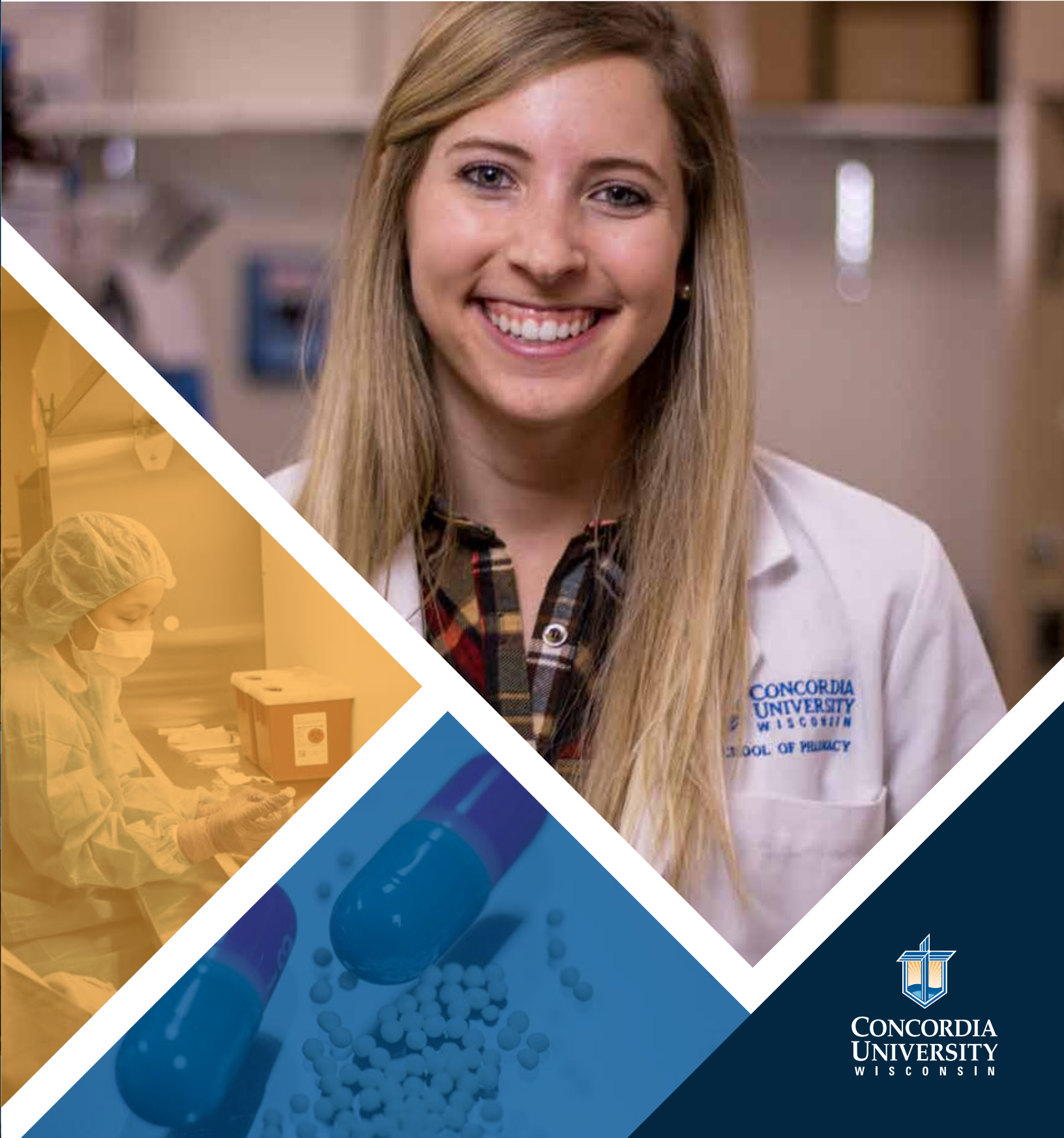


*Doctor of*  
**PHARMACY**



**CONCORDIA**  
**UNIVERSITY**  
WISCONSIN

# ONE EXCEPTIONAL EDUCATION, LIMITLESS CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

The School of Pharmacy is committed to the development of pharmacists who are servant leaders, dedicated to providing patient-centered care that improves the health of our communities in rural and urban areas through excellence in teaching, research, service, and practice. Our curriculum, combined with a holistic approach to student development, promotes leadership in the pharmacy community, ethical caregiving, and enthusiasm for life-long learning.

## A BALANCED & FLEXIBLE EXPERIENCE

- Four-year program that maintains winter and summer breaks to recharge and gain work experience as desired
- Optimal focus on active, applied learning through skill-development laboratories and practice-based experiences in all semesters of the curriculum
- Curriculum framework intentionally designed for students' active involvement in organizations and professional development
- Weekly exam blocks space out exams evenly throughout semester
- Accomplished faculty members committed to providing a world-class clinical and scientific knowledgebase

## STUDENT LIFE

Students are encouraged to seek opportunities to get involved and grow professionally. Student organizations provide opportunities for serving the community, growing in faith, networking, and learning collaboratively. Many of the student organizations are affiliated with national pharmacy associations, providing networking across the country. See the full listing of student organizations online.

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT:  
[cuw.edu/pharmacy](https://cuw.edu/pharmacy)



## EXPERIENTIAL EDUCATION

### P1/P2 Introductory Pharmacy Practice Experiences (IPPEs):

Students do two one-week rotations each semester in hospital and community pharmacy settings, during dedicated rotation weeks.

- Designed to build up patient interaction skillset into the 2-week rotation and then bring personal experience back to the classroom
- Students focus on caring for patients and learning in pharmacy settings
- Office of Experiential Education works individually with students to coordinate IPPE rotations with our extensive network of healthcare partners

### P3 Elective IPPEs:

Uniquely available during students' third year to diversify professional experiences and explore specialized pharmacy settings

### P4 Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experiences (APPEs):

Six-week rotations throughout students' fourth year to develop advanced pharmacy practice skills in diverse pharmacy and patient care settings

### International Opportunities:

Students have opportunities to study abroad with faculty and classmates. CUW pharmacy students have traveled to China, Peru, and Zambia. While there, students learn about healthcare systems, experience the culture, and visit iconic sites.

## DID YOU KNOW?

More than 40% of the curriculum at CUW-SOP is experiential learning, where students are learning in actual practice settings.

Students spend 1,680 hours in advanced pharmacy practice experiences (APPEs)—240 more hours than the minimum requirement for accredited PharmD programs.

## INTERPROFESSIONAL PATIENT-CENTERED CARE

Gain essential healthcare team experience with peers who are also pursuing advanced healthcare-related professional degrees

The Interprofessional Education (IPE) program provides opportunities for pharmacy students to engage in case study simulations and shared decision making with groups of students pursuing the following careers:

- Athletic Training
- Dentistry
- Medicine
- Nursing
- Occupational Therapy
- Physician Assistant
- Physical Therapy
- Social Work
- Speech Language Pathology

IPE prepares students for collaborative, team-based approaches to patient-centered care that has been shown to:

- Improve patient safety and outcomes
- Reduce medical errors and healthcare costs

## PHARMACY RESIDENCIES

### Post Graduate Residency Programs:

Optional continued professional development programs for PharmD graduates to gain specialization within advanced pharmacy fields

- Concordia sends 34% of pharmacy graduates into residency programs, which is much higher than the national average
- Concordia offers 2 PGY1 residency options: a 24-month Pharmacy Practice and Academic Leadership Emphasis; and a 12-month Community-Based Pharmacy Residency Urban Underserved Emphasis



## DUAL DEGREE OPTIONS

### PHARMD/MBA

This dual degree program is for students who are looking to expand their career opportunities and wish to be a highly qualified pharmacy graduate.

- Gain admission and start the PharmD/MBA program in your P1 year
- Earn your PharmD and MBA in as little as 4 years
- Choose from 15 MBA concentrations
- Earn up to 19 credits that count towards both degrees—leaving only 20 MBA credits needed outside of the PharmD curriculum
- MBA courses have flexible formats—face-to-face or online—to fit school into your life

### PHARMD/MPD

This dual degree program is perfect for students interested in research or pharmaceutical product development.

- Two tracks: pharmaceutical (drug development) or chemical product (manufacturing, process chemistry)
- Students work in state-of-the-art analytical, pilot-scale manufacturing and compounding labs
- Curriculum blends technical skills with business strategy, market analysis, regulatory/compliance, and legal considerations

### PHARMD/MPH

Students interested in healthcare reform and improving public health can choose this dual degree program with a medication safety and pharmacovigilance concentration.

- Gain admission into dual degree prior to starting P1 year
- No GRE or GMAT required
- 39 credits: 12 credits through CUW count toward both degrees, remaining 27 credits through Concordia University Nebraska
- Online format allows for flexible schedule
- Can be completed concurrent with PharmD coursework or extended as student desires

## CURRICULAR PATHWAYS

The School of Pharmacy curricular pathways are selective programs to expand the breadth and depth of a student's education.

Pathways programs include:

- Pharmaceutical Research
- Pharmacy Administration
- Pharmacy Residency
- Underserved

Each pathway includes required and elective coursework, experiential rotations, project management, professional development, and mentorship.

# PROGRAM CURRICULUM

## YEAR 1

FALL P1		Credits
PHAR 310	Pharmacy Biochemistry	4
PHAR 312	Pharmacy Anatomy and Physiology	5
PHAR 320	Pharmaceutics I	2
PHAR 340	Pharmacy and the Healthcare System	3
PHAR 370	Applied Patient Care I	2
PHAR 380	Intro Pharmacy Practice Experience I	3
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>19</b>

SPRING P1		Credits
PHAR 314	Pharm Microbiology, Immunology, Molecular Biology	4
PHAR 322	Pharmaceutics II	4
PHAR 330	Pharmacology & Medicinal Chemistry I	3
PHAR 350	Pharmacotherapy I: Self-care	2
PHAR 352	Pharmacy Calculations	1
PHAR 382	Intro Pharmacy Practice Experience II	3
PHAR 372	Applied Patient Care II	2
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>19</b>

## YEAR 2

FALL P2		Credits
PHAR 424	Applied Pharmacokinetics	3
PHAR 426	Advanced Pharmaceutical Preparations	2
PHAR 432	Pharmacology & Medicinal Chemistry II	4
PHAR 450	Pharmacotherapy II	3
PHAR 460	Medical Literature Evaluation I	2
PHAR 470	Applied Patient Care III	2
PHAR 480	Intro Pharmacy Practice Experience III	2
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>18</b>

*\*All students must have a minimum of 10 professional elective course credits in the Doctor of Pharmacy program and may have more if desired.*

*\*\*Students must take at least 7 APPEs: 4 required APPEs and 3 elective APPEs. A fourth elective APPE in the P4 year of the program is an option.*

SPRING P2		Credits
PHAR 434	Pharmacology & Medicinal Chemistry III	4
PHAR 442	Social & Behavioral Pharmacy	2
PHAR 452	Pharmacotherapy III	4
PHAR 462	Medical Literature Evaluation II	2
PHAR 472	Applied Patient Care IV	2
PHAR 474	Servant Leadership	2
PHAR 482	Intro Pharmacy Practice Experience IV	2
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>18</b>

## YEAR 3

FALL P3		Credits
PHAR 544	Patient Care Ethics	3
PHAR 546	Pharmacy Management and Leadership	3
PHAR 550	Pharmacotherapy IV	4
PHAR 570	Applied Patient Care V	2
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>12</b>

SPRING P3		Credits
PHAR 540	Pharmacoeconomics and Epidemiology	2
PHAR 548	Pharmacy Law	2
PHAR 552	Pharmacotherapy V	4
PHAR 572	Applied Patient Care VI	2
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>10</b>

## YEAR 4

		Credits
PHAR 680	Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experience Community Pharmacy	6
PHAR 682	Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experience Input Acute Care General Med.	6
PHAR 684	Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experience Hospital/Health System	6
PHAR 686	Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experience Ambulatory Care	6
PHAR 688**	Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experience Electives	18
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>42</b>

**TOTAL CREDIT LOAD: 148**

# ADMISSION PROCESS TIMELINE



**Mid July**

PharmCAS  
application opens



**September**

Deadline to apply for  
Early Decision

## ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

All students applying for admission to the program must have:

- A minimum cumulative GPA: 2.75
- A C- or better in all prerequisite courses:
  - 8 credits of Biology with labs
  - 8 credits of General Chemistry with labs
  - 8 credits of Chemistry with labs
  - 3-4 credits of General Physics I (with or without lab)
  - 4-5 credits of advanced science elective course(s)\*
  - 3 credits each in Calculus, Statistics, English Composition, Interpersonal Communication/ Public Speaking, and Economics

*\* Examples of an Advanced Science Elective include: Physics II, Physiology, Anatomy, Anatomy & Physiology, Microbiology, Biochemistry, Cell Biology, Molecular Biology, Genetics, or other advanced science course.*

To receive an individual transcript evaluation of your pre-pharmacy coursework, e-mail us at [pharmacy@cuw.edu](mailto:pharmacy@cuw.edu).

## APPLYING FOR EARLY DECISION

The Early Decision program is a binding option for applicants who have decided that the Concordia's School of Pharmacy is their first choice and that they'll enroll here if accepted. As an Early Decision applicant, you can apply to only one pharmacy degree program. If you are offered admission, you must accept the offer and will not be permitted to apply to other institutions. If you know that Concordia is right for you, select this option on your application and we'll fast track you to a decision. Early Decision applicants are reviewed using the same selection criteria as regular applicants and don't have a more rigorous selection process than regular applicants.

Students considering Early Decision are encouraged to connect with the Office of Student Affairs prior to applying.

### Did you know?

If you're offered admission as an Early Decision applicant, your tuition deposit of \$500 will be waived!



**Sept–June**

Interviews,  
invitation only



**June 1**

PharmCAS  
application closes



**Mid August**

New student  
orientation



**Mid August**

First day  
of classes

## BE A COMPETITIVE APPLICANT

Concordia strives to enroll well-rounded students. A holistic admissions review considers the criteria listed below:

- Academics: college coursework, PCAT\* scores
- Service, leadership, and volunteerism: community involvement, student organization involvement
- Motivation and understanding of a career in pharmacy: pre-pharmacy/pre-healthcare student organizations, job shadowing pharmacists, pharmacy technician experience, and informational interviews of pharmacists
- Communication: writing sample within PharmCAS application, effective communication during on-campus interview if invited

*\*PCAT is Optional for this cycle; if you have questions about the strength of your application and whether you should take the PCAT, you should email [pharmacy@cuw.edu](mailto:pharmacy@cuw.edu) to discuss your application.*

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

All students applying for admission to the program must:

- Submit official transcripts from all previously attended institutions directly to PharmCAS\*
- Submit three letters of reference to PharmCAS; references should be able to speak to your academic performance, understanding of the pharmacy profession, and/or character
- Take the pharmacy college admission test (PCAT)\*\*; register to take the PCAT exam at [pcatweb.info](http://pcatweb.info) and have the score report sent directly to PharmCAS (code 104)—scores from the PCAT do not need to be posted to PharmCAS before submitting your application but must be posted before the June 1 deadline
- Complete the entrance requirements

*\*Students with international transcripts must have them evaluated by a foreign transcript evaluation service and submit the report directly from the evaluation service to PharmCAS.*

*\*\*PCAT is optional for this cycle; if you have questions about the strength of your application and whether you should take the PCAT, you should email [pharmacy@cuw.edu](mailto:pharmacy@cuw.edu) to discuss your application.*

## HOW TO APPLY

Go to [pharmcas.org](http://pharmcas.org) and submit your application. Concordia does not require a supplemental application.

## FINANCIAL AID

All students are eligible to be reviewed for financial aid. Students will need to complete the FAFSA at [studentaid.gov](https://studentaid.gov). Concordia's school code is: **003842**.

- Students must take a minimum of three graduate credits per semester to qualify for aid
- Campus-based students may be eligible for up to \$33,00 per academic year to cover the cost of tuition, books, fees, transportation, and living expenses

Questions? Contact **Concordia's Financial Aid Office**: [finaid@cuw.edu](mailto:finaid@cuw.edu) | 262-243-4569.

## ACCREDITATION

Concordia University is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission ([hlcommission.org](https://hlcommission.org)), a regional accreditation agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.

Concordia University Wisconsin's Doctor of Pharmacy program is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education, [www.acpe-accredit.org](https://www.acpe-accredit.org).

## SCHOLARSHIPS

CUWSOP offers Academic Merit Scholarships up to \$5,000 for the P1 year to well-qualified applicants. To be eligible for consideration, candidates must apply by December 1<sup>st</sup>, and be admitted to the PharmD program.

After the fall semester of the P1 year, students can apply for competitive scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$10,000. These are given out based on multiple factors including academic excellence, interest in pursuing a specific area of pharmacy practice, and financial hardship.

## INTERESTED IN THE PROGRAM?

CONTACT US FOR MORE INFORMATION:

**Recruitment & Admission**  
[pharmacy@cuw.edu](mailto:pharmacy@cuw.edu)  
262.243.2747

### Visit us

Schedule a visit to help you decide if Concordia's PharmD program is right for you. During your visit you'll meet with an admission counselor to learn more about the admissions process and pre-pharmacy course requirements and tour our state-of-the-art pharmacy facilities. To schedule your visit please email [pharmacy@cuw.edu](mailto:pharmacy@cuw.edu).