What do pharmacists do?
Pharmacists are a vital part of the healthcare team with expanding responsibilities and increasing opportunities. Pharmacy is practiced in a broad range of settings. For example, pharmacists practice in community, hospital, home health care, and industry settings to name a few. The responsibilities of a pharmacist include counseling patients, providing treatment recommendations, and preparing medications for dispensing. As the population ages and new advances in health care are made, the roles for pharmacists continue to expand.

What do I need to do to prepare for pharmacy school?
Discuss necessary courses with your guidance counselor. Focus on science, math, and communication courses.

What is the PCAT?
PCAT stands for Pharmacy College Admissions Test. Students are required by many colleges to take this exam in order to apply to pharmacy school.

Do I have the personal qualities it takes to become a pharmacist?
Are you analytical, and good at detail? Do you exhibit high ethical standards, exercise good judgment in answering questions, and have a natural desire to learn? If you answered “yes” to the questions above, then pharmacy may be the career for you.

How do I decide if pharmacy is right for me?
Ask yourself if you are willing to invest the time in your education, work hard, and make a difference in people’s lives.

How do I become a pharmacist?
After graduating from high school, you must complete at least two years of pre-pharmacy coursework. Some colleges of pharmacy require a four-year baccalaureate degree. Then you must complete four years of professional coursework at a college of pharmacy before you can take an exam to become a licensed pharmacist.

Pharmacy Today
- Median salary in 2012 - $116,670
- Cited as one of the 10 Best Jobs of 2014 by US News & World Report

Future of Pharmacy
- In high demand
- Direct patient care
- Wide variety of opportunities

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A respected, challenging and rewarding career choice
Dual Acceptance Program (DAP)

Students who choose to complete pre-pharmacy coursework at any of the following affiliated schools may be considered for early admission to pharmacy school.

- Benedictine University
- Benedictine University at Springfield
- Dominican University
- Elmhurst College
- Hebrew Theological College
- Illinois Institute of Technology
- Lewis University
- Loyola University
- Millikin University
- Rockford College
- University of Saint Francis
- Univ. of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

DAP eligibility requirements:

- Be admitted to the affiliate school and apply to DAP prior to beginning freshman year
- Earn a minimum cumulative H.S. GPA of 3.2 on a 4.0 scale
- Rank in the top quartile on a college entrance exam (≥ACT 25 or SAT 1700 that includes a writing component score)

The PCAT and certain application fees are waived for students who successfully complete DAP requirements.

Careers in Pharmacy Program

This program offers selected high school juniors considering a career in pharmacy the opportunity to gain first-hand experience.

During this four-week summer program, students shadow a pharmacist in a community pharmacy, as well as learn about the profession through activities on campus. Half of their time is spent on campus; the other half at a pharmacy site near the students’ homes.

Application Deadline: March 1

Recommended Websites

www.aacp.org
American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy

www.aphanet.org
American Pharmacists Association

www.accp.com
American College of Clinical Pharmacy

www.ashp.org
American Society of Health-System Pharmacists

www.pharmcas.org
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