

## Early Assurance Program: PharmD Matriculation Policy

The Early Assurance Program (EAP) is for high-achieving, prospective new first-year students at Ohio State Columbus campus or Ohio University Athens campus interested in becoming Pharmacists. One significant benefit EAP students have is guaranteed, advanced admission to Ohio State's Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) program. This policy describes the requirements which EAP students must meet to be eligible for matriculation into the PharmD program and is subject to changes since it is reviewed on an annual basis.

- 1. Undergraduate Major:** Ohio State EAP students are required to follow the ***Healthcare Professions Pathway*** within the Bachelor of Science in the Pharmaceutical Sciences (BSPS) degree. Ohio University EAP students are required to complete a Bachelor of Science degree in ***a science discipline (Chemistry, Biochemistry, or Biology are recommended)***.
- 2. Prerequisite Coursework:** All EAP students should consult Ohio State's College of Pharmacy advisors about the prerequisite courses for the PharmD. Ohio State EAP students are required to complete PHR 2510 or PHR 2511H, Introduction to Pharmacy. Ohio University EAP students are required to complete Chemistry 1100, Introduction to Pharmacy.
- 3. Pharmacy House:** Ohio State EAP students are required to live in the Pharmacy House learning community for one academic year and are expected to participate in at least 50% of EAP programming. Exceptions may be granted for students who demonstrate a compelling need to live in a different environment, which may include a medical need to live in another setting, a need to live in another learning community, and students who commute. Students who are granted this approval are still expected to participate in EAP programming. OU EAP students should consult their undergraduate advisors about alternate engagement opportunities.
- 4. GPA Requirement:** EAP students must meet the ***3.0 cumulative undergraduate GPA*** requirement by the start of the semester for which they intend to matriculate to the PharmD. For EAP students admitted to the university AU 18 and beyond, this calculation includes grades for all coursework taken at other institutions as well as Post-Secondary Enrollment Option (PSEO) and OSU Academy credits. For EAP students admitted to the university prior to AU 18, the GPA calculation is based off coursework ***only*** completed at Ohio State.
- 5. PCAT:** EAP students are ***not*** required to take the Pharmacy College Admission Test (PCAT).
- 6. Deadline:** EAP students intending to matriculate into the PharmD for the upcoming Autumn semester must notify [COP-admissions@osu.edu](mailto:COP-admissions@osu.edu) ***by November 1 of the year of intended matriculation.***
- 7. Ohio State Application:** Although EAP students are not required to complete the PharmCAS application, the Ohio State Office of Graduate and Professional Admissions (GP Admissions) application must be submitted ***by May 1 of the PharmD matriculation year.*** Students should visit the [GP Admissions website](#) for application fee and other information.
- 8. EAP Admission Deferral:** Should the university approve the deferral of an incoming, first-year EAP student due to extenuating circumstances, the student must notify [COP-admissions@osu.edu](mailto:COP-admissions@osu.edu) so that the EAP admission may also be deferred.
- 9. International EAP students:** International EAP students must successfully complete a financial review before being able to matriculate into the PharmD program.