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Discover if Pharmacy is the Career for You

This program offers a fun and comprehensive learning experience about the diverse career paths in pharmacy from expert pharmacy faculty and researchers. During this program, students will spend five days on the Midwestern University campus learning from faculty, practicing pharmacists, and current pharmacy students, as well as enjoying campus life. The program will run from 9 AM to 3 PM daily and includes:

- Hands-on activities and in-class demonstrations, such as: medication compounding, over-the-counter (OTC) products, opioid overdose rescue training, blood pressure monitoring, asthma devices, infection control, diabetes glucose assessment, pediatric medications, veterinary medicine, medication errors, and more.

- Laboratory exploration

- Team activities: Pharmacy scavenger hunt, mock code blue simulation lab, escape room exercise, and more.

Midwestern University has been offering a summer pharmacy program for more than 20 years. For more details about this year’s program, campus facilities, and pharmacy careers, please visit www.midwestern.edu/pharmacademy

Fee

The fee for participation is $210 per student for the full five days, which includes all activity costs, as well as lunch each day. This fee is payable online with a credit card, or you can mail a check made payable to Midwestern University. Please note: Participants are responsible for their daily transportation to campus.

Did You Know?

Pharmacists Today...

- Are at the forefront of healthcare and its innovations
- Have been on the front lines during the COVID-19 healthcare crisis, as well as providing vaccinations to fight the pandemic
- Merge science, patient care, technology, business, and math skills
- Practice in a variety of settings including hospitals, clinics, corporate offices, etc.
- Earn an average annual salary of $128,570, per the Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2022
- Are the medication experts on healthcare teams
- Are one of the most highly trusted professionals
- Have good communication, team work, and leadership skills
- Are in demand with job security

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**Program FAQs**

**Q:** What is the schedule for the program?

Students will spend each of the five days (July 17th – July 21st) on the Midwestern University campus in Downers Grove. Each day will be filled with various fun activities that will help students learn more about a career in pharmacy. When available, a tentative schedule will be posted on our Webpage.

**Q:** Will parents have the chance to see what their teen has done in the program and tour the campus?

On the final day of the program, Friday, July 21st, we will invite parents to campus for presentation of all that the students did while on campus. This visit will also include the Closing Ceremony where certificates of completion will be awarded. Afterwards, parents are welcome to speak with some of our faculty members, as well as tour our beautiful campus and its state-of-the-art facilities.

**Q:** How does the registration process work?

You may register and pay for the program either online, or you may print the registration form and mail in your payment. Complete instructions are available on the form.

Also required as part of the registration process is the parent- or guardian-signed consent for participation. If registration is done online, then this electronic agreement is included in the online form. If the registration is done with hardcopies that are faxed or mailed, then there is a separate form that will need to be printed, signed, and included in the submittal.

Once we receive all components (registration form, signed waiver/online acceptance, and payment), we will process the registration and confirm enrollment via email to both the parent and student. Enrollment occurs on a first-come-first-served basis, and there are 48 seats in the program.

**Please note:** In addition to this confirmation email, there will be other emails sent in the month of July regarding other program details. Please be sure that the email addresses entered in the registration form are addresses that are checked frequently during the summer months.

**Q:** What if the program is filled to capacity?

**How will I know and what are my options?**

In the online sign-up: when the program reaches capacity, the system will no longer accept new registrations. If you would like to be added to the wait list, please send an email to Ms. Cheryl Kane at ckane@midwestern.edu to indicate your interest in being added to the PharmAcademy’s wait list. If space becomes available, she will notify you. If you are doing registration via fax or email, then we will not process your payment until you accept an available seat in the program.

**Q:** What is your cancellation policy?

If there is a need to withdraw from the program, we ask that you notify us as soon as possible. If we receive notice of withdrawal before Friday, June 30, 2023, then we will refund all monies paid. After June 30th, we will not be able to issue any refunds. We are not able to pro-rate any fees, so the cost for each registered participant is $210, which includes all activity costs and lunch each day.

**Q:** I understand from previous information that a pharmacy technician license is required as part of the program. Is this still the case?

No, the pharmacy technician license is no longer needed. This program has a new name and a different curriculum that does not require this license. This program offers students greater insights into the many career paths in pharmacy through hands-on activities that focus on patient care and current pharmacy topics, as well as the opportunity to learn about pharmaceutical research.

**Q:** How does the student get to campus?

**Very important:** Transportation is the sole responsibility of the student/family. Pace bus service offers limited accessibility, so please review such schedules thoroughly. The campus is not located near the Downers Grove train station. Parents may drive their teens to campus and pick them up at the end of the day. However, due to security restrictions, parents may not spend the day on campus. Parking is free on campus, and students who drive themselves each day will be issued temporary parking passes on the first day of the program (proof of auto insurance required).

**Q:** Is there any on-campus housing available for participants in this program?

No, there is not. Participating students/parents must plan to commute daily to campus from their own home or the home of a nearby adult family member who can provide the minor with supervision and guardianship for the duration of the program’s five days. Our campus is located 20 miles straight west of downtown Chicago in the Oak Brook area, where there is an abundance of shopping, dining, and entertainment options.

To learn more about our pharmacy college, please visit [www.midwestern.edu/pharmacy](http://www.midwestern.edu/pharmacy)