



Admission Requirements

The goal of the PharmD program at Roosevelt University is to train pharmacy practitioners who are **competent, committed, and compassionate** and are prepared to meet the universal vision of pharmacy practice, whereby pharmacists will be the health care professionals responsible for providing patient care that ensures optimal medication therapy outcomes. The didactic curriculum and practice experiences will develop the following skills of our graduates:

- Conduct a thorough patient-specific medical and medication history;
- Accurately assess patient specific medical conditions;
- Thoroughly and accurately evaluate a patient's current therapy;
- Develop appropriate patient-specific therapeutic plans;
- Appropriately monitor a patient's therapy, including the collection of patient assessment data;
- Effectively educate patients, patients' families and health professionals on drug therapy;
- Accurately interpret medical literature and apply data to clinical practice;
- Administer medications to patients (e.g., immunizations); and
- Display professional behavior and work ethics.

Admission

The PharmD Program at Roosevelt University is a rigorous, patient-centered educational experience designed to prepare caring, compassionate and committed pharmacists to work in a variety of health care settings. To help prospective applicants prepare for admission to the Roosevelt University College of Pharmacy, the general admission criteria are listed below, which will require all applicants to:

1. File an application through PharmCAS, a web-based Pharmacy College Application Service (www.PharmCAS.org) by **March 1, 2013**. **Students who complete the PharmCAS Application by December 31, 2012 will receive priority review.**
2. Complete a minimum of 67 semester credit hours of pre-pharmacy study at an accredited college or university. [Download a prerequisite worksheet](#) to track your progress!
3. Achieve a cumulative grade point average of 2.75/4.0 scale for all courses completed. All math and science courses must have a minimum grade point average of 2.75.
4. Earn a grade of C or better in all science and math courses (a C- grade is not considered sufficient).
5. Earn a grade of B or better in all English and speech courses (a B- grade is not considered sufficient). **ESL courses do not satisfy either the English or speech requirement.**

6. Complete all science and speech courses in an on-site learning environment; online courses will not be accepted.
7. Complete all pre-pharmacy courses by June 1st of the desired year of entry.
8. Submit three letters of recommendation with the PharmCAS application by the appropriate deadline. A Committee Evaluation can be substituted for the three letters of recommendation.
9. Take the Pharmacy College Admission Test (PCAT). PCAT exams are offered multiple times per year by Heartcourt Assessments, Inc. (also known as Pearson) www.pcatweb.info. Have the PCAT scores sent directly to PharmCAS Code 104.
10. Reflect the successful practice of service through community engagement or extracurricular activities.
11. Demonstrate the proper motivation for and commitment to the profession of pharmacy through previous work, volunteer or life experiences.
12. Possess the oral and written communication skills necessary to interact successfully with patients and colleagues.
13. Complete the Roosevelt University College of Pharmacy applicant interview process (invitation only).

In order to select the strongest candidates from the pool of qualified applicants, the College of Pharmacy Admission Committee will assess not only the successful completion of a pre-pharmacy curriculum, but also the applicant's PCAT score, letters of recommendation, scores from the personal interview, service, volunteer and co-curricular experiences, health-related work experiences, and written communication. While a bachelor's degree is not required for entrance into the pharmacy program, it can make the application more competitive.

Students who are admitted to the Roosevelt University College of Pharmacy will be required to successfully complete both a drug screening and criminal background check. Click [here](#) for a list of disqualifying criminal offenses.

Information for Current Roosevelt Students

The College of Pharmacy does not offer any early assurance programs for entrance into the Doctor of Pharmacy program for Roosevelt University students or for students from other colleges or universities. Roosevelt University students, however, who complete the entire pre-pharmacy curriculum on either the Schaumburg or Chicago campuses, and who meet all of the admission requirements for the Doctor of Pharmacy program are automatically granted an on-campus admission interview. The applicant interview does not confirm or guarantee admission to the Doctor of Pharmacy program, as applicants will be evaluated within the total application pool. To learn more about the pre-pharmacy curriculum at Roosevelt, visit the

How to Apply to the Roosevelt University College of Pharmacy

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Applicants are reviewed for an interview on the following criteria (in no particular order):

- Cumulative grade point average
- Science and math grade point average
- Completion or progress towards the completion of the pre-pharmacy curriculum
- Pharmacy College Admissions Test (PCAT) score (required)
- Letters of recommendation (required)
- Candidate essays
- Health related work experience (preferred, not required)
- Community service (preferred, not required)
- Completion of a baccalaureate degree or higher (not required)

Based upon the recommendations of the Admission Committee, students are invited for an interview with a member of the faculty, Leadership Team, and members of the pharmacy community.

Selection Process

Once the on-campus interviews and exercises are completed, the Office of Enrollment and Student Services will develop an overall composite score for each applicant. These data are reviewed by the Admission Committee and a pool of recommended applicants is then forwarded to the Dean for final approval. It is the goal of the Admission Committee to select a diverse group of applicants for admission that meet both the mission of the College and the University. The admission decisions of the Admission Committee and Dean are final.

Applicants who have been selected for admission into the Doctor of Pharmacy program will receive a conditional offer of admission. Admission offers are made until all program spaces are filled.

The admission offer is conditional until the following items are completed:

1. Successful completion of all pre-pharmacy coursework. Courses must be completed by June 1 of the desired year of entry, and final transcripts sent to the College of Pharmacy Office of Enrollment and Student Services.
2. Successful completion of a criminal background check and drug screening.
3. Submission of a complete Immunization History.
4. Submission of an Illinois Pharmacy Technician License.
5. Proof of health insurance.

An alternate list may be maintained by the Office of Enrollment and Student Services until the beginning of classes. If space becomes available, alternate applicants may receive either written notification and/or a phone call offering admission. Alternate applicants will still need to complete all admission requirements.

Applicants must reply to the Office of Enrollment and Student Services within 10 days of receipt of their offer of admission (Offers made after May 1 may have a shorter period of time in which to accept an offer of admission). A \$750 non-refundable deposit is required upon acceptance and is credited towards the first term tuition. Directions on how to submit this deposit will be included in the admission packet.

Roosevelt University reserves the right to deny admission, continued enrollment, or re-enrollment to any applicant or student who would pose an unreasonable risk of harm to self or others, or any unreasonable risk to the academic or clinical offerings of the College of Pharmacy or Roosevelt University. Adherence to the Code of Ethics for Pharmacists as described by the American Pharmacist's Association is required of all enrolled students in the Doctor of Pharmacy program.

The Office of Enrollment and Student Services is committed to the protection of personal information. Use of personal information is strictly limited to the appropriate handling of applications, official records, and research intended to improve the admissions process and pharmacy education.

Applicants acknowledge that admission decisions are determined by Roosevelt University personnel through the exercise of discretion and professional judgment and are not subject to review or appeal. All application materials become the property of Roosevelt University and will not be provided or returned to an applicant. Application fees are non-refundable.

On-Campus Interview Process

Selected applicants will be invited to participate in a one day on-campus interview. The interview day consists of the following:

- Welcome session
- Campus tour
- Individual interview with faculty
- Group exercise
- Writing exercise
- Introduction to Roosevelt University and the College of Pharmacy
- Information about financial aid and other student services

As with any developing pharmacy program the admission requirements are subject to change. Please review the admission requirements periodically for updates and modifications