



S.O.S. PRESENTS:



Pharmacy School Seminar

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Who Are We

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Who Are We

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Agenda

- Canadian Pharmacy Schools
- PCAT
- Focus on requirements for Ontario schools:
 - University of Waterloo
 - University of Toronto



- Newfoundland
 - Memorial University of Newfoundland
- Nova Scotia**
 - Dalhousie University
- Quebec

(FRENCH PROFICIENCY TEST NECESSARY)

- Université de Montréal
- Université Laval

**Preference to province residents or requires higher GPA for out of province applicants



Ontario

- University of Toronto (PCAT)
- University of Waterloo

Manitoba**

University of Manitoba

Saskatchewan**

University of Saskatchewan

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- Alberta**
 - University of Alberta
- British Columbia**
 - University of British Columbia (PCAT)

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- 4 hours: 232 MC and1 writing topic
- Registration Fee: \$199.00
- Register online at:

http://www.pearsonvue.com/pcat/



For more information visit: www.pcatweb.info



- Held for four testing windows
 - July, September, October/November, and January
 - October 26—30 & November 2—6, 2014
 - Can still register, late fees apply after Oct 21 (\$49.00)
 - January 5—62015
 - Can register, late fees apply after Dec 28 (\$49.00)
 - First come, first served basis

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PCAT – Format

- 6 sections
 - 1. Writing
 - Verbal Ability
 - 3. Biology
 - 4. Chemistry
 - 5. Reading Comprehension
 - 6. Quantitative Ability
- Must achieve certain minimum standard in each section and overall to be considered for admission into University of Toronto





PCAT – Writing

Writing

- 30 minutes to suggest a solution in essay format to a given problem and problem solving (1 prompt)
- Evaluated on convention of language
 - i.e. Discuss a solution to the problem of developing affordable alternatives to fossil fuels.

http://pcatweb.info/downloads/about/pcattestblueprintandsampleitems.pdf



PCAT – Verbal Ability

- Verbal Ability (25 minutes, 40 questions)
 - Analogies
 - Sentence Completion
 - •i.e. ACQUIESCENT : COMPLIANT :: AUDACIOUS :

("Acquiescent" is to "Compliant" as "Audacious" is to...)

- a. Brazen
- b. Timid
- c. Stoic
- d. Peaceful



PCAT – Biology

- Biology (35 minutes, 48 questions)
 - General Biology
 - Microbiology
 - Human Anatomy and Physiology
 - Which sphincter in the G.I. Tract controls movement of chyme from the stomach into the small intestine?
 - a. Cardiac
 - b. Pyloric
 - c. Ileocecal
 - d. Anal



PCAT – Chemistry

- Chemistry (35 minutes, 48 questions)
 - General Chemistry
 - Organic Chemistry
 - Basic Biochemistry Processes
 - •What is the product of ethyne with water and H₂SO₄ in HgSO₄?
 - a. CH₂CH₂
 - b. CH₃CHO
 - c. CH₃CH₃
 - d. CH₃CH₂OH

PCAT – Reading Comprehension of the second comprehension o

- Reading Comprehension (50 minutes, 48 questions)
 - 6 passages
 - Answer 48 multiple choice questions based on the passages:
 - Comprehension
 - Analysis
 - Evaluation



PCAT – Quantitative Ability

- Quantitative Ability (45 minutes, 48 questions)
 - Basic Math
 - Algebra
 - Probability & Statistics
 - Pre-calculus
 - Calculus
 - $lne^{2x+1} = 9, x = ?$
- Note: no calculators

PCAT - Scoring



- •Writing:
 - Level 1-6
- •Verbal ability, biology, chemistry, reading comprehension, quantitative, composite:
 - Scaled score: 200 600, 90^{th} percentile = 430 e.g.
 - Percentile ranks: 1 99







Doctorate of Pharmacy (PharmD)

- Admits 120 students each January
 - 600 applicants
- Four year professional entry—to—practice program:
 - 8 academic terms
 - 3 co—op work terms



Example Timetable

Fall 2015 Schedule

Rx2018 - 2A

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9:00 9:30 10:00	PHARM 220/221 LEC 8:30-11:20 PHR 1004 IPFC 1/2 (Feng Chang/Brett Barrett)	PHARM 227 LEC 8:30-10:20 PHR 1004 Health Systems in Society (Wasem Alsabbagh)	PHARM 228 LAB (001) 8:30-10:20 PHR 3026 Professional Practice 3 (Cynthia Richard)	Meetings	PHARM 220/221 LEC/TUT 8:30-10:20 PHR 1004 IPFC 1/2 (Feng Chang/Brett Barrett)
10:30					
11:00				PHARM 220/221 LEC 10:30-12:20 PHR 1004 IPFC 1/2 (Feng Chang/Brett Barrett)	
11:30			PHARM 228 LAB (002) 11:00-12:50 PHR 3026 Professional Practice 3 (Cynthia		
12:00			Richard)		
12:30	PHARM 224 TUT 12:30-1:50 PHR 1004	PHARM 220/221 LEC 11:30-2:20 PHR			
1:00	Pharmacokinetic Fundamentals (Andrea	1004 IPFC 1/2 (Feng Chang/Brett Barrett)			
1:30	Edginton)		PHARM 228 LAB (003) 1:30-3:20 Professional Practice 3 PHR 3026 (Cynthia Richard)		
2:00					
2:30	PHARM 232 LEC/LAB* 2:30-3:20 PHR 1004/PHR 2019 Medical Microbiology			PHARM 224 LEC 2:30-4:50 PHR 1004	PHARM 220/221 TUT IPFC 1/2 2:30-4:20 PHR 1008/1012/2024 (Feng Chang/Brett Barrett)
3:00	(Olla Wasfi)				
3:30	PHARM 232 LEC/LAB* 3:30-4:20 PHR 1004/PHR 2019 Medical Microbiology		Pharmacokinetics Fundamentals (Andre	Pharmacokinetics Fundamentals (Andrea	
4:00	(Olla Wasfi)			Edginton)	
4:30	PHARM 232 LAB* 4:30-5:20 PHR				
5:00	2019*Medical Microbiology (Olla Wasfi)				
5:30					
6:00					



Curriculum

Year	Term		Date	
Year 1	Winter	Academic (1A)	January-April 2017	
	Spring	Academic (1B)	May-August 2017	
	Fall	Academic (2A)	September-December 2017	
Year 2	Winter	Work Term 1	January-April 2018	
	Spring	Academic (2B)	May-August 2018	
	Fall	Work Term 2	September-December 2018	
Year 3	Winter	Academic (3A)	January-April 2019	
	Spring	Work Term 3	May-August 2019	
	Fall	Academic (3B)	September-December 2019	
Year 4	Winter	Academic (4A)	January-April 2020	
	Spring	Academic (4B)	May-August 2020	



Academic Requirements

- Minimum University Average of 75% (3.3/4.0 or 7/9.0 GPA)
- Full course load—30 credits per year (preferred)
- PCAT <u>not required</u>
- Must pass interview





Biology

- Introductory (6 credits):
 - SC/BIOL 1000 and SC/BIOL 1001
- Genetics (3 credits): SC/BIOL 2040
- Microbiology (3 credits): SC/BIOL 2905 or 3150





Chemistry

- General Chemistry with lab (6 credits):
 - SC/CHEM 1000 and SC/CHEM 1001
- Biochemistry:
 - SC/BIOL/BCHM 2020 (3.0) and 2021 (3.0)
- Organic Chemistry with lab (6 credits):
 - SC/CHEM 2020 (3.0) and SC/CHEM 2021 (3.0)





English

- Any 3 credit English Course:
 - NOT EN 2020, 2140, 3177
 - To confirm course equivalency, email: <u>pharmacy@uwaterloo.ca</u>





Math

- Mathematics (6 credits):
 - SC/MATH 1505 (6.0)
 - Or SC/MATH 1013 (3.0) and SC/MATH 1014 (3.0)
- Statistics (3 credits):
 - SC/MATH 1131 3.0 or 2560 3.0
 - Non-math department: SC/BIOL 2060 3.0 or HH/PSYC 2021 3.0 or HH/KINE 2050 3.0





Humanities or Social Sciences

- 12 credits in any of the following (maximum 6 per subject):
 - Anthropology
- Languages

Drama

Literature

• Fine Arts

Economics

History

Sociology

Psychology

Political Science

- Philosophy
- Geography

Etc...



Application timeline - January 2017

Date	Event		
August 10, 2015	Applications open - click APPLY to access the online application.		
	Your application will be acknowledged by email and you will be sent specific information on completing your online Admission Information Form (AIF) and the Reference Letter Form. It may take up to two weeks to receive this email.		
October 4-8, 2015	OUAC shutdown		
	Applications unavailable during this time. All applications that have been started but not submitted prior to October 4 will be deleted. The application system will be available once again on Oct 9.		
December 24, 2015	Christmas break		
- January 1, 2016	Although we welcome your application during the Christmas break, acknowledgement emails will resume the first week of 2016.		



January 4, 2016	Deadline to submit the January 2017 application and pay the application fee (midnight EST).
January 25, 2016	Deadline to submit AIF for those that applied.
February 8, 2016	Deadline to submit the following items (details will be provided in the acknowledgement email you will receive after you apply to the program):
	Interim University transcript(s)
	2. Reference Letter Form
	 Confirmation of <u>English Language Requirements</u> (if applicable)
April 7, 2016	Invitations for Pharmacy Admission Interviews sent by email. Those not invited to an interview will also be notified by email.
April 14, 2016	Deadline to confirm attendance for your interview. If you fail to respond by this date, your interview time may be assigned to another applicant.



April 29 - May 1, 2016	Pharmacy Admission Interviews and Fundamental Skills Assessment (for selected candidates).
June 3, 2016	Deadline to submit University transcripts with final Winter 2016 grades.
June 9, 2016	Admission decisions communicated to all interviewed applicants.
June 23, 2016	Deadline to accept Offer of Admission to Pharmacy.
January 2017	Lectures begin



Non---Academic Requirements

- Pharmacy Admission Information Form (AIF)
 - Essay about you and your involvement in activities

Reference

 Preferably from a pharmacist, or a physician or nurse (no relatives)



Non---Academic Requirements

Interview

Conducted by faculty members and pharmacists

Fundamental Skills Assessment

- Includes a Reading Comprehension, Writing and Basic Mathematic Skills Test (under a time limit)
- Conducted on the same day as your interview



Co—op Program

- Community: retail pharmacy or family health clinic
- Institutional: hospitals, specialty facilities, or long term care institutions
- Government health agencies (Ex. Health policies)
- Pharmacy organizations
- International initiatives





Tuition

- Fall 2014 program fees:
 - Domestic: approx. \$9,200 per semester
 - International: **\$21,000** per semester



 Program fees do not include textbooks, University Health Insurance Plan, incidental fees, etc.



Application Checklist:

- ✓ Online application (OUAC) & pay fee
- √ Complete all prerequisites
- ✓ Submit AIF
- ✓ Submit reference letter and transcript
- ✓ Attend interview (if invited)



Contact Information

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https://uwaterloo.ca/pharmacy/future-students









Doctorate of Pharmacy (PharmD)

- Admits 240 students each September
 - 730 applicants (2015)
- Four year professional entry---to---practice program:



Example Timetable FALL TERM: YEAR 1, 2015 - 2016

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
9:00-10:00		PHM130H1 Lecture PB B150	PHM110H1 Lecture PB B150	PHM145H1 Lecture PB B150	
10:00-11:00		PHM145H1 Lecture PB B150		PHM142H1 Lecture PB B150	
11:00-12:00		PHM142H1 Lecture PB B150	PHM144H1 Lecture PB B150		
12:00-1:00	PHM145H1 Lecture PB B150	PHM144H1 Optional Tutorial PB B150	Other Mandatory Course/Program Requirements PB B150	Houses/UPS	
1:00-2:00	PHM144H1 Lecture PB B150				
2:00-3:00	PHM146H1 Lecture PB B150				PHM144H1 Lecture PB B150
3:00-4:00					PHM113H1 Lecture PB B150
4:00-5:00					



Academic Requirements

- Minimum University Average of 70% (2.7/4.0 or 6/9.0 GPA)
- Full course load—30 credits per year (preferred)
- PCAT required
- Must pass interview





Biology

- Introductory (6 credits):
 - SC/BIOL 1000 and SC/BIOL 1001
- Biochemistry (3-6 credits):
 - SC/BIOL/BCHM 2020 (3.0), or SC/CHEM 2050 (4.0)





Chemistry

- General Chemistry (6 credits) with lab:
 - SC/CHEM 1000 and SC/CHEM 1001

- Organic Chemistry (6 credits) with lab:
 - SC/CHEM 2020 (3.0) and SC/CHEM 2021 (3.0)
- Physical Chemistry (3 credits):
 - SC/CHEM 2011





Math

- Calculus (6 credits):
 - SC/MATH 1013 (3.0) and SC/MATH 1014 (3.0)
 - SC/MATH 1300 (3.0) and SC/MATH 1310 (3.0)
 - GL/MATH 1930 (3.0) and SC/MATH 1940 (3.0)
- Statistics (3-6 credits):
 - SC/MATH 1131 3.0 or SC/MATH 1532
 - SC/BIOL 2060 3.0, HH/PSYC 2021 3.0, HH/ KINE 2050 3.0, or GL/MATH 2560





English

- Grade 12 English (ENG4U or equivalent)
- Or two terms/semesters (6 credits) at University

Physics

- Grade 12 Physics (SPH4U or equivalent)
- Or two terms/semesters (6 credits) at University





Humanities or Social Science

- 6 credits:
- Classics
- History
- Languages
- Literature
- Religion
- Philosophy

- Economics
- PoliticalScience
- Introductory psychology
- Sociology

And etc...



September 14, 2015

Online Application Opens

December 1, 2015

Early Bird Application Deadline

January 8, 2016

Final Application Deadline

September 2015 – January 2016

PCAT Registration & Tests (visit www.pcatweb.info for details)



January 29, 2016 Preliminary University Transcripts Due

April 2-3 + May 7, 2016

Admission Interviews

June 3, 2016

Final University Transcripts Due

June 17, 2016 (tentative)

Admission Decisions Posted



Online application: http://applicant.phm.utoronto.ca/

- Submit before December 1st, 2015: Fee = \$250.00
- •Submit after December 1st, 2015: Fee = \$300.00

http://www.pharmacy.utoronto.ca/pharmd/application-process-online-application



PCAT Requirements:

	Percentile scores (2015)		
Writing	3		
Verbal Ability	20		
Biology	20		
Chemistry	50		
Reading Comprehension	20		
Quantitative ability	20		
Composite	50		
Conventions of language (prior to July 2012)	3 (2012)		
Problem Solving (Prior to July 2012)	2.5 (2012)		



• Interview:

- Multiple-Mini Interview (MMI) style
- Questions about non-academic attributes
- Ex. Question:
 - The parking garage at your place of work has assigned parking spots. On leaving your spot, you are observed by the garage attendant as you back into a neighbouring car, a BMW, knocking out its front left headlight and denting the front left fender. The garage attendant gives you the name and office number of the owner of the neighbouring car, telling you that he is calling ahead to the car owner, Tim. The garage attendant tells you that Tim is expecting your visit. Enter Tim's office.



Tuition

- 2015-2016 program fees:
 - Domestic: approx. \$17,350 per year
 - International: \$35,150 per year





Application Checklist:

- ✓ Online application
- **✓** PCAT
- ✓ Transcript
- ✓ Pre-requisite courses (see site for new pre-requisite courses for 2017 cycle).
- ✓ Attend interview (if invited)



- Students who have studied outside of Canada:
 - Course outlines
 - Proof of English Facility
 - http://www.pharmacy.utoronto.ca/pharmd/admissions/online-application/english-facility





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THANK YOU





Q&A



Session