

How Do I Prepare For a Career In Pharmacy at UWG?

Please speak with one of the qualified advisors as soon as possible before beginning Fall registration. Failing to do so can cause a student to spend more than the requisite two years for any pre-pharmacy program.

University of Georgia Pharmacy and
Mercer University School of Pharmacy

	Sem.Hrs.
Area A: Essential Skills ENGL 1101, ENGL 1102, MATH 1113	9
Area B: Institutional Priorities 1. Oral Communications Choose one: COMM 1110 or XIDS 1004	4
Area C: Humanities & Fine Arts XIDS 2100 (substitute with another course, if necessary) 1 Humanities Elective (Please see the Core Curriculum)	6
Area D: Mathematics, Sciences & Quantitative Technology MATH 1634, CHEM 1211K, And CHEM 1212K	11
Area E: Social Sciences HIST 1111 or HIST 1112, HIST 2111 or HIST 2112, POLS 1101 Choose one: ECON 2105, ECON 2106	12

Sem.Hrs. 18

Area F: Courses Specific to Major
CHEM 2411 and 2411L,
CHEM 3422 and 3422L,
BIOL 1107, BIOL 1108 (both with
accompanying labs); MATH 2063**
Math Credit from Area A & D

***Mercer University requires PHYS 1111
or 2211 but does not require MATH 2063.*

****These courses are based on the combined
requirements of UGA and Mercer and the Core
Curriculum of West Georgia. This maximizes the
options available to a student after two years in
the Pre-Pharmacy Program. Additional courses
are needed for admission to Auburn or Samford.
These can be completed with two calendar years
by taking some classes over summer. Please
consult your pre-pharmacy advisor.*

- Acceptance is competitive and selective.
- Pharmacy College Admissions Test (PCAT) is required by UGA, and effective in 2003 by Mercer. The fall offering date is the preferred time.
- Apply to Mercer early in your second year, since admissions have rolling deadlines, and to UGA by January 31 of your second year!
- Letters of recommendation come from a Pharmacy mentor for whom you have worked and a professor with whom you feel comfortable asking for a recommendation, preferably in the sciences.
- Pharmacy work experience is recommended.

Career Opportunities

Community Pharmacy or retail pharmacy is the most common known area of pharmacy. Responsibilities include keeping medication records on each patient, discussing medication regimens with patients, etc. Starting salaries are around \$70,000 in the West Georgia region.

Hospital Pharmacy involves monitoring medication therapy in a variety of ways and can specialize in areas such as nuclear pharmacy, drug and poison information, intravenous therapy, pediatrics, oncology, and psychiatry.

Pharmaceutical Industry utilizes a pharmacist's skills such as research and discovery, development and production, clinical investigation, production management, quality control, professional relations, and sales and marketing of medication products.

Teaching can enable you to excite students and to act as a role model for future pharmacists. In addition to your teaching responsibilities, a college of pharmacy faculty member can become involved with research, student advising, patient care, university administration and public speaking.

***Pharmacy – A Dynamic and
Caring Profession***

Pharmacists have an ongoing commitment to providing pharmaceutical care, educating others, and maintaining self-competence. Their constant search for excellence makes them among the most qualified individuals to serve society's medication-related needs. It also provides them one of the widest ranges of career opportunities among health professionals.

Pharmacists of the future will be more clinicians and consultants, dealing more and more with drug information and less and less with strictly dispensing, which will become more automated. In the future, doctors will deal more with diagnosis and pharmacists will be increasingly involved with the decision-making related to prescribing drugs.

◆ BE A PART OF THE FUTURE
BE A PHARMACIST ◆

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