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Pharmacy School Application Process

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PharmD Directory: Provides information about each school including prerequisites, application deadlines, and more, <https://www.pharmacas.org/school-directory/pharmd-directory>.

Admissions Test: The Pharmacy College Admission Test (PCAT) is no longer administered.

Application Service: PharmCAS – Follow on Instagram, Facebook or X @PharmCAS for news and updates. Call 617-612-2050 or email info@pharmacas.org with questions and include your PharmCAS ID in your message.

PharmCAS Instructions: https://help.liaisonedu.com/PharmCAS_Applicant_Help_Center

Fee: \$175 for one school; \$60 for each additional school. Fee is non-refundable, can only be paid by credit or debit card. Limited fee waivers are available at the beginning of the cycle and MUST be filled out and processed BEFORE you submit. If you receive a fee waiver, you may apply to a maximum of one school for free.

Re-applicants: Applicants who created an application in a previous cycle can choose to pull selected sections forward into the current cycle. PharmCAS does not allow applicants to edit courses or colleges attended that were previously verified, or transfer any letters of evaluation, payments, essays and program-specific information. Make sure to check carried over information for accuracy and send new transcripts if you have additional coursework.

Transcripts: Transcripts must be sent from EACH school you have attended. GVSU transcripts can be sent electronically (see [Registrar's Office](#) for info). If sending through mail, a Transcript Request Form (download from PharmCAS) MUST accompany official transcripts. After your PharmCAS application has been verified, you can send updated transcripts during Academic Update Periods (fall/winter).

AP, IB or CLEP credit: If required, you must send your official test scores directly to your designated pharmacy degree programs. Please note that not all schools accept AP/IB/CLEP credit for prerequisite courses, and if they do it might be applied differently than it was at GVSU.

Repeat Grades: Enter ALL attempts of courses, regardless of repeats or grades of W; ALL initial and repeated grades will be included in the PharmCAS 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 extracurricular activities including those in pharmacy or health care settings, paid employment experiences, honors and scholarships, and publications (600 characters are allotted for each description)

***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.

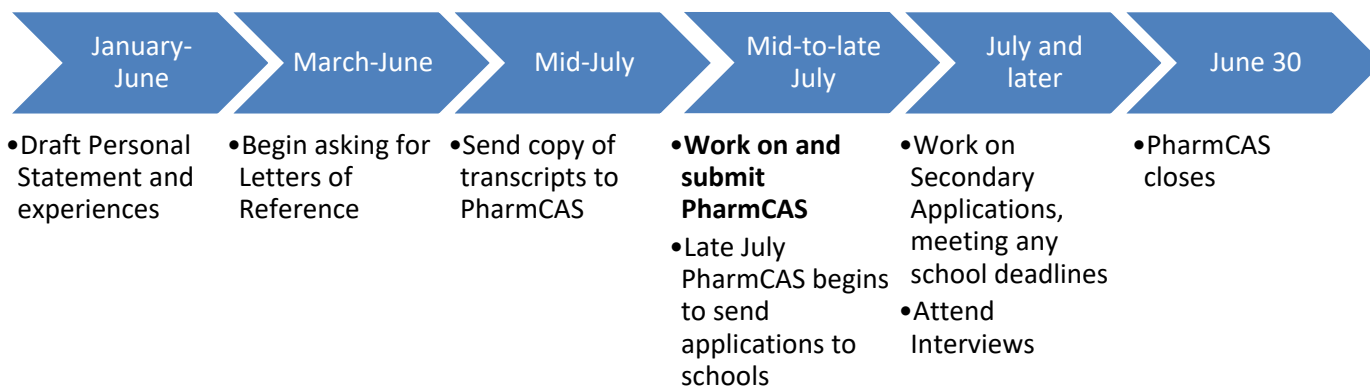
Supplemental Applications: Secondary applications require additional fees and essays that vary by school; make sure you are meeting any deadlines set by schools (check “School Directory” in link above). Additional materials/fees are sent DIRECTLY to schools, not via PharmCAS.

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



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.