



The University of Oklahoma College of Pharmacy

2016 Application Guide

Please read carefully!

Full admissions policies and procedures can be found at

http://pharmacy.ouhsc.edu/prospective/admission_pharmd/

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EARLY DECISION APPLICATION TRACK: OU PARTICIPATES IN THE PHARMCAS EARLY DECISION PROGRAM. THIS PROGRAM ALLOWS YOU TO SELECT ONE PHARMCAS SCHOOL FOR APPLICATION. THE EARLY DECISION PROCESS ALLOWS APPLICANTS TO KNOW BY OCTOBER 23 OF THE SCHOOL'S DECISION. SEE THE PHARMCAS INSTRUCTIONS ON THEIR WEBSITE FOR FULL DETAILS. THE DEADLINE FOR EARLY DECISION APPLICATIONS IS SEPTEMBER 8, 2015. STUDENTS APPLYING FOR THE EARLY DECISION TRACK SHOULD BE AWARE OF THE FOLLOWING: (1) THE APPLICATION MUST BE COMPLETE BY SEPTEMBER 8. THIS INCLUDES THE PHARMCAS APPLICATION, SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION, PCAT SCORES, AND TWO LETTERS OF REFERENCE. (2) THE LATEST AN APPLICANT CAN TAKE THE PCAT TO BE CONSIDERED FOR EARLY DECISION ARE THE JULY 2015 DATES. (3) EARLY DECISION INTERVIEWS ARE TYPICALLY CONDUCTED IN EARLY OCTOBER. AN INTERVIEW IS NOT GUARANTEED SIMPLY BY SELECTING TO APPLY TO THE EARLY DECISION PROGRAM. IF YOU ARE NOT INVITED FOR AN INTERVIEW, YOUR APPLICATION WILL BE ROLLED OVER TO THE REGULAR DECISION APPLICANT POOL AND ANY NEW INFORMATION RECEIVED THROUGHOUT THE CYCLE WILL BE CONSIDERED FOR A POSSIBLE INTERVIEW. IF YOU INTERVIEW FOR THE EARLY DECISION TRACK AND ARE DENIED, THEN YOU MUST RE-APPLY FOR THE NEXT ADMISSION CYCLE. (4) IF YOU ARE ACCEPTED AS AN EARLY DECISION APPLICANT, YOU ARE OBLIGATED TO ACCEPT THE OFFER.

REGULAR DECISION APPLICATION TRACK: Admission to the Doctor of Pharmacy program is on a competitive basis. For admission to Fall 2016, the PharmCAS application, two letters of reference and PCAT scores must be submitted by **March 1, 2016**. The College of Pharmacy supplemental application must be submitted by **April 30, 2016**. Applicants should successfully complete all required pre-pharmacy courses and provide the college with an official transcript showing spring course grades by June 1, 2016.

Regular admission interviews are typically conducted January-May of the application year therefore it is highly recommended that applicants apply earlier than the deadline to receive full consideration for all interview positions. The college employs a rolling admissions process which means that positions are filled as we interview.

Steps to Applying

PharmCAS Application Process (www.pharmcas.org) (Opens in mid-July)

Application for admission to the Doctor of Pharmacy program requires completion of the Pharmacy College Application Service (PharmCAS) application. It can be found at www.pharmcas.org. PharmCAS processes your academic information providing one central location to send transcripts, references, and PCAT scores while applying to multiple pharmacy schools. **Upon creation of your PharmCAS account, please make note of your assigned PharmCAS ID #.** This will be needed for the supplemental application. PharmCAS will begin processing your

application upon receipt of the application, all official transcripts and your fee. PCAT scores and references may arrive at PharmCAS later as long as they are received before the deadline, however, our office will not review the application until all materials are received. Please keep in mind that PharmCAS processing takes approximately 4-6 weeks. **IT IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED THAT YOU APPLY EARLIER THAN THE DEADLINE AS WE USE A ROLLING ADMISSIONS PROCESS AND FILL POSITIONS AS WE INTERVIEW!**

Supplemental Application (Opens in mid-July)

The College of Pharmacy requires a supplemental application. The supplemental application can be found at <https://apps.ouhsc.edu/admissions>. **It is recommended to submit the PharmCAS and supplemental applications at the same time. You will need your PharmCAS Application ID # to enter on your supplemental application.** The supplemental application serves as your application to the University of Oklahoma and contains college-specific questions that cannot be asked on the central application.

Recommendation Letters

The Admissions Committee requires each applicant to provide two letters of recommendation which provide insight into the applicant's personal, academic, and professional characteristics. Applicants should solicit letters from those who can best attest to your ability to be successful in pharmacy school. Examples are professors, employers, volunteer supervisors, or health care professionals, preferably a pharmacist. These individuals should know the applicant well, and be in a position to evaluate the applicant's potential for academic success and a career in pharmacy. We do not accept letters from family, friends or clergy members.

Pharmacy College Admission Test (PCAT) Scores

Each applicant is required to take the Pharmacy College Admission Test (PCAT). PCAT scores should be submitted directly to PharmCAS (code 0104). Applicants should be aware that no decision regarding an interview can be made until PCAT scores are received from PharmCAS. The college must receive PCAT scores directly from PharmCAS for consideration for an interview. **The highest PCAT score will be used to determine eligibility for admission.** For specific information on registering for the PCAT, please visit www.pcatweb.info. **When you register, PCAT will assign you a PCAT CID #. This number MUST be entered in your PharmCAS application or PharmCAS will not receive the scores in order to include them with your application.**

Personal Interview

The Admissions Committee requires a personal interview to assess an applicant's communication skills as part of the admission process. Interviews are by invitation only and sent only via e-mail. OUCOP utilizes the multiple mini interview (MMI) format. Applicants complete a circuit of 8-12 stations designed to assess the applicant's attributes, problem-solving skills and critical thinking skills. You may want to conduct an internet search to learn more about the MMI process.

Admission

OUCOP engages in a holistic admissions process. This means that each aspect of the applicant's record is important. Eligibility for an interview is based on an evaluation of the applicant's academic record including the pre-requisite, overall, science, math, and last 60 hours GPAs in addition to the PCAT and other academic factors as well as an applicant's non-academic record including their experiences and attributes. In general, applicants can be considered competitive for an interview if they have at least a 3.0 GPA in the areas mentioned above and a composite PCAT score of the 40th percentile with no subscore lower than the 20th percentile. Additionally, applicants should have no negative letters of recommendation and should demonstrate those qualities desirable in a healthcare professional such as good communication skills, leadership, community service activities, and a demonstration of pharmacy knowledge. Although not required, it is highly recommended that an applicant gain experience in a pharmacy setting whether paid or unpaid experience.