

Because of the **highly selective** nature of the University of Michigan College of Pharmacy, the majority of students accepted into the pharmacy program already have completed their bachelor's degrees. The PharmD preferred admission program provides an **exceptional opportunity** for qualified GVSU freshman to gain admission to UM-COP's PharmD program.

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Get on the fast track to the pharmacy career you want

Welcome to an exciting program offered by Grand Valley State University and the University of Michigan (UM) that helps motivated students get on course to a successful career in pharmacy at the very beginning of their post-secondary education.

Up to eight incoming Grand Valley freshmen will be granted preferred admission to the College of Pharmacy at UM (UM-COP) each year. These students will earn their bachelor's degrees from Grand Valley knowing exactly which courses to take in order to be best prepared for the PharmD program at UM-COP. As long as they meet the requirements of the program as undergraduates, these students will have reserved spots in the UM-COP's PharmD program.

Ultimately, being accepted into the program puts students on a well-planned path to a career in pharmacy.

A program designed for achievers

The program is intended for students who want to advance seamlessly into the pharmacy profession. Along with a desire to pursue a career in pharmacy, admission to the program requires high academic achievement in high school. High school students are considered competitive for the program if they:

- Score a minimum of 29 on the ACT or 1280 on the SAT.
- Maintain a 3.5 cumulative grade point average.
- Complete at least three years of laboratory science (biology, chemistry, and physics) with grades of B or better.
- Complete four years of college preparatory mathematics with grades of B or better.
- Complete the competitive application for admission to the program.

Opportunities that give you an edge

- Attend one of the nation's premier colleges of pharmacy, which will accelerate your career, whatever path you choose. Among the career options open to new graduates of UM-COP's PharmD program are community pharmacy, industry, teaching, management, long-term care facilities, insurance and managed-care companies, research, hospitals and clinics, and many more.
- Receive individualized attention from a committed group of outstanding Grand Valley faculty members.
- Be exposed to a wide range of advanced learning opportunities in downtown Grand Rapids' Medical Mile.
- Save on application costs, along with the travel and interview time required for applying to pharmacy school after receiving a bachelor's degree.
- Focus your coursework on the knowledge and skills necessary for UM-COP's PharmD program.
- Feel safe and secure about your future, so you can give full attention to academic achievement and the college experience.

Keeping on course

After being accepted to the preferred admission program, students must continue to demonstrate their commitment to academic achievement at Grand Valley in order to maintain their status in the program. To keep their spot in UM-COP's PharmD program, students need to:

- Complete required prepharmacy coursework at GVSU.
- Maintain a GPA of 3.0 or better for all courses, as well as a 3.0 cumulative GPA in science/math.
- Stay in contact with a GVSU preprofessional advisor.
- Demonstrate community service and/or extracurricular involvement.
- Obtain direct experience with the delivery of health care by completing a minimum of one year of experience (paid or volunteer) in a patient-care setting.

- Maintain a rigorous academic course load (14-16 credits per semester).
- Score a minimum of 70 percent on the PCAT with an essay writing score of 3.
- Submit all necessary application materials to UM-COP.

TIMELINE

- Schedule an advising appointment to learn more about the program **right away**.
- Apply for admission to Grand Valley State University before **December 31** of your senior year in high school.
- **Upon acceptance of admission to Grand Valley**, complete application for PharmD Preferred Admission Program.
- Invitations to participate in the program are sent by **March 1**. If invited, notify UM-COP and GVSU of your decision to accept or reject the invitation to participate in the program by **May 1**.
- Take the PCAT at the **June or August test dates prior to your senior year at GVSU**. Visit www.pcatweb.info for more information.
- Complete and submit your PharmCAS application to UM-COP by **September of your senior year at GVSU**. Visit www.pharmcas.org for more information.
- Submit a pharmacy supplemental application, essay, and resume to UM-COP by **September of your senior year at GVSU**.
- Complete an interview at UM-COP **during your senior year at GVSU**.

An exciting program awaits you

For details regarding the curriculum and program, visit www.gvsu.edu/UMPharmD