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PRE-PHARMACY

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Our mission

The School of Pharmacy is committed to the development of pharmacists who are servant leaders, dedicated to providing value-based, patient-centered care that improves the health of our communities in rural and urban areas through excellence in teaching, research, service, and practice.



Our university

Concordia University Wisconsin is a Lutheran higher education community committed to helping students develop in mind, body, and spirit for service to Christ in the Church and the world. This mission is what drives us every day, and we aim to uphold it in every class, residence hall, and chapel service. Concordia offers:

- Small class sizes
- Caring faculty
- A Christian background
- Critical and creative thinking, communication, research and problem-solving skills

Our program

Concordia's School of Pharmacy educates pharmacists and professionals to be servant leaders, dedicated to improving the health of our communities through excellence in practice, service, teaching, and research throughout their careers. As a Concordia pharmacy student, you can expect to acquire a world-class clinical and scientific knowledge base and experience active applied learning throughout your degree program.

Our highest priority is helping you develop your talents for a rewarding life, not only a career. Accomplished and caring faculty teach and mentor each individual student in a welcoming student-centered environment. To help students advance their future careers, we provide the option of unique pathways throughout the Doctor of Pharmacy curriculum and in dual-degree programs, including the PharmD/MBA (business), PharmD/MPH (public health), and PharmD/MPD (product development).

Career outlook

Pharmacists' roles are diverse! Most of us have interacted with a pharmacist in a retail setting, but it may surprise you to learn that this career path accounts for less than half of all pharmacists. More than half of pharmacists serve patients and communities in clinics, hospitals, government agencies, research companies, and in academia.

Career paths include:

- Ambulatory Care
- Cardiology
- Community
- Critical Care
- Drug Information
- Emergency Medicine
- Endocrinology
- Infectious Disease
- Transplant Medicine
- Long-term Care
- Managed Care
- Mental Health
- Oncology
- Pain
- Pharmaceutical Research
- Pharmacogenomics
- Public Health and Public Policy

And many more at: [pharmacist.com/career-option-profiles](https://www.pharmacist.com/career-option-profiles)



Pre-pharmacy course requirements

Courses

Biology + Labs	8 Cr.
General Chemistry + Labs	8 Cr.
Organic Chemistry + Labs	8 Cr.
General Physics I (with or without lab)	3-4 Cr.
Advanced Science Elective Course(s)*	4-5 Cr.
Calculus	3 Cr.
Statistics	3 Cr.
English Composition	3 Cr.
Interpersonal Comm./Public Speaking	3 Cr.
Economics	3 Cr.
General Education Electives	17 Cr.
Total Credits	64 Cr.

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

Early Assurance Pathway

High school seniors who plan to complete the pre-pharmacy courses at Concordia may be eligible for the CUW Early Assurance Pathway. To be eligible, high school seniors must:

- Be admitted to Concordia University
- Achieve a minimum high school GPA of 3.2 (4.0 scale)
- Complete and submit the Early Assurance Pathway application by February 1 of their senior year in high school
- Submit three letters of reference by February 1 of their senior year in high school
- Interview at Concordia University Wisconsin, if invited, in February of their senior year in high school

Students who are in the CUW Early Assurance Pathway can choose their path (2+4, 3+4, or 4+4) to progress into the PharmD program. Early Assurance students will still complete the pharmacy school application process, but will be exempt from:

1. Taking the Pharmacy College Admission Test (PCAT)
2. Interviewing during the pharmacy school admission process

To maintain eligibility in the Early Assurance Pathway, students are required to maintain a 3.0 cumulative GPA and a C or better in all pre-pharmacy courses taken prior to applying for pharmacy school. All pre-pharmacy coursework should be completed at CUW. AP and dual credit courses will be considered to satisfy pre-pharmacy coursework. Additionally, all pre-pharmacy courses that have been completed before applying to pharmacy school must be completed without withdrawing from or repeating any of the required courses.



Pathways to pharmacy

There are several paths for pre-pharmacy students to gain admission into the Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) program. No matter which path you choose, the Office of Student Affairs in the School of Pharmacy at Concordia is available to help you along the way.

2+4 plan

The 2+4 plan is the quickest path to a PharmD degree at Concordia. Students who choose this path will take the required pre-pharmacy courses (64 credits) over the course of two years, and apply for admission to the PharmD program during their sophomore (second) year at Concordia.

This path oftentimes requires students to take Concordia Core required courses during winterim and/or in the summer months, while they are completing the pre-pharmacy courses. Alternatively, students may choose to take unfulfilled core courses that are not required in the pre-pharmacy curriculum, but are required to graduate from Concordia, during pharmacy school.

The 2+4 path is most suitable for students who have earned AP credit or college credit while in high school, lightening the course load during the pre-pharmacy years.

3+4 plan

Students who choose this path will take the required pre-pharmacy courses (64 credits) over the course of three years at Concordia, and apply for admission to the PharmD program during their junior (third) year at Concordia.

Oftentimes, students will choose this path to allow time to complete all of the required pre-pharmacy courses, as well as the Concordia Core courses that are required to graduate from Concordia. Students who choose the 3+4 path may be eligible to complete a Bachelor of Science in pharmaceutical sciences (BSPS) upon completion of the first year in pharmacy school, allowing students to earn a bachelor's and doctoral degree in seven years.

Students who are on track to successfully complete the BSPS degree requirements may be eligible for the BSPS/P1 Academic Merit Scholarship, which is applied to the P1 year and equivalent to the student's most recent recent year's Academic Merit Scholarship in the Concordia undergraduate program.

4+4 plan

Students who choose this path have a strong desire to complete a bachelor's degree before beginning the PharmD program at Concordia.

Students on this path most often choose a major in Biology, Biomedical Sciences, or Chemistry. Students will take the required pre-pharmacy courses (64 credits) along with the required courses for their selected major over the course of four years at Concordia, and apply for admission to the PharmD program during their senior (fourth) year at Concordia.

To receive an individual transcript evaluation of your pre-pharmacy coursework, email us at pharmacy@cuw.edu.

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