



## **Walgreens-Chicago College of Pharmacy Career Explorers Program, 2010** **Jewel/Osco -Chicago College of Pharmacy Career Explorers Program, 2010**

### **I. Description of the Programs: Community Pharmacy Programs**

- A. Walgreens Chicago College of Pharmacy Career Explorers Program
- B. Jewel/Osco Chicago College of Pharmacy Career Explorers Program

Students who will be completing their **junior or senior high school year by early June 2010** may apply to participate in an intensive six-week summer program, the Walgreens-Chicago College of Pharmacy Career Explorers Program or the Jewel/Osco -Chicago College of Pharmacy Career Explorers Program. These programs consist of organized hands-on activities, in which the student functions as a pharmacy technician at various Walgreens or Jewel/Osco pharmacies and a short course in pharmacy-related topics at the Chicago College of Pharmacy. These programs are designed to prepare students to be successful pharmacy technicians, allow students to explore various career opportunities in community pharmacy, link students to mentors who will provide career counseling in this health professional field, and provide information and guidance to prepare students for a pharmacy education.

These programs are scheduled concurrently from June 21, 2010 – July 30, 2010, inclusive.

During this program, students will spend 6-8 hours per day, 5 days per week (Monday-Friday only), for six weeks either on campus or at their pharmacy site (near home). Each day runs from 0900 to 1700. **Attendance is mandatory** (there will be no exceptions such as travel, sports practice, another job). Approximately 50% of the time will be spent at the Chicago College of Pharmacy, 555 31<sup>st</sup> Street, Downers Grove, Illinois and 50% of the time will be spent at a Walgreens or Jewel/Osco pharmacy.

Accepted students are required to attend all classes at the Chicago College of Pharmacy and fulfill their roles as pharmacy technicians at their assigned Walgreens or Jewel/Osco pharmacy. It will be the student's responsibility to arrange for transportation to these sites. The College, Walgreens or Jewel/Osco will not provide transportation or funding for this purpose.

Accepted students are required under Illinois law to have a pharmacy technician license to work in a pharmacy. Applications are available by contacting the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation, phone 217-782-8556. Alternatively, a student can download an application from the IDFPR website at <http://www.idfpr.com>. A student must have a pharmacy technician license to participate in this program.

It is the student's responsibility to obtain a license and pay the appropriate \$40 fee to IDFPR. The pharmacy technician application and fee must be mailed separately to IDFPR in Springfield. For successful completion of this program, each student will receive a stipend of \$1200 and a certificate of completion.

Eligibility Requirements:

1. is 16 years or older (so that they qualify for pharmacy technician licensure)
2. has just completed their junior or senior high school year
3. is interested in a career in pharmacy
4. has a minimum cumulative GPA 3.0 or is in the top 30% of their class
5. has good verbal communication skills
6. has good performance in high school science courses (biology, chemistry)
7. has good performance in high school math courses (algebra, geometry, trigonometry, or pre-calculus, calculus)
8. is computer literate or has typing skills

Admissions is a competitive process. Each applicant must complete an application, provide an official transcript, and two letters of recommendation from two faculty/counselors at their high school. Applications will be reviewed by an admission committee, which will select individuals for interviews. Interviews may be conducted over the telephone by faculty of the Chicago College of Pharmacy.

The final selection of accepted students for this program will be determined by a thorough evaluation of the application, official transcript, letters of recommendation, and interview.

All accepted students will be notified in writing by May 3, 2010.

Application Deadline: March 1, 2010

To receive an application or if you have questions about this program: Contact Ms. Cheryl Elder, Administrative Coordinator, Midwestern University, Chicago College of Pharmacy Dean's Office, 555 31<sup>st</sup> Street, Downers Grove, 60515; phone 630-971-6417; e-mail: [celder@midwestern.edu](mailto:celder@midwestern.edu).

Topics Covered/Activities in This Program:

1. Role and responsibilities of pharmacists and pharmacy technicians in the health care system
2. Knowledge necessary for an effective technician: pharmaceutical calculations, medical terminology, medical abbreviations, how to read a prescription, how to process a prescription, common drug classes and how they work, how drugs are handled by the human body
3. How to prepare for a career in pharmacy
4. Development of medical literature retrieval skills and verbal communication skills
5. Hands-on experience as a pharmacy technician-in-training at an assigned Walgreens or Jewel/Osco pharmacy site
6. Development of relationships with faculty mentors/counselors at the Chicago College of Pharmacy and with company representatives at Walgreens or Jewel/Osco.

**Preferential Admission Consideration to the Chicago College of Pharmacy:**

Students who complete this program and who successfully complete their pre-pharmacy coursework at an accredited college with a cumulative grade point average of 3.40 or higher, will be given preferential admission consideration to CCP. However, participation in this program does not guarantee admission to the College's Pharm.D. Program.

**Information About Midwestern University Chicago College of Pharmacy:**

Midwestern University (MWU) is a private, not-for-profit corporation organized primarily to provide undergraduate, graduate and postgraduate education in the health sciences, including osteopathic medicine, pharmacy, physician assistant studies, physical therapy, and occupational therapy. The University's principal campus is located on 105 acres in Downers Grove, Illinois ("Downers Grove Campus") and includes 19 buildings containing approximately 372,800 square feet. A branch campus on 135 acres in Glendale, Arizona ("Glendale Campus") opened in 1996. The campus has seen rapid growth in the number of buildings, academic programs, faculty, staff and students.

Committed to the education of health professionals, Midwestern University provides administrative support for the following colleges: Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine, Chicago College of Pharmacy, College of Allied Health Professions, Arizona College of Osteopathic Medicine, College of Pharmacy-Glendale, and Arizona Podiatric Medicine Program.