



## ■ Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD)

Our Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) program places a distinct emphasis on developing entrepreneurial leaders committed to advancing the pharmacy profession. Through a curriculum rich with high impact teaching practices, you will become a capable communicator, problem solver, and decision maker with competence in professional, team-based, patient-centered care, as well as health promotion, practice management, advocacy, and self-learning. As a Drake student, you will be able to choose from a wide range of

curricular options and enjoy great latitude in directing your professional career. Regardless of your career path, as a Drake graduate, you will be recognized for your commitment to advancing your practice, supporting your community, and advocating for your patients and profession.

### **Program Highlights**

#### *Practical Experiences*

You will begin working with patients in your first semester, allowing you to enhance your knowledge base through hands-on involvement.

### *Value-Adding Opportunities*

Our dual-degree programs allow you to obtain your PharmD in conjunction with one of six advanced degree options in less time than it would take to pursue each degree separately. We also offer a range of minors and concentrations to add to your PharmD.

### *Personalized Experience*

You will receive individual attention from faculty and staff, helping you to build lifelong mentoring relationships and connections within the pharmacy profession.

### *Connections in the Capital*

As the only college of pharmacy in Des Moines, Iowa's capital city, you will have many opportunities for unique practice experiences and access to legislative activities through professional organizations. You can be involved in policy and advocacy through legislative internships at the State Capitol or by becoming an active member of the Iowa Pharmacy Association.

### *Professional Preparation*

We partner with numerous pharmacies, clinics, hospitals, special care facilities, and private practice sites throughout the U.S. Our extensive local and national practitioner network offers opportunities for shadowing, mentoring, and professional experiences. Our dedicated career development staff will work with you to achieve your career goals.

### **Admission Criteria**

Drake University's PharmD program operates on a rolling admission process. We will interview and admit students until the P1 class is full and a sufficient number of applicants have been identified for the waitlist. We recommend submitting application materials early to ensure your application is processed and considered in a timely manner.

To be considered for admission, applicants must

- Submit a PharmCAS application ([www.pharmcas.org](http://www.pharmcas.org))
- Complete at least 2 years of undergraduate coursework (approximately 64 semester credit hours)
- No minimum GPA is required, although 3.0 (as calculated in PharmCAS) is considered competitive.
- Complete (or be in the process of completing) prerequisite coursework outlined below

- Candidates with strong applications and academic credentials will be invited to complete an admission interview

### **Prerequisites Requirements**

Applicants must earn a grade of C or higher to fulfill prerequisite courses. Applicants who wish to fulfill prerequisites through Advanced Placement or other testing options should contact the College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences at [dupharm@drake.edu](mailto:dupharm@drake.edu). More detail about our prerequisite requirements can be found on the Drake PharmD website:

<https://www.drake.edu/pharmacy/doctorofpharmacy/pharmdadmission/>.

- General Chemistry (8 semester credit hours including labs)
- Organic Chemistry (8 semester credit hours including labs)
- Biological Sciences (8 semester credit hours including labs)
- Microbiology (3 semester credit hours, no lab required)
- Statistics (3 semester credit hours)
- Calculus (3 semester credit hours)
- English Composition/Writing (6 semester credit hours)
- Public Speaking (3 semester credit hours)
- General Electives (22 semester credit hours)

Drake College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences' Doctor of Pharmacy program is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE), 135 South LaSalle Street, Suite 4100, Chicago, IL 60603, 312/664-3575; FAX 312/664-4652, web site [www.acpe-accredit.org](http://www.acpe-accredit.org).

