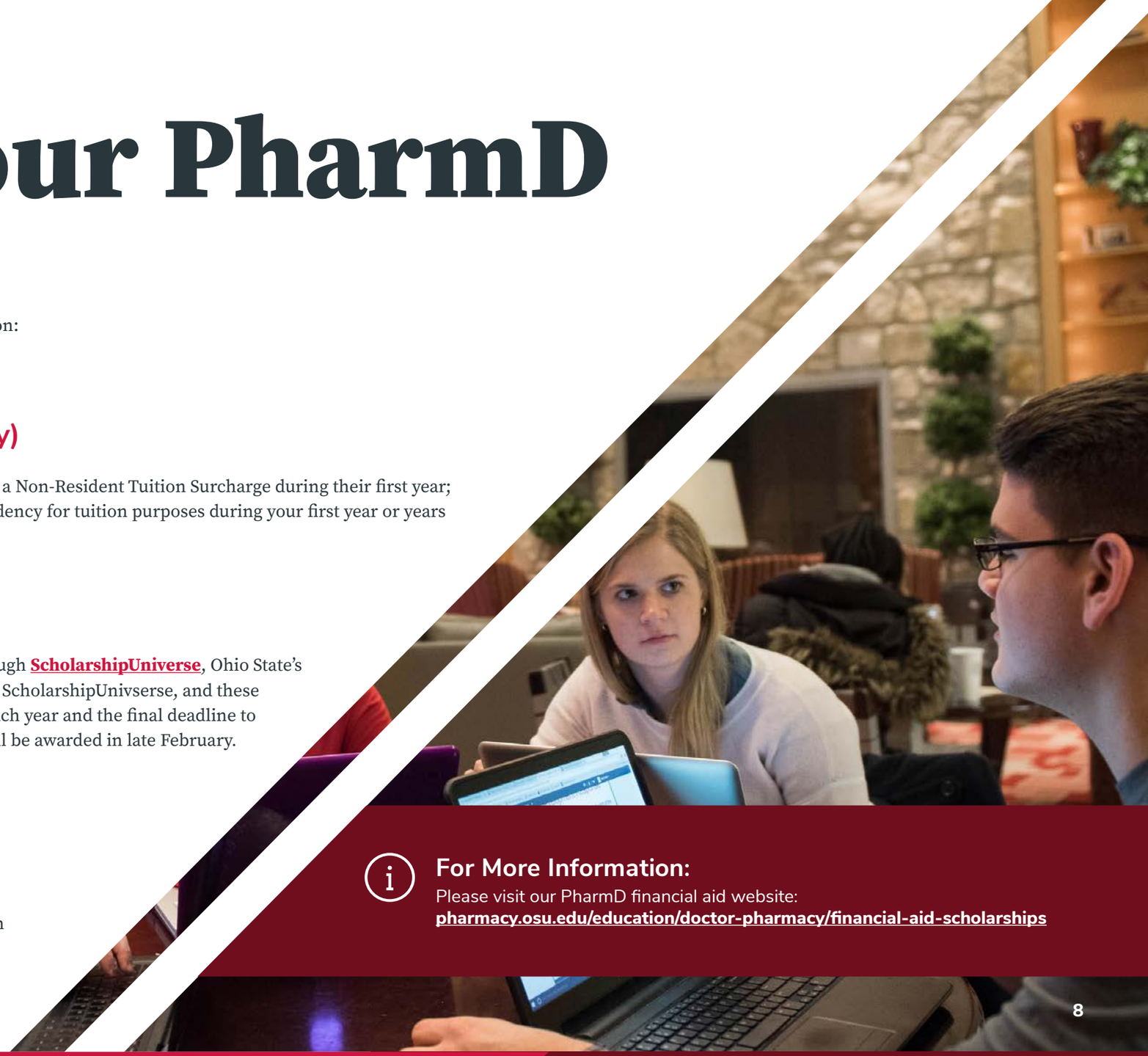
Students who are not considered residents of the state of Ohio are charged a Non-Resident Tuition Surcharge during their first year; during years 2-4, the charge is instead $5 per term. If you want to gain residency for tuition purposes during your first year or years 2-4 for other purposes, please work with our **residency office**.

Scholarships

Prospective students may apply for College of Pharmacy scholarships through **ScholarshipUniverse**, Ohio State's scholarship-matching tool. External OSU scholarships are also available in ScholarshipUnivserse, and these scholarships vary in amount. ScholarshipUniverse opens December 1 of each year and the final deadline to apply for these scholarships is February 15th of each year. Scholarships will be awarded in late February.

Federal Financial Aid

You may complete the FAFSA application as soon as it becomes available for the year you wish to enter. You are not required to have an admission decision before completing this application. The priority deadline is March 1 of the year you wish to enroll.



For More Information:

Please visit our PharmD financial aid website:
pharmacy.osu.edu/education/doctor-pharmacy/financial-aid-scholarships

5 Application Tips
From Current Student Ambassadors

"Formulate & draft your answers to common interview questions (Why are you interested in pharmacy? What are your strengths?

Describe a time when you overcame adversity, etc.) and practice interviewing with your friends."

"Make sure when you're writing your personal statement to show and not just tell. Adding stories whenever possible to illustrate who you are as an applicant is important!"

"Start as early as you can on your application, so you are not overwhelmed.

Work on it a little bit each day!"

"[When preparing for an interview] make sure you are able to talk about everything that is on your resume, what you liked or disliked about the experience, and what you learned or how you grew from the experience."

"Take the time when you're finished writing [your essay] to proofread everything! By taking a few minutes to review what you wrote, you can improve the quality of your writing and communicate your thoughts more clearly."

Additional Resources

Is Pharmacy Right for Me?

Resources for future pharmacists:
pharmacyforme.org/

AACP Student Center

The Student Center is designed for students, faculty and staff who are seeking information about pharmacy admissions, education and career pathways:
aacp.org/resources/student-center

PharmCAS School Directory

The School Directory will give students more information about pharmacy programs, including application requirements:
pharmcas.org/school-directory/pharmd-directory

The Ohio State College of Pharmacy

Admissions website:
pharmacy.osu.edu/education/doctor-pharmacy/admissions

Contact webpage:
pharmacy.osu.edu/about/contact-us