

PHARMD **Doctor of Pharmacy**

Under Review | Fall 2025

Proposal Information

Status

Active

Workflow Status

In Progress

Faculty Senate Approval, Faculty Senate

Waiting for Approval | Faculty Senate Approval

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Proposal Information

Proposed	Proposed
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Existing	Existing
Sponsoring faculty/staff member na	Sponsoring faculty/staff email NA

College
College of Pharmacy

Department
Pharmacy

Campus
Health Sciences Center (Albuquerque)

Effective Term and Year

Proposed

Proposed Effective Term and Year

Fall 2025

Existing

Proposed Effective Term and Year

Fall 2006

Justification

Proposed

Program Justification

The catalog requirements for Doctor of Pharmacy admission are out of date. The faculty of the program voted in spring 2023 to reduce the number of hours for admission from 91 credit hours to 79 credit hours, aligning with changing prerequisite offerings at UNM. This adjustment eliminated Physics I and II as well as replacing calculus with College Algebra. The decrease also included removal of a second critical thinking selective and a second communication selective. In addition, the review of the prerequisites highlighted areas where students were taking additional courses that were not necessarily required for admission. By streamlining our prerequisites, students are better able to focus their credit hours on courses to prepare for the Doctor of Pharmacy program. In addition, at 91 credit hours, our program included some of the highest credit hours for application for PharmD programs nationally. In addition, the requirements list three letters of recommendation, when only two are currently required.

Existing

Program Justification

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Proposed

Graduate program revision

No

Existing

Graduate program revision

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Program Category and Level

Program Category

Program

Program Level

Graduate

Degree, Minor, or Certificate Name

Doctor of Pharmacy

Degree Type

Doctor of Pharmacy

Degree/Certificate Level

Doctoral

Proposed
Is this program also offered online?
No

Existing
Is this program also offered online?
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Associated Forms

Select any associated course forms that exist

Select any associated program forms that exist

Shared Credit and Dual Degree information

Proposed
Interdepartmental Program
No

Existing
Interdepartmental Program
Yes

Catalog Information

Program Description

The Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.) program is a four-year professional curriculum. Pre-pharmacy courses may be completed at the University of New Mexico or at any two- or four-year college. Equivalent courses taken at these schools transfer as part of the pre-pharmacy program. Verify equivalencies with the University of New Mexico College of Pharmacy advisement office.

Students have the option of applying for the clinical track Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Pharmaceutical Sciences after successful completion of the first professional year of Pharm.D. curriculum. See the *College of Pharmacy: Undergraduate Program* in this Catalog for more information.

The University of New Mexico College of Pharmacy awards the Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.) degree upon completion of all specified requirements.

Proposed

Admissions Requirements

To be considered for admission to the College of Pharmacy Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.) program, an applicant must have:

1. Successfully complete the required 79 credit hours of pre-pharmacy courses* with grades of "C" or higher. Courses include the following:

- Molecular and Cell Biology (4)
- Genetics (4)
- Human Anatomy and Physiology I (3)
- Human Anatomy and Physiology II (3)
- Microbiology with Lab (4)
- General Chemistry I and Lab (4)
- General Chemistry II and Lab (4)
- Organic Chemistry I and Lab (4)
- Organic Chemistry II and Lab (4)
- Introductory Economics (micro or macro) (3)
- English Composition I (3)
- English Composition II (3)
- Statistics (3)
- College Algebra (3)
- Communications Selective (3)
- Critical Thinking Selective (3)
- Support Courses* (24)

Total: 79

*Only 21 credit hours of support courses are required if an appropriate Biochemistry course is taken. Prerequisites are subject to change by the College of Pharmacy.

2. A minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of at least 2.5 on all completed, required pre-pharmacy courses listed in the previous section taken at all colleges and universities. The required GPA does not include support courses but does include each grade received on any required pre-pharmacy course (including selectives).

3. At least a 2.0 GPA on all coursework attempted at the University of New Mexico.

4. All pre-pharmacy courses completed by the end of the Summer semester prior to matriculation into pharmacy school.
5. A completed and submitted PharmCAS application including:
 - Online application.
 - Official transcripts from all U.S. and Canadian colleges and universities attended (including courses in progress).
 - Foreign transcript evaluation (if applicable).
 - Two letters of recommendation from faculty or health professionals.
 - Application fee.
6. Completed all biology and chemistry lecture courses within the last 7 years. Course waivers are available for students whose coursework is greater than 7 years.
7. Participated in an invited interview. Selected applicants are offered interviews to take place at the College of Pharmacy. Interviews are conducted using a traditional interview as well as an online asynchronous Multiple Mini Interview (MMI) format.

All accepted students must submit the following to the College of Pharmacy:

- An undergraduate application for admission to the University of New Mexico.
- Official transcripts from all other colleges and universities attended.
- A with starting the program.
- A non-refundable deposit to the College of Pharmacy, deposit is applied toward expenses associated Experiential Education Requirement Form.
- A background check authorization form.

*All accepted students are expected to complete the background check as part of their offer of admission. Details on the background check requirements are disseminated once accepted. Students who are offered admission to the program are required to submit a deposit to hold their position in the class. The deposit is applied to the student's expenses following matriculation into the College of Pharmacy.

To receive additional information on admission requirements and procedures, students should contact:

Office of Student Services
College of Pharmacy
MSC09 5360
1 University of New Mexico
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87131-0001
(505) 272-3241
College of Pharmacy website
hsc-pharmacy@salud.unm.edu

Existing

Admissions Requirements

To be considered for admission to the College of Pharmacy Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.) program, an applicant must have:

1. Successfully completed all pre-pharmacy courses* with grades of "C" or higher consisting of 91 credit hours, including:
 - Molecular and Cell Biology (04

- Genetics (4)
- Human Anatomy and Physiology I (3)
- Human Anatomy and Physiology II (3)
- Microbiology with Lab (4)
- General Chemistry I and Lab (4)
- General Chemistry II and Lab (4)
- Organic Chemistry I and Lab (4)
- Organic Chemistry II and Lab (4)
- Microeconomics (3)
- English Composition I (3)
- English Composition II (3)
- Statistics (3)
- Calculus I (3)
- General Physics I (3)
- General Physics II (3)
- Communications Selective (6)
- Critical Thinking Selective (6)
- General Electives* (24)

Total: 91

*Only 21 credit hours of nonprofessional electives are required if an appropriate Biochemistry course is taken. Prerequisite courses are subject to change.

2. A minimum cumulative grade point average of at least 2.5 on all completed, required pre-pharmacy courses listed in the previous section taken at all colleges and universities. A competitive minimum GPA for admission for the Pharm.D. program starts at 2.7. The required grade point average does not include electives but does include each grade received on any required pre-pharmacy course (including selectives).

3. At least a 2.0 GPA on all coursework attempted at the University of New Mexico.

4. All science pre-pharmacy courses (biology, chemistry, physics) must be completed by the end of the Summer semester prior to matriculation into pharmacy school.

5. A completed and submitted PharmCAS application including:

- Online application.
- Official transcripts from all U.S. and Canadian colleges and universities attended (including courses in progress).
- Foreign transcript evaluation (if applicable).
- Three letters of recommendation from faculty or health professionals.
- Application fee.

6. All biology and chemistry lecture courses must have been completed within the last 7 years.

7. Participate in an invited interview. Selected applicants are offered interviews to take place at the College of Pharmacy. Students must participate in the invited interview to be considered for admittance to the College of Pharmacy. Interviews are conducted using a traditional interview as well as a Multiple Mini Interview (MMI) format.

8. All accepted students must submit to the College of Pharmacy:

- An undergraduate application for admission to the University of New Mexico.
- Official transcripts from all other colleges and universities attended.
- A non-refundable application fee payable to the University of New Mexico.
- Experiential Education Requirement Form.
- A background check authorization form.

9. All accepted students are expected to complete the background check as part of their offer of admission. Details on the background check requirements are disseminated once accepted.

Students who are offered admission to the program are required to submit a deposit to hold their position in the class. The deposit is applied to the student's expenses following matriculation into the College of Pharmacy.

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Graduation Requirements

Graduation Requirements:

1. Satisfactory completion of all required and elective Pharmacy courses.
2. Satisfactory completion of 234 credit hours of coursework.
3. Maintain a 2.0 GPA on all University of New Mexico coursework and a 2.0 GPA on all courses in the professional curriculum.
4. Removal of any "F" or "NCR" grade earned in a course by repeating the course with at least a "C-" or "CR" grade. No student may graduate with an "F" or "NCR" grade in the professional curriculum.
5. Students who have more than two class grades of less than "C-" in required courses in the professional curriculum may not be eligible to graduate from the program.

Please see the Doctor of Pharmacy Student Handbook for additional details on progression policies and requirements.

NOTE: Students must be admitted to the pharmacy program to enroll in pharmacy courses.

Professional Credential/Licensure Program Information

Proposed

License/Certification associated with program

Yes

Existing

License/Certification associated with program

No

Proposed

Licensure Information

Pre-licensure

Existing

Licensure Information

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Proposed

Licensure requirements met in the following states:

All US States and Territories

Existing

Licensure requirements met in the following states:

Licensure requirements not met in the following states:

Licensure requirements undetermined in the following states:

Proposed

For each state selected, is there a state or regional licensing board that oversees Professional Licensure?

Yes

Existing

For each state selected, is there a state or regional licensing board that oversees Professional Licensure?

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Proposed

National licensing board

Yes

Existing

National licensing board

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Proposed

State or Regional Licensure Information

Each state has its own Board of Pharmacy. The listing can be found at this link <https://nabp.pharmacy/about/boards-of-pharmacy/>

Please note, each state has their own requirements for licensure as a pharmacist- varies by state

Existing

State or Regional Licensure Information

Proposed

National Board Information

National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP)

<https://nabp.pharmacy/programs/examinations/naplex/>

Students must complete the North American Pharmacist Licensure Examination (NAPLEX) as part of their licensing (regardless of state). NAPLEX is only available to students who have graduated from an accredited Doctor of Pharmacy Program

Existing
National Board Information

Degree Information

Proposed	Minimum Major Hours
Degree Hours 220	

Existing Degree Hours 234
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Proposed Professional Accrediting Bodies Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE)

Existing Professional Accrediting Bodies
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Degree Requirements

Requirements

- Complete all of the following
 - Earn at least ~~94~~ **79** credits from the following types of courses:

Pre-professional curriculum. The Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.) program is a four-year professional curriculum. Pre-pharmacy courses may be completed at the University of New Mexico or at any two- or four-year college. See the admissions section for the required pre-professional course list. Equivalent courses taken at these schools transfer as part of the pre-pharmacy program. Verify equivalencies with the University of New Mexico College of Pharmacy advisement office.
 - Complete the following:
 - PHRM701 - Applied Biochemistry (3)
 - PHRM702 - Physical Pharmacy and Biopharmaceutics (3)
 - PHRM703 - Aspects of Patient Care I (3)
 - PHRM704 - Public Health (2)
 - PHRM705 - Fundamentals of Pathophysiology and Immunology (3)
 - PHRM707 - Introduction to Pharmacy Practice and Communication (2)
 - PHRM709 - Pharmacy and Health Care Delivery Systems (2)
 - PHRM710 - Fundamentals of Pharmacokinetics and Dosage Forms (3)
 - PHRM711 - Introduction to Pharmacology and Medicinal Chemistry (4)
 - PHRM713 - Aspects of Patient Care II (2)

- PHRM715 - Introduction to Clinical Reasoning, Self-Care, and Non-Prescription Therapeutics (2)
- PHRM717 - Introduction to Law, Ethics and Social Issues in Pharmacy (2)
- PHRM719 - Professional Development I (1)
- PHRM720 - Integrated Pharmacotherapeutics I (3)
- PHRM723 - Aspects of Patient Care III (2)
- PHRM724 - Dosage Forms (3)
- PHRM725 - Integrated Pharmacotherapeutics II (3)
- PHRM728 - Pharmacoepidemiology and Research Design (2)
- PHRM729 - Professional Development II (1)
- PHRM730 - Integrated Pharmacotherapeutics III (3)
- PHRM731 - Pharmacoeconomics (2)
- PHRM732 - Evidence-Based Clinical Decision Making (2)
- PHRM733 - Aspects of Patient Care IV (2)
- PHRM734 - Pharmacy Management and Operations (3)
- PHRM735 - Integrated Pharmacotherapeutics IV (3)
- PHRM739 - Professional Development III (1)
- PHRM740 - Integrated Pharmacotherapeutics V (2)
- PHRM742 - Safe Medications and Pharmacy Informatics (3)
- PHRM743 - Aspects of Patient Care V (1)
- PHRM745 - Integrated Pharmacotherapeutics VI (4)
- PHRM747 - Integrated Pharmacotherapeutics VII (2)
- PHRM749 - Professional Development IV (1)
- PHRM750 - Integrated Pharmacotherapeutics VIII (3)
- PHRM751 - Emerging Trends in Pharmacy (1)
- PHRM753 - Aspects of Patient Care VI (1)
- PHRM754 - Advanced Law and Ethics (2)
- PHRM755 - Clinical Capstone (5)
- PHRM759 - Professional Development V (1)
- PHRM771 - Introductory Community Pharmacy Practice Experience (4)
- PHRM772 - Introductory Institutional Pharmacy Practice Experience (3)
- PHRM780 - Direct Patient Care Experience I (1)
- PHRM781 - Direct Patient Care Experience II (1)
- PHRM788 - Indirect Patient Care Pharmacy Practice Experience (4)
- PHRM791 - Advanced Institutional Pharmacy Practice Experience (4)
- PHRM792 - Advanced Community Pharmacy Practice Experience (4)
- PHRM793 - Ambulatory Care Pharmacy Practice Experience (4)
- PHRM794 - General and Adult Medicine Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experience (4)
- PHRM795 - Direct Patient Care Pharmacy Practice Experience (4)
- Earn at least 2 credits from the following:
 - PHRM789 - Advanced Pharmacy Practice Seminar (1)
- Earn at least 6 credits from the following types of courses:
PHRM 700 level electives (3 courses, 2 credits each)
- Earn at least 8 credits from the following types of courses:
Additional two Pharmacy Practice Experience rotations selected from above.
- Earn at least 4 credits from the following types of courses:

Additional coursework to meet required 234 credit total. Consult advisor for information.

Grand Total Credits: 220

Concentrations

Program Concentrations

Code

Title

Concentration Required

N/A

Emphases

Emphasis required

No

Emphasis Hours

Emphasis Rules

No Rules

Program Learning Outcomes

Proposed

Learning Outcomes

n/a - updates are to prerequisites for admission to the program for catalog updates

Existing

Learning Outcomes

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