

PRE-PHARMACY PLANNING GUIDE

PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Name:	Email:
Major(s):	Minor(s):
GPA:	State of Residence:
Expected Graduation Date:	Expected Application Date:
Previous Degree(s):	Are you applying as an international student?

PART 1: IDENTIFY TARGET SCHOOLS.

Identify the pharmacy schools to which you might be interested in applying. The Pharmacy College Application Service (PharmCAS) maintains [a directory of Doctor of Pharmacy \(PharmD\) programs](#). Use this chart to record information about your target schools.

SCHOOL NAME	MINIMUM GRE	MINIMUM GPA	MINIMUM SCIENCE GPA	REQUIRED EXPERIENCES	NON-RES. INTL.*

*Use this column to record whether this school admits non-resident (of the state) and/or international students (if this applies to you).

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PART 2: CHECK PREREQUISITE COURSES.

Required prerequisite courses vary from school to school. Use this chart to record prerequisites for your target schools. Copy this page as needed.

SCHOOL	PREREQUISITE	TAKEN (DATE)	PLANNED (DATE)	GRADE

PART 3: RECORD YOUR EXPERIENCES

Record work, shadowing, volunteer, research, study abroad, student organization, and other experiences here. Copy this page as needed.

EXPERIENCE AND/OR POSITION TITLE	ORGANIZATION	SUPERVISOR NAME AND CONTACT INFO.	RESPONSIBILITIES	DATES

PART 4: PREPARE FOR AND TAKE ANY REQUIRED STANDARDIZED TESTS.

Beginning in January 2024, the Pharmacy College Admission Test (PCAT) is being retired and will no longer be required of students who want to attend pharmacy school. Check with your target programs to see which standardized tests they require.

PART 5: REQUEST EVALUATIONS.

PharmCAS will accept up to four evaluations (letters of recommendation) per candidate. PharmCAS maintains [a webpage with information about evaluations](#). Use this space to build a list of the people you will ask to submit evaluations of your behalf.

NAME	TITLE/POSITION	CONTACT INFORMATION	ASKED (DATE)	LETTER SUBMITTED

PART 6: PLAN AND WRITE YOUR STATEMENT OF PURPOSE.

Your PharmCAS application will contain a prompt for and space to write a personal statement that is approximately 4,500 characters long and answers the question, “Why do you want to pursue a career in veterinary medicine?”

As early as possible in your academic career, open a Google Doc and use it to collect your thoughts about this question. Jot down ideas about your statement whenever they occur to you. Don't worry about grammar or structure at first. You can take care of those details later. When the time comes to write your essay, you will have some ideas with which to begin.

PART 7: COMPLETE YOUR APPLICATION.

You will submit your application approximately one year before you hope to begin pharmacy school. [PharmCAS](#) allows you to complete one application to apply to each of the programs in which you are interested.