

Routes to Pharmacy at Mercer University

Mercer students who hope to become pharmacists may choose one of several paths as they prepare themselves for professional school:

1. Highly-motivated students who have confirmed their interest in pharmacy in high school may complete only the prerequisite courses for admission to their preferred pharmacy school before matriculation into a PharmD program (Mercer University’s College of Pharmacy requirements are shown in Table 1),
2. Students can participate in the **Accelerated Special Consideration Program (ASCP) for Pharmacy**, which includes completion of Mercer University College of Pharmacy admission prerequisites and other coursework in three years at the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences (CLAS) in Macon, followed by matriculation into the Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) program offered by the College of Pharmacy (COP) on the Atlanta campus, or
3. Students who want a traditional college experience and a broad education before entering pharmacy school may complete any bachelor’s degree from any of the traditional undergraduate colleges on the Macon campus as they fulfill the prerequisites for the pharmacy school of their choice.

Table 1. College of Pharmacy PharmD Admission Prerequisite Equivalents

COP Requirement (credit hours)	Mercer CLAS Course Equivalent (credit hours)
English Composition (6 hr)	INT 101 and 201 or GBK 101 and 202 (8 hr)
Communications (3 hr)	COM 210, 220, 230, or 250 (3 hr)
Humanities Electives (6 hr)*	Any 2 courses from Foreign Language, Religious Heritage, Historical Perspectives, Diverse Perspectives, and/or Creative Expression gen. educ. blocks (refer to the catalog for choices; 6-8 hr)
Behavioral Sciences (6 hr)*	Any 2 courses from Behavioral Sciences gen. ed. block (refer to catalog for choices; 6 hr)
Economics (3 hr)	ECN 150 or 151
Calculus (3 hr)	MAT 191 (4 hr)
Statistics (3 hr)	STA 126 (3 hr)
General Chemistry (8 hr)	CHM 111 and 112 (8 hr)
Organic Chemistry (8 hr)	CHM 221 and 222 (8 hr)
Principles of Biology (8 hr)	BIO 171 and 172 (8 hr)
Human Anatomy & Physiology (6 hr)	BIO 131 and 132 (8 hr)
Microbiology (3 hr)	BIO 303 (4 hr); at Mercer, BIO 280 is the prereq for BIO 303 (4 hr)

*At least one course from the humanities or the social/behavioral science electives must focus on cultural diversity that develops the student's awareness of the beliefs, values, and behaviors of cultures other than their own. Examples of courses that fulfill this prerequisite are: sociology, cultural anthropology, cultural geography, world literature, world religions, women and gender studies, cultural studies in specific languages other than the student's native language.

Table 2. Summary of Mercer Accelerated Special Consideration Program Requirements

Number of CLA Credit Hours	90 hr
Minimum GPA - Overall	3.0
Minimum GPA – Pre-req BCPM	3.0
PharmCAS Application Deadline	September 1 of year 2
Courses to be completed by Aug. of year 3	Courses in Table 1, plus all CLAS general education requirements not fulfilled in the coursework taken to fulfill the prerequisites shown in Table 1 (consult <i>Pre-Pharmacy Track Page</i> in the GPS course on Canvas and the MU catalog)

Table 3. Tentative Scheduling of Prerequisite Science Coursework

Minimum Admission Requirements

Year	Fall	Spring	Summer
1	CHM 111, BIO 171	CHM 112, BIO 172	Optional: Summer courses Prepare for PharmCAS; Apply to COP
2	CHM 221, BIO 280, BIO 131	CHM 222, BIO 303, BIO 132	
3	PharmD		

Note that math and non-science courses must be added to this framework of sciences

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Year	Fall	Spring	Summer
1	CHM 111, BIO 171	CHM 112, BIO 172, STA 126	Optional: Summer courses
2	CHM 221, BIO 131	CHM 222, BIO 132	Optional: Summer courses Apply to COP
3	BIO 280	BIO 303	
4	PharmD		

Note that math and non-science courses must be added to this framework of sciences

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Year	Fall	Spring	Summer
1	CHM 111, BIO 171	CHM 112, BIO 172, STA 126	Optional: Summer courses
2	CHM 221, BIO 131	CHM 222, BIO 132	Optional: Summer courses
3	BIO 280	BIO 303	Optional: Summer courses Apply to COP
4	Complete degree		
5	PharmD		

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