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Ferris State University College of Pharmacy Fact Sheet

What is Ferris State University (FSU) College of Pharmacy's mission statement?

"The College of Pharmacy fosters the development of its students, faculty, and pharmacists into practitioners who positively influence the health outcomes of the peoples of Michigan, the Great Lakes region, the nation and the global community."

Where can I find additional information about FSU PharmD?

- FSU PharmD Website: <http://www.ferris.edu/colleges/pharmacy>
- PharmCAS Program Website for FSU PharmD: <http://schoolpages.pharmcas.org/publishedsurvey/419>

What were the admission statistics for 2015?

Applications: ~600 | Interviewed: 230 | Number accepted: 150 | Number of students in the class: 150

What classes do I need?

The following GVSU courses are prerequisites to FSU's PharmD program:

BIO 120: General Biology I	CHM 232 or 461: Biological Chemistry or Biochemistry I (CHM 461 preferred)
BIO 121: General Biology II	COM 201 or 301: Speech or Interpersonal Communication
BIO 355 or 375/376: Human Genetics or Genetics/Genetics Lab	ECO 210 or 211: Introductory Macroeconomics or Introductory Microeconomics
BMS 208: Human Anatomy	MTH 125 or 201: Survey of Calculus or Calculus I
BMS 309: Laboratory in Human Anatomy (Cadaver)	PHY 220 or 230: General Physics I or Principles of Physics I
BMS 212/213: Introductory Microbiology w/lab	PSY 101 or SOC 201: Introductory Psychology or Introduction to Sociology
BMS 290/291: Human Physiology w/lab	STA 215: Introductory Applied Statistics
CHM 115: Principles of Chemistry I	WRT 150 + 2 SWS Courses
CHM 116: Principles of Chemistry II	
CHM 241: Organic Chemistry for Life Sciences I	
CHM 242: Organic Chemistry for Life Sciences II	

9 semester hours of other general education courses, with at least one course at 200 or higher level

FSU does accept AP/CLEP credit for math and science prerequisites starting Fall 2014. AP/IB and CLEP credit must be college transcript verified as part of the PharmCAS application to be recognized. Candidates should complete a minimum of 32 semester hours from the math, biology (general biology, microbiology, anatomy and physiology, genetics), chemistry, and physics requirements at the collegiate level, prior to enrollment (if accepted).

All prerequisites must be completed with a C or better grade; a minimum 2.50 prerequisite GPA is required

What PCAT score and GPA do I need for admission to FSU PharmD?

NOTE: FSU does not publish recent profiles of admissions

PCAT	GPA
To be a Competitive Applicant:	To be a Competitive Applicant:
You should score within the 50th Percentile or higher	You should have between a 3.0 - 4.0 GPA
<i>In recent years, the average has been 68th percentile and higher</i>	<i>In recent years, the average of incoming students has been around a 3.5 GPA</i>
<i>When an applicant has submitted multiple PCAT scores, FSU PharmD uses the highest composite score available in admission review.</i>	<i>When calculating GPA, Pharmacy schools will count all attempts of a course (i.e. repeated course grades are averaged).</i>

What else do I need to do to be a competitive applicant to FSU PharmD?

Besides GPA and PCAT scores, FSU PharmD evaluates a number of other factors and attributes, including:

- Communication skills
- Understanding of the profession
- Leadership qualities
- Problem solving
- Experience/service (pharmacy practice or non-pharmacy health care related)
- Extracurricular involvement
- Intercultural experiences

What do I need to know about applying to FSU PharmD?

Like most pharmacy schools, FSU PharmD uses **PharmCAS** as their application server:

<http://www.pharmcas.org> . The application deadline is **February 2nd**. However, since they do rolling admissions, it's important to **APPLY EARLY**.

The **interview** includes a face-to-face interview of 30–60 minutes; an extemporaneous written essay (question provided on-site); overview presentation of the curriculum; tour of the College of Pharmacy; and question and answer period.

No more than three **letters of recommendation** should be submitted electronically using the PharmCAS system. Letters can be from an employer, faculty advisor, pre-health advisor, health care professional, pharmacist, professor, and/or supervisor. Committee letters are **NOT** accepted.

Tuition and Fees for 2015 are \$19,000 (in-state).

What is it like to be a FSU PharmD student?

FSU PharmD Curriculum:	
Years 1 & 2 (At the Big Rapids, MI campus)	The first two years emphasize the pharmaceutical sciences through a series of innovative courses including Drug Delivery, the Pathophysiologic Basis for Therapeutics, Medical Biochemistry, Molecular Biology and Biotechnology, Drug Action, Pharmacokinetics, and Infectious Diseases as well as introductory pharmacy practice experiences.
Year 3 (At the Grand Rapids, MI or Kalamazoo, MI campuses)	Pharmacotherapeutics is emphasized in the third year of the program along with Drug Literature Evaluation, Sociopharmacy, Ethics, Pharmacoeconomics and Pharmacy Law. Introductory Pharmacy Practice experiences continue in the third year with longitudinal patient experiences throughout out the year.
Year 4 (most rotations are in Grand Rapids, Kalamazoo, Lansing, Flint, & Bay City areas)	The fourth professional year consists of nine, one-month clerkships located at clinical practice sites throughout the state and primarily precepted by the College's Pharmacy Practice faculty. The program provides students with an outstanding scientific and clinical foundation for practice or continued studies.

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