ADMISSIONS 2020 PHARMD ADMISSIONS PROCESS

Statistics and Advice



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Applicant Code of Conduct

- Act with honesty and integrity throughout the admission process when interacting with degree program admissions officers, admission committees, and PharmCAS staff.
- Respect the knowledge, skills and values of those involved in the admission process, including the faculty and staff of pharmacy degree programs and PharmCAS staff.
- Respect the autonomy and dignity of fellow applicants, admission staff, degree program faculty, staff, and students, and anyone involved in the admission process.
- Be responsible and accountable for my actions and personally manage and respond to all matters related to my application.



2020 Applicant Pool

148 Students Admitted

- Pre-Pharmacy
 - West Lafayette Campus • 93% 137
 - 5% 8 Other Indiana Campuses
 - Out-of-State Campuses • 2% 3



Residency:

Indiana Resident • 68% 101

Out-of-State Resident • 27% 40

• 5% 7 International

Gender

- 64% 95 Female
- 36% 53 Male



Ethnicity

	African American	10%	15
•	Asian American	27%	40
•	Caucasian American	55%	82
•	American Indian	0%	0
•	Hispanic American	5%	7
•	Pacific Islanders	1.5%	2
•	Unknown/Unreported	1.5%	2
•	Multicultural	3%	4
•	International	7%	10



College of Pharmacy

Grades

Cumulative Average GPA 3.40

Age

Average Age 22 19-40 Range

- Our goal is to admit 150 students
- We expect the application pool to remain competitive



Admissions Time Table

- January 4, 2021 PharmCAS Application <u>due</u> to PharmCAS
 - Evaluations (also known as letters of reference or recommendation letters) should be received by PharmCAS by this same deadline
 - Please note that once you submit your entire application it can take PharmCAS up to 2 weeks to release your information to Purdue University for review



Admission Time Table (cont.)

- Mid-February Interview Letters
- Late-February Interviews
- Late-March to Early-April Initial Decisions
- May (Spring grades post) Initial Decisions reviewed
- May through August Waiting List Decisions



PharmCAS

- PharmCAS application processing time
 - Up to 5 weeks; not likely to hear about interview until mid-Feb.
- International transcripts evaluated by the colleges Purdue requires World Education Service (WES) to translate international transcripts and to be submitted to PharmCAS
- Update contact info. with PharmCAS and colleges until May 1 (then directly with colleges)



Application Screening Factors

- Overall GPA
 - Historically our entering PharmD class has a class average GPA between 3.4-3.6.
- Performance in prepharmacy core math/science courses (excludes English, economics, and speech)
 - Modest number of repeats/withdrawals
- A core math/science "D" or "F" in the Fall 2020 semester may disqualify you from further consideration; cannot be on academic probation (Cumulative GPA < 2.00)
- We discourage applicants from enrolling in more than one prepharmacy core math/science course in Summer 2021 (course completion deadline is August 9, 2021)



Admissions Consideration Factors

- Admission decision review takes place in May
- A core math/science "D" or "F" in the Spring 2020 semester may cause admission/wait list status to be withdrawn; cannot be on academic probation (cumulative GPA < 2.00)
- A cumulative total of 60 semester credit hours (includes advanced placement, department credit, pass/not pass, etc.) must be completed by the end of Summer 2021



Beyond Academic Performance

- Solid grades are necessary, but not sufficient, to ensure admission consideration
- Application evaluation score is important
- Interview results are equally important
- Minimum acceptable levels on each of the three components (grades/application/interview) are established by the Admissions Committee
- Our goal is to accept 150 students with the best overall qualifications



Application Assessment

PharmCAS application:

- **Evaluations**
 - electronic letters of recommendation
- PharmCAS Personal Essay
- Leadership (Organizational Involvement)
- Volunteer Service (Social Responsibility)
- Pharmacy Career Exploration (Passion)
- Work Experience (Engagement)



Interviews

- Will interview about 250 of the most qualified applicants
 - Interaction with upper-class students
 - Video-recorded oral communication exercise
 - English usage quiz and writing sample
 - 30 minute, closed-file interview with admissions committee member and a faculty/staff member
 - The Admissions Committee will follow federal, state and University guidelines when determining whether interviews will be face-to-face or virtual



Interview Focus Areas

- Personal appearance and manner
- Approach to learning
- Self-development strengths and weaknesses
- Knowledge of the profession
- Interpersonal and verbal abilities
- Explanation of ideas
- Experience working with others
- Life balance
- Poise



Admissions Offers

- Admission status is determined by late- March or early-April
- Our goal is to admit 150 students at that time
- Historically, 50 students will be offered positions on a ranked waiting list
- Remaining interviewed students will be denied further consideration
- As positions become available, students will be admitted from the ranked waiting list
- Availability occurs due to withdrawals, poor academic performance, inability to complete pre-requisites, incomplete or failed criminal background check, missed deposit deadline, etc.



General Advice

- Follow all directions for applications and pay close attention to deadlines
- Review your application for accuracy and completeness
- Print copies of your PharmCAS Application for future reference
- Pay attention to spelling and grammar
- Login to your PharmCAS application to check the status of your transcripts, evaluation letters, etc.
- Reminder public social media accounts will be reviewed

