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## Prairie State College

Chicago Heights, IL

Two dynamic colleges have joined forces to provide an early admission program for students who would like to be accepted into pharmacy school directly out of high school or in their first year at Prairie State College (PSC). The Pre-Pharmacy Advantage (PPA) program permits students to complete their prerequisite requirements during two years at PSC, then transition into Midwestern University's College of Pharmacy, Downers Grove Campus (CPDG), to begin a three-year Doctor of Pharmacy program.



Midwestern University and Prairie State College are Equal Opportunity Educators/Employers.

### Enrollment Options & Eligibility

Students may enroll in one of two tracks:

**Track 1:** This track is available to high school students who apply by **November 1<sup>st</sup>** (early decision) or **February 15<sup>th</sup>** during their senior year. To be eligible, students must have a weighted cumulative GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale. The following items are required in the application process by the dates noted above:

- Completed application
- Official high school transcript
- *Optional* ACT or SAT test scores. If desired, submit directly:
  - ACT minimum 24; MWU's code: **6400**
  - SAT minimum 1190; MWU's code: **3788**
- Participation in an on-campus Interview Day, when invited to do so

To complete Track 1, students must complete all pre-pharmacy coursework within two years.

**Track 2:** This track is available to students who have recently enrolled at PSC, are in good standing, and are completing their first year of full-time coursework with a minimum GPA of 3.0, and a minimum of a C in each course.

These students must not have been enrolled in any other post-secondary institution. The following items are required in the application process by **June 6<sup>th</sup>**:

- Completed application
- PSC transcripts upon completion of the second semester
- Participation in an on-campus Interview Day, when invited to do so (after June 6<sup>th</sup>)

Track 2 students have up to two years from the time of acceptance to complete all pre-pharmacy coursework. (Each new class of pharmacy students at CPDG begins the Pharm.D. program in the summer quarter only. There are no mid-year enrollments at MWU.)

### Application

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

### Program Benefits

- Pharmacy College Admission Test (PCAT) is not required
- Interview completed during the initial admissions process
- Early decision of conditional program acceptance granted
- Ongoing support from a dedicated CPDG faculty mentor during pre-pharmacy coursework
- Free abbreviated PharmCAS application required in the fall prior to transfer into MWU
- Letters of Recommendation are not required

### For more information about this program contact:

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Downers Grove, IL 60515  
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Chicago Heights, IL 60411  
(708) 709-3500  
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105-acre campus features state-of-the-art facilities and is located 25 miles west of downtown Chicago in Downers Grove, IL.

### Program Requirements

To retain their admission into CPDG, students admitted to this program must successfully complete the following PPA requirements:

- All pre-pharmacy prerequisite courses must be completed at Prairie State College 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 pre-pharmacy coursework at PSC. At that time, students will then submit their transcripts to CPDG via PharmCAS for a progress check.
- Students must earn a minimum grade of "C" in all required courses. Grades of "C-" or lower are not accepted.
- Students may repeat one course one time for a higher grade. Both attempts will be included in the cumulative GPA calculation.
- Students must comply with the requirements outlined in the Matriculation Agreement and Technical Standards certification form.
- A PSC designee will meet with students every semester for advisement. The designee monitors the progress of students at the completion of every semester and will advise CPDG of any students failing to

meet the requirements. In addition, students in the PPA program will be required to provide the MWU Admissions Office with an official PSC transcript via a free abbreviated PharmCAS application at the conclusion of their summer term after the first full year of pre-pharmacy coursework.

- Any student who does not meet the program requirements will be encouraged to apply to CPDG via the traditional route.

### Midwestern University's Chicago College of Pharmacy

Founded in 1991, the College of Pharmacy, Downers Grove Campus (CPDG) offers the Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.) degree. Its successful curriculum emphasizes patient-centered care, communications, and uses group learning approaches to foster the team-oriented healthcare environment seen in current practice. CPDG alumni work in community pharmacies, hospital settings, educational institutions, pharmaceutical companies, and managed care organizations. Graduates of the College are well positioned to be offered full-time positions in rewarding and challenging practice environments with excellent salaries. CPDG is part of Midwestern University, an academic community committed to health sciences. The University's



### Prerequisite Prairie State College Course Requirements

Students must successfully complete the following courses listed below:

REQUIREMENT	PRAIRIE STATE COLLEGE COURSE	COURSE UNITS
English Composition	ENG 101 Composition I	3 semester hours
	ENG 102 Composition II	3 semester hours
Speech (public speaking)	COMM 101 Principles of Communication	3 semester hours
Biology (with Lab)	BIOL 111 Cellular and Molecular Biology	4 semester hours
	BIOL 112 Organismal Biology	4 semester hours
Anatomy	BIOL 221 Human Anatomy and Physiology I	4 semester hours
	BIOL 222 Human Anatomy and Physiology II	4 semester hours
General Chemistry (with Lab)	CHEM 110 General Chemistry I	5 semester hours
	CHEM 130 General Chemistry II	5 semester hours
Organic Chemistry (with Lab)	CHEM 203 Organic Chemistry I	5 semester hours
	CHEM 204 Organic Chemistry II	5 semester hours
Physics	PHYSI 120 College Physics I	4 semester hours
Calculus	MATH 171 Calculus w/ Analytical Geometry	5 semester hours
Statistics	MATH 115 General Education Statistics, OR	3 semester hours
	MATH 153 Probability & Statistics	4 semester hours
Economics	ECON 201 Macroeconomic Principles, OR ECON 202 Microeconomic Principles	3 semester hours
Social and Behavioral Science Electives	Any two courses within the areas of psychology, sociology, anthropology, and/or political science	6 semester hours
General Education Electives	One Humanities* course, one Fine Arts* course, and one additional course within the areas of humanities, foreign language, fine arts, business, and/or computer science. Courses may <i>not</i> be related to science, math, healthcare, or physical education. (* Required for PSC AS degree. Consult with your PSC Advisor for proper course selection.)	8 semester hours

Placement exams are required for English and Math courses, so students may need to take additional hours if they need to complete prerequisite coursework for the above courses. Summer courses may be required to complete the program within the two-year timeframe. This list is subject to change. Please consult the PPA advisor at Prairie State College for any updates.