Pharmacy School Application Process

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Pharmacy School Admission Requirements (PSAR)
http://www.aacp.org/resources/student/pharmacyforyou/admissions/admissionrequirements/Pages/default.aspx

Admissions Test: Pharmacy College Admission Test (PCAT)

Registration Timeline: You must create a web account through Pearson to register for your exam (http://www.pearsonVUE.com/PCAT); following the creation of your web account, you will schedule a test date. PCAT Test Dates for 2015/2016 are as follows:

- 7/09/2015–7/10/2015 (Registration opens 03/02/15)
- 9/16/2015–9/18/2015 (Registration opens 03/02/15)
- 1/05/2016–1/06/2015 (Registration opens 03/02/15)

Release Scores: Prior to signing up for the test, you have the option of releasing your scores to an undergraduate pre-health advisor. If you miss this step, please create and print an official score report and send to the pre-professional advisor at GVSU.

Fee: $210 per test [late fee: $49]
Paid by credit online, money order for the paper form
Fee includes official score transcripts sent to 3 schools; additional schools are $20 each

Know your schools BEFORE your test date
*Test date, location, and score recipients CANNOT be changed once registration is submitted

Fee Assistance: There is no fee assistance available for the PCAT Exam

Limit: 5 tests total

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<td>Writing (1 topic: Conventions of Language and Problem Solving)</td>
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<td>Verbal Ability (40 items: 62% Analogies and 38% Sentence Completion)</td>
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<td>Biology (48 items: 50% General Biology, 20% Microbiology, 30% Anatomy &amp; Physiology)</td>
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<td>Chemistry (48 items: 50% General Chemistry, 30% Organic Chemistry, 20% Basic Biochemistry Processes)</td>
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<td>Rest Break</td>
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<td>Reading Comprehension (6 Passages, 48 items: 30% Comprehension, 40% Analysis, 30% Evaluation)</td>
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<td>Quantitative Ability (48 items: 15% Basic Math, 20% Algebra, 20% Probability &amp; Statistics, 22% Precalculus, 22% Calculus)</td>
<td>45 minutes</td>
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*each test includes experimental test items for future tests that do not affect score; however, experimental items are not marked so try your best in all areas.

Scoring: 200-600 and percentile ranking; Writing: 1.0-6.0 and mean score. Scores will be available online on your PCAT Profile 5 weeks following the end of the testing window.

Application Service: PharmCAS – Follow them on Facebook and on Twitter @PharmCAS for news and updates! Call 617-612-2050 or email info@pharmcas.org with questions and provide your PharmCAS ID Number in your message.

Use your FULL legal name, know your PCAT ID. Print a copy of your completed application for your reference

Fee: $150 for one school; $55 for each additional school. Fee is non-refundable, can only be paid by credit card or money order. Fee waivers MUST be filled out and processed BEFORE you e-submit

Re-applicants: If you paid the application fee last year and your application was mailed to a pharmacy school, then your Application Information, Academic History, Additional Information, Transcripts, and PCAT scores will be carried over. Your Personal Essay, Payment, Letters of Recommendation, and Designations will NOT be carried over. *Make sure to check carried over information for accuracy and send new transcripts if you have additional coursework!

Transcripts: Transcript Request Form (MUST accompany official transcripts by application deadline)
You need a separate form for EACH school you have attended; each form is unique so PAY ATTENTION!
After sending your current ones to PharmCAS, send updated spring/summer and fall transcripts following posting of grades directly to the pharmacy schools; do NOT submit to PharmCAS.

AP, IB or CLEP credit: You must send your official test scores directly to your designated pharmacy degree programs, if required. Please note that not all schools accept AP/IB/CLEP credit for prerequisite courses.

Repeat Grades: Enter ALL attempts of courses, regardless of repeats or grades of W; ALL initial and repeated grades will be included in GPA calculation

Personal Statement*: Address why you selected pharmacy as a career and how the Doctor of Pharmacy degree relates to your immediate and long-term professional goals. 4500 characters, including spaces.

Related Work and Activities*: Space for up to 20 extracurricular activities including those in pharmacy or health care settings, 20 paid employment experiences, 10 honors and scholarships, and 10 publications (175 characters are allotted for each description) *NOTE: PharmCAS uses Turnitin for Admissions for the detection of plagiarism.

Letters of Reference: Up to 4 letters can be submitted electronically or by mail to PharmCAS MUST be submitted by letter writer and received by application deadline
Look at school pages for specific requirements of number and type of letters (GVSU Committee Letter does not qualify): http://www.pharmcas.org/school-directory/#/

Verification: Takes up to 5 weeks once ALL required materials are received; letters and supplemental applications are NOT required for verification (processing times in October are longer than in June)

Supplemental Applications: Supplemental secondary applications require additional fees and essays that vary by school; make sure you are meeting any deadlines set by schools (Check School Pages in link above)
Additional materials are sent DIRECTLY to schools, not via PharmCAS
Check status of your Supplemental Apps in PharmCAS. Click “STATUS” then “SUPPLEMENTAL”

Acceptances: Make sure you are meeting any university deadlines. Most schools require that you submit to a background check and a drug screen as well as pay a deposit fee prior to admission June of the year you will be starting. Pharmacy Schools will receive admission offer/acceptance reports for all of their applicants: they will know the number of offers and acceptances you have but cannot see your declines.

Application Process General Timeline

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<td>•Begin PCAT study plan</td>
<td>•Draft Personal Statement and experiences</td>
<td>•March 1: Register for PCAT date unless previously taken</td>
<td>•Take PCAT exam (unless taken previously)</td>
<td>•Work on and submit PharmCAS</td>
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<td>•Work on Secondary Applications, meeting any school deadlines</td>
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<td>•Begin asking for Letters of Reference</td>
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This form serves only as a guideline to the application process, it is up to you as the applicant to make sure you are meeting any deadlines or requirements outlined by the application and testing services, as well as individual school requirements.