Midwestern University
Chicago College of Pharmacy
Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm. D.) Degree Completion Program

Purpose of the Completion Program

The Chicago College of Pharmacy (CCP) offers an opportunity for a recent graduate of an ACPE-accredited college of pharmacy other than CCP to earn a Pharm. D. degree from CCP.

How this Program Interfaces with the Existing Pharm. D. Program at the Chicago College of Pharmacy

CCP has three paths leading to the Doctor of Pharmacy degree:

1. Traditional Entry Level All-Pharm.D. Program
2. Pharm.D. Completion Program: for students who have graduated recently (within four calendar years) with a B.S. in pharmacy degree from another ACPE-accredited college of pharmacy, they can apply for admission to the Pharm. D. Completion Program. Depending on an applicant's qualifications and the availability of places in the class, the student may be admitted to the Pharm. D. Completion Program with or without advanced standing. After a minimum of three or four full time quarters of study, the student can earn a Pharm. D. degree.
3. Nontraditional Pharm.D. Program: for students who are registered pharmacists who have a valid licensed U.S. or Canadian pharmacy license. Students admitted to the NTPD program attend part-time and can earn a Pharm.D. degree in approximately two years.

Admission Requirements for the Completion Program

An applicant to the Pharm. D. Completion Program must:

1. have graduated recently from an ACPE-accredited college of pharmacy. "Recent" is defined as within a four year period prior to the projected first day of classes for the Pharm. D. Program at CCP.

   Note: A student who has been dismissed from a regular academic program at CCP is not eligible for admission to the Pharm. D. Completion Program.

2. provide a copy of a valid pharmacist license if he/she graduated with a B.S. in Pharmacy degree at least twelve months prior to the first anticipated day of classes for the Pharm. D. Program at CCP.

3. satisfy the technical standards (non-academic abilities) for admission set forth by the Chicago
College of Pharmacy. This includes possession of coordination, motor, and visual skills required to function in a clinical and laboratory setting; sufficient visual and auditory perception and mental capacity to assimilate technically detailed and complex information presented in lectures and in clinical settings; and possession of sufficient communication skills to present information accurately and effectively.

4. submit a completed official MWU application to the Pharm. D. Degree Completion Program, including two letters of recommendation and transcripts from all institutions attended. Both letters of recommendation must be from faculty, of which one must be a clinical faculty member, of a college of pharmacy.

Following receipt of a completed application, the College of Pharmacy Admission Committee will review a prospective student's application to determine the student's status, according to criteria stipulated by the Admission Committee.

An applicant to the Pharm. D. Completion Program will undergo:

1. an evaluation of his/her baccalaureate curriculum and transcripts for advanced standing to determine if the student has successfully completed any of the didactic courses in the curriculum. If the student cannot satisfactorily demonstrate completion of such coursework, the student must successfully complete such coursework at the Chicago College of Pharmacy prior to the first Pharm. D. clerkship rotation, as indicated in the curriculum outline on page 3.

2. an evaluation by the CCP Admission Committee. Admission to the Pharm. D. Completion Program is competitive, and the number of accepted students is limited. Enrollment numbers will be determined on a yearly basis.

**Application Deadline**

The application deadline is **March 31, 2004 May 1, 2004** for classes beginning September, 2004.
### The Curriculum for the Pharm. D. Completion Program

**Fall Quarter:**
- Quality assurance and effective pharmacy practice* 3 qh
- Pharmacotherapeutics VI 4 qh
- Clinical Pharmacokinetics* 3 qh
- Physical Assessment (module 1 of Concepts in Pharmaceutical Care) 1 qh
- Drug literature evaluation II* 2 qh
- Drug literature evaluation I 3 qh
  (Research methods/drug literature evaluation)

**Winter Quarter:**
- Pharmacotherapeutics VII 5 qh
- Introductory practice experience III* 2 qh
- Electives 6 qh

**Spring Quarter:**
- 2 full time rotations 16 qh

**Summer Quarter:**
- 2 full time rotations 16 qh
- Pharm.D. Seminar 2 qh

A. All didactic coursework for the Pharm. D. Completion Program must be successfully completed prior to the first day of rotations.

B. The student must satisfy all of the same eligibility requirements for PS-4 level clerkships as students in the regular Pharm.D. Program.

C. For advanced standing consideration, the student must process the request as described below.

All requests for advanced standing by newly admitted students will be handled by the Student Promotion and Graduation Committee. The Dean's Office provides staff support for such evaluations. To request such consideration, a student should submit a letter of request to the Dean of the Chicago College of Pharmacy in which the student lists a course(s) previously taken, which might be similar in content to a professional course(s), which he/she is scheduled to take. The student is advised to provide an official course description(s) and a syllabus(i) of the course(s) previously taken, as well. Petitions for advanced standing for clerkships must be submitted to the Dean’s Office at the time of matriculation and must include a notarized copy of a certificate of completion from a ASHP accredited pharmacy practice residency program. Petitions for other course work must be submitted 3 weeks before the course begins.

D. Courses marked with an asterisk * were included in the BS in Pharmacy degree program at CCP. Graduates of CCP who apply to this Pharm.D. Completion program do not need to repeat these courses.