

Prospective Student Fact Sheet

How do I prepare for the Entry to Practice PharmD program?

- You must take the pre-professional subject requirements
- You must complete a minimum of 60 credits of pre-professional study before you apply to the PharmD program
- You should have at least one year of full time study (preferably 30 credits)
- Other than the prescribed prerequisites, you can take any courses that interest you as long as they are approved University level courses. However, we encourage you to take courses related to pharmacy, such as genetics, nutrition, pharmacology, and other science-oriented courses.

What University-level courses do I need to take before I apply to pharmacy?

Pre-professional study time: 2 years

60 credits of transferable coursework required

Completion of the following twelve U of A courses:

1. GENERAL CHEMISTRY (6 credits) – Choose CHEM 101 and CHEM 102
2. ORGANIC CHEMISTRY (6 credits) – Choose CHEM 261 and CHEM 263
3. ENGLISH (6 credits) – Choose two of any junior level (100 level) English courses
4. CELL BIOLOGY (3 credits) – Choose BIOL 107
5. BIOCHEMISTRY(3 credits) – Choose BIOCH 200
6. MATHEMATICS (3 credits) – Choose Calculus or Algebra
7. STATISTICS (3 credits) – Choose STAT 141 or STAT 151
8. MICROBIOLOGY (3 credits) – Choose MICRB 265
9. PHYSIOLOGY (6 credits) – Choose PHYSL 210 or PHYSL 212 and PHYSL 214

Is it required to take 30 credits each year in the Fall/Winter terms?

No, but if you apply without presenting 30 credits in at least one academic year, your ranking will go down during the selection process. We are looking at students who can successfully maintain a high course load.

Can you take prerequisites during the Spring/Summer terms?

Prerequisites can be taken in the Spring or Summer term. However, final transcripts must be in to the University by June 15th, so it is not possible to take Spring and Summer term courses the year that you are applying.

What Grade Point Average (GPA) should I be aiming for?

Alberta students who present an overall GPA of 3.5 or out-of-province students who present a 3.7 or higher, are best placed for competitive admission. This does not mean that lower GPAs are not considered, just that the applicant's chances of gaining admission are usually more assured with these levels of academic achievement. Applicants with a GPA below 3.1 will not be considered competitive for admission. Other aspects of the application process are also considered.

How do I meet the Spoken English language proficiency (SEP) requirement?

There are several ways to meet the SEP [requirements](#):

- You have six years of education in English in Canada or in another country where English is the primary language
- Score of 50 on the University of Alberta SPEAK Test
- Show a minimum speaking score of 26 points on the TOEFL iBT test
- Show a minimum speaking score of 7.5 on the IELTS test

What deadlines am I looking for?

The following deadlines are found in the University of Alberta's [Calendar](#):

March 1st

1. Application
2. Prospective Student - Pharmacist Consultation Form
3. Letter of Intent

May

1. Online interview deadline to be determined

June 15th

2. Receipt of Final Transcripts
3. Spoken English Proficiency results

Still have questions about the Entry to Practice PharmD Program?

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