



# Your Fast Track to Becoming a Pharmacist

## Together, We'll Build Your Future

### Prairie State College

Chicago Heights, 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 Prairie State College (PSC).

#### The Dual Acceptance Program

(DAP) allows you to complete prerequisite courses during two years at PSC, 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 Prairie State College 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 PSC within two years.\*

**Track 2:** For first-year students at Prairie State College.

#### Eligibility:

- In good standing at PSC
- Completing your first year of full-time coursework at PSC
- 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
  - PSC 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 PSC 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).

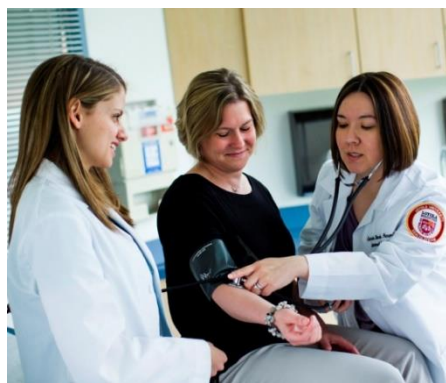
### Program Benefits

- 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:

- All pre-pharmacy courses must be completed at Prairie State College within two years (Track 2: within two years of program acceptance).
- 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 PSC. 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 Prairie State College advisor. We will also stay in contact with you. And then in the fall prior to your transition to MWU COP, our MWU Admissions Office will reach out to you to request an official PSC transcript via a free abbreviated PharmCAS application. We will provide you with complete 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 Prairie State College Course Requirements

Students must successfully complete the following courses listed below:

MWU COP Prerequisites	Minimum Sem. Hrs.	Prairie State College Courses	Sem. Hrs.
English Composition	6	ENG 101 Composition I	3
		ENG 102 Composition II	3
Speech (Public Speaking)	3	COMM 101 Principles of Communication	3
Biology, with Labs	8	BIOL 111 Cellular and Molecular Biology	4
		BIOL 112 Organismal Biology	4
Anatomy	3	BIOL 221 Human Anatomy and Physiology I	4
General Chemistry I and II, with Labs	8	CHEM 110 General Chemistry I	5
		CHEM 130 General Chemistry II	5
Organic Chemistry I and II, with Labs	8	CHEM 203 Organic Chemistry I	5
		CHEM 204 Organic Chemistry II	5
Physics	3	PHYSI 120 College Physics I	4
Calculus	3	MATH 171 Calculus w/ Analytical Geometry	5
Economics	3	ECON 201 Macroeconomic Principles, OR	3
		ECON 202 Microeconomic Principles	
Statistics	3	MATH 115 General Education Statistics, OR	3
		MATH 153 Probability & Statistics	4
Social/Behavioral Science	6	Any two courses within the areas of psychology, sociology, anthropology, and/or political science.	6
General Education Electives	8	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

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 consult your DAP advisor at Prairie State College for any updates.