



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 2017?

Applications: **404** | Number accepted: **143** | Early Decision Students Admitted: **65**

What classes do I need?

The following GVSU courses are prerequisites to FSU’s PharmD program:	
BIO 120: General Biology I BIO 121: General Biology II BIO 355 or 375/376: Human Genetics or Genetics/Genetics Lab BMS 208: Human Anatomy BMS 309: Laboratory in Human Anatomy (Cadaver) BMS 212/213: Introductory Microbiology w/lab BMS 290/291: Human Physiology w/lab CHM 115 and 116: Principles of Chemistry I and II CHM 241: Organic Chemistry for Life Sciences I CHM 242: Organic Chemistry for Life Sciences II CHM 232 or 461: Biological Chemistry or Biochemistry I <i>(CHM 461 preferred)</i>	COM 201 or 301: Speech or Interpersonal Communication ECO 210 or 211: Introductory Macroeconomics or Introductory Microeconomics MTH 125 or 201: Survey of Calculus or Calculus I PHY 220 or 230: General Physics I or Principles of Physics I PSY 101 or SOC 101 : Introductory Psychology or Introduction to Sociology STA 215: Introductory Applied Statistics WRT 150 + 2 SWS Courses, WRT 305 or Bachelor’s degree
9 semester hours of other general education courses, with at least one course at 200 or higher level <i>FSU does accept AP/CLEP credit for math and science prerequisites. AP/IB and CLEP credit must be college transcript verified as part of the PharmCAS. You 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</i>	

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

<p style="text-align: center;">Average PCAT of Admitted Students:</p> <p>You should score within the 50th Percentile or higher, and in 2017 the average PCAT composite was the 64th percentile.</p> <p><i>Most years, the average has been 68th percentile and higher</i></p> <p><i>When an applicant has submitted multiple PCAT scores, FSU PharmD uses the highest composite score available in admission review.</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Average GPAs of Admitted Students:</p> <p>Average Pre-Pharmacy: 3.40 GPA Average Math/Science: 3.25 GPA</p> <p><i>Most years, the average of incoming students has been around a 3.5 GPA</i></p> <p><i>When calculating GPA, Pharmacy schools will count all attempts of a course (i.e. repeated course grades are averaged).</i></p>
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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?

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**. Beginning Fall 2018, the curriculum will consist of a more integrated, dynamic approach to learning the basic sciences. You will learn each organ system and incorporate the pathophysiology as well as the medicinal chemistry, pharmacology and therapeutics of the medications used. The new curriculum is more progressive with an experiential sequence that culminates in a learning experience that is patient focused, team based and diverse.

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 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 2017 are \$711/credit or \$23,000 (in-state).

What is it like to be a FSU PharmD student?

FSU PharmD Curriculum:	
Years 1 & 2 (At the Big Rapids, MI campus) Year 3 (At the Grand Rapids, MI or Kalamazoo, MI campus) Year 4 (most rotations are in Grand Rapids, Kalamazoo, Lansing, Flint and Bay City areas)	The curriculum provides students with a balanced foundation in the biomedical, pharmaceutical, social and administrative, and clinical sciences. Integration of these sciences throughout the didactic curriculum, co-curricular activities and a progressive experiential sequence ranging from rural corner drug stores to urban level I trauma centers, culminates in a learning experience that is balanced, patient-focused, team-based and diverse. Upon completion of the foundational sciences of pharmacy, the student is then transitioned to the clinical science of pharmacotherapeutics which deals with how we clinically apply drug therapy to a given disease state in the context of the patient. Students learn valuable communication, drug literature evaluation, pharmacy management, pharmacy law and practice skills. The fourth professional year consists of six rotations that are six weeks each, located at clinical practice sites throughout the state and primarily precepted by the College's Pharmacy Practice faculty.

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