



# Your Fast Track to Becoming a Pharmacist

## Together, We'll Build Your Future

### College of DuPage

Glen Ellyn, IL

Two dynamic universities have joined forces to offer you an opportunity to be accepted into pharmacy school directly out of high school or in your first year at College of DuPage (COD).

### The Dual Acceptance Program

(DAP) allows you to complete prerequisite courses during two years at COD, then transition into Northwestern University's College of Pharmacy (MWU COP) to begin a professional three-year Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.) program.



**College of Pharmacy**  
Downers Grove, IL  
Glendale, AZ

Midwestern University and College of DuPage are Equal Opportunity Educators/Employers.

### Enrollment Options & Eligibility

You may enroll in one of two tracks:

**Track 1:** For seniors in high school.

#### Eligibility:

- Have a weighted cumulative GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale
- Submit the following by **November 1<sup>st</sup>** (early application) or **February 15<sup>th</sup>** to MWU :
  - Completed application
  - Official high school transcript
- Participate in an Interview Day, when invited to do so
- Upon acceptance: Complete all prerequisite coursework (listed on next page) at COD within two years.\*

**Track 2:** For first-year students at College of DuPage.

#### Eligibility:

- In good standing at COD
- Completing your first year of full-time coursework at COD
- Have a minimum GPA of 3.0, and a at least a C in each course.
- Submit the following by **June 6<sup>th</sup>** to MWU:
  - Completed application
  - COD transcripts upon completion of the spring semester
- Participate in an Interview Day, when invited to do so
- Upon acceptance: Complete all prerequisite coursework (listed on next page) at COD within two years of program acceptance.\*

\* Please note: Each new class of pharmacy students at MWU COP begins the Pharm.D. program in early June only. Mid-year enrollments are not available at MWU.

### Application

The free application and instructions are available at [www.midwestern.edu/DAP](http://www.midwestern.edu/DAP).

### Program Benefits

- Program interview completed during the initial admissions process, so you can focus on your prerequisite courses.
- Letters of Recommendation are not required.
- Early decision of conditional Pharm.D. program acceptance granted.
- Clear roadmap of pre-pharmacy courses to complete.
- Attendance at Northwestern University College of Pharmacy, where you will become a compassionate pharmacist who practices patient-centered care.
- Partnership with a pharmacy faculty mentor, who is committed to helping you succeed.

*For more information about this program, please contact:*

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## Midwestern University College of Pharmacy

Founded in 1991, the College of Pharmacy, offers the Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.) degree on each of its two campuses: Downers Grove, IL and Glendale, AZ. You may choose to attend either campus. Our **three-year curriculum** emphasizes patient-centered care, communications, clinical skills, and uses group learning approaches to foster the team-oriented healthcare environment seen in current practice.

The College of Pharmacy is part of Midwestern University, founded in 1900 as an academic community that is committed to the health sciences. Professional programs include osteopathic medicine, dental medicine, veterinary medicine, optometry, physical therapy, and many more.

## Program Requirements and Prerequisite Courses

To retain your admission into MWU COP, you must successfully complete the following DAP requirements:

- Track 1 applicants: To maximize success in pre-pharmacy courses, placement testing must be completed no later than April 15<sup>th</sup> (in senior year in high school). Earned score will determine if additional courses are necessary. Track 2 applicants: placement testing is also required; timing varies.
- All pre-pharmacy prerequisite courses must be completed at COD within two years.
- A minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 must be achieved at the end of the summer term after the first full year of prerequisite coursework at COD. At that time, you will then submit your transcripts to MWU via PharmCAS for a progress check.
- You must earn a minimum grade of "C" in all required courses.
- You may repeat one course one time for a higher grade. Both attempts will be included in the cumulative GPA calculation.

As you progress through your prerequisite coursework, you will meet periodically with your COD advisor. In the fall prior to your transition to MWU COP, our MWU Admissions Office will reach out to you to request an official COD transcript via a free abbreviated PharmCAS application. We will provide you with instructions at that time.

## Did You Know? Pharmacists today ...

- Are at the **forefront** of healthcare and its innovations
- Can pursue **specialty practice areas**, such as pediatrics, cardiology, oncology, or emergency medicine
- Practice in a **variety of settings** including hospitals, clinics, corporate offices, etc.
- Earn an average annual **salary of \$128,000**, per the Bureau of Labor Statistics
- Are **medication experts** on healthcare teams
- Merge science, patient care, technology, business, and math skills
- Are one of the most **highly trusted** professionals
- Have good communication, teamwork, and leadership skills
- Are in demand with job security



## Prerequisite College of DuPage Course Requirements

Students must successfully complete the following courses listed below:

MWU COP Prerequisites	Minimum Sem. Hrs.	College of DuPage Courses	Sem. Hrs.
English Composition	6	ENGLI 1101 Composition I	3
		ENGLI 1102 Composition II, OR ENGLI 1105 Writing for the Workplace	3
Speech (Public Speaking)	3	SPEEC 1100 Fundamentals of Speech Communication, OR	3
		SPEEC 1120 or 1150	3
Biology, with Labs	8	BIOLO 1151 Principles of Biological Science I	5
		BIOLO 1152 Principles of Biological Science II	5
Anatomy	3	ANAT 1551 Human Anatomy and Physiology I, OR	4
		ANAT 1571 Human Anatomy and Physiology I, with cadaver	4
General Chemistry I and II, with Labs	8	CHEMI 1551 Principles of Chemistry I	5
		CHEMI 1552 Principles of Chemistry II	5
Organic Chemistry I and II, with Labs	8	CHEMI 2551 Organic Chemistry I	5
		CHEMI 2552 Organic Chemistry II	5
Physics	3	PHYSI 1201 General Physics I	5
Calculus	3	MATH 2134 Calculus for Business and Social Science, OR	5
		MATH 2231 Calculus and Analytic Geometry I	5
Economics	3	ECONO 2200 (Principles of Economics), or 2201 (Macro), or 2202 (Micro)(Alternatives are ECON 2101 or ECON 2102)	3
Statistics	3	MATH 1635 Statistics, OR PSYCH 2280 Statistics / Social & Behavioral Sciences, OR SOCIO 2205 Statistics / Social & Behavioral Sciences	4/3
Social/Behavioral Science	6	Any two courses within the areas of psychology, sociology, anthropology, and/or political science.	6
General Education Electives	8	Any three courses within the areas of humanities, foreign language, fine arts, business, and/or computer science. Courses may not be related to science, math, healthcare, or physical education. (Associate's Degree requirements: Two of these courses must be related to humanities.)	8

Placement exams may be required for some courses, so you may need to take additional hours to complete the courses listed above. To complete the program within the two-year timeframe, summer courses may be necessary. This list is subject to change. Please meet with your DAP advisor at COD to plan for your Associates Degree.