

SCHOOL OF PHARMACY - PCOM GEORGIA

Admission to PCOM School of Pharmacy is competitive and selective. PCOM seeks well-rounded, achievement-oriented individuals whose maturity and dedication will lead them to a successful career as a pharmacist. Acceptance into the PharmD program by the Faculty Committee on Admissions is based on the applicant's fulfillment of prerequisite coursework, grade point average (GPA), letters of recommendation, personal essay, experience, service and volunteer activities, and a personal interview. Pharmacy College Admission Test (PCAT) test scores, while not required, are recommended. In addition to PCAT, PCOM also accepts other standardized professional and graduate tests for the Doctor of Pharmacy program, including the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT), Dental Admission Test (DAT), Optometry Admission Test (OAT), or Graduate Record Examinations (GRE).

Requirements for Admission

Satisfactory completion of the required prerequisite coursework from a regionally accredited college or university is necessary. A baccalaureate degree, graduate degree or other professional degree is not required for admission to the School of Pharmacy; however, students possessing a previous degree will be given additional consideration for admission. Prior to matriculation, competitive applicants must have completed the prerequisite coursework. There are no minimum GPA requirements, however, cumulative GPAs of 2.5 and above are considered competitive. All prerequisites must have a letter grade of C- or higher. All applications undergo a holistic review process whereby careful consideration is given to all the credentials presented by applicants.

Prerequisite courses are as follow:

Code	Title	Hours
	General Biology I and II with live lab credits (Cellular Biology, Molecular Biology or Zoology with live lab is also acceptable) ¹	8
	General Chemistry I and II with live lab	8
	Organic Chemistry I and II with live lab	8
	Calculus	3
	Anatomy & Physiology/Physiology with live lab	4
	Statistics	3
	English (6 credits Composition or 3 credits Composition and 3 credits Literature)	6
	Economics	3
	Speech	3
	Social/Behavioral Science (e.g. History, Psychology, Sociology, Ethics)	3
	Humanities (e.g., Art, Foreign Language, Music, Religion)	3
	Electives	8
	Total Hours	60

¹ Credits are listed as semester credits. To determine equivalent quarter credits, multiply semester credits by 1.5 (2 semester credits = 3 quarter credits).

Application Steps and Schedule

PCOM School of Pharmacy participates in the centralized Pharmacy College Application Service (PharmCAS) for applicants applying to

colleges and schools of pharmacy. Applications to PCOM School of Pharmacy consist of a completed PharmCAS Application.

Beginning in July, prospective pharmacy students may submit their application through PharmCAS at www.pharmacas.org (<http://www.pharmacas.org>). The PharmCAS application will include all undergraduate and graduate coursework, official transcripts and three letters of recommendation. PharmCAS applications must be completed and verified by the designated deadline on the PCOM PharmCAS school page; however, applicants are encouraged to apply well ahead of this date.

When the PharmCAS Application, including letters of recommendation, is received by the Office of Admissions, the application will be considered complete. Early application and fulfillment of all requirements are strongly recommended, because a rolling admissions process is followed with review of completed applications beginning in early Fall.

Interviews

Interviews begin in September and continue until the class has been selected. Students are required to present a valid government-issued ID upon arrival. During the course of the interview sessions, applicants will have an opportunity to tour the campus and speak with current students. PCOM conducts a panel interview that lasts approximately 30 minutes with faculty members from the School of Pharmacy.

Admissions Decisions

Interviewed candidates are usually notified within five weeks of the interview date. Accepted applicants are asked to remit a non-refundable tuition prepayment that will be credited to the student's tuition account. The seat deposit timeline is:

1. Prior to March 1, accepted applicants must pay \$500 to hold their seat.
2. Candidates accepted after March 1 must pay \$500 to hold their seat.

PCOM requires all first year students to successfully complete a criminal background check prior to matriculation. The Office of the Dean must have this information on file prior to orientation; students will not be allowed to start classes without this information. Adverse events on a criminal background check may result in rescission of acceptance offer to the program. Confirmed students will be notified as to how and when to begin the process.

Transfer Students and Advanced Standing

PCOM School of Pharmacy does not routinely accept transfer students; however, a transfer application may be considered under extenuating circumstances and depending on seat availability. A minimum of two years of study must be completed at PCOM for a student to receive the PharmD degree. No consideration will be given to students who wish to transfer solely to complete their Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experience (APPE) at PCOM.

To be considered for transfer admission to PCOM the applicant must meet the following criteria:

- Currently or recently enrolled at an ACPE-accredited college or school of pharmacy
- Never have been temporarily or permanently suspended, dismissed, or involved in any adverse action as a result of conduct violations or academic dishonesty

Candidates for transfer who meet these requirements must provide:

- A letter detailing the reason for the transfer request to the PCOM School of Pharmacy
- Official transcripts and syllabi of all coursework in the college/school of pharmacy

The Admissions Committee and the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs will consider transfer feasibility based on such variables as seat availability, student academic strength, and program-to-program curricular match. PCOM will evaluate all completed courses for the purpose of transfer credit. Because of curricular adjustments, transferring between pharmacy programs may result in extended time to graduation. Transfer students will ONLY be considered for fall term admission. All requests and supporting documentation for transfers must be submitted to the School of Pharmacy by June 15. A formal interview with the Admissions Committee members may be required.

Georgia Pharmacy Intern License

Students must obtain and maintain a valid, current Pharmacy Intern License issued by the Georgia State Board of Pharmacy. This license must be obtained prior to the beginning of the Winter term of the first professional year. Licensing by the Georgia State Board of Pharmacy is not guaranteed by PCOM or PCOM School of Pharmacy.