Pharmacy School Application Process

*NOTE: PharmCAS uses iThenticate/Turnitin for Admissions for the detection of plagiarism.*
Letters of Reference: Up to 4 letters can be submitted electronically 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: http://www.pharmcas.org/school-directory/#/. Since individual evaluators must complete a rubric for the applicant, you may not request a GVSU letter packet.

Verification: Takes up to 2 weeks once ALL required materials are received; letters and supplemental applications are NOT required for verification.

Supplemental Applications: Secondary applications require additional fees and essays that vary by school; make sure you are meeting any deadlines set by schools (check “School Directory” in link above). Additional materials/fees are sent DIRECTLY to schools, not via PharmCAS.

Kira Talent: Some programs may require that you complete a Kira Talent assessment which is separate from your PharmCAS application. Kira Talent is a cloud-based, online video screening platform where applicants respond to virtual interview questions.

Interviews: All pharmacy schools require competitive applicants to participate in an interview as part of the admissions process. See the PharmD School directory for program-specific information. Applicants should respond promptly to a school or college’s invitation for an interview. Due to PharmCAS’ interview no-show policy, any late cancellations or no-show to scheduled interviews will be noted on an applicants PharmCAS application which is viewable by all schools.

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 of the year you will be starting. Maintain professionalism throughout the application process by communicating with pharmacy schools regarding program offers. See the Cooperative Admissions Guidelines (CAG) outlined in PharmCAS instructions for traffic rules.

Application Process General Timeline

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<td>•Draft Personal Statement and experiences</td>
<td>•Begin asking for Letters of Reference</td>
<td>•Send copy of transcripts to PharmCAS</td>
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<td>•Late July PharmCAS begins to send applications to schools</td>
<td>•Attend Interviews</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 individual school requirements.

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