

Pre-Pharmacy at UNT

Prospective Student Handout

The Office of Health Professions provides advising and guidance for any current student who expresses an interest in applying and attending a pharmacy school after graduation. Though we do not offer a formal program, major, or concentration in Pre-Pharmacy Studies, we will serve any student who wishes to become a pharmacist. Therefore, no UNT student has to 'qualify' for our advising services; as long as you are a current student, we will gladly help you create a plan to achieve your professional goals.

The Office of Health Professions provides the following services:

- Personalized Advising
- Career Exploration
- Application Guidance and Planning
- Review of Entrance Requirements and Prerequisite Coursework
- Professional Timeline
- Interview Preparation and Personal Statement Review

Frequently Asked Questions about Pre-Pharmacy at UNT

What prerequisites do I need for Pharmacy schools?

All prerequisites are located on the each Pharmacy school's website. If you plan to transfer to UNT, please see a list of all Texas Pharmacy prerequisites in our Pre-Pharmacy Packet (courses are presented as UNT course numbers):

https://cos.unt.edu/sites/cos.unt.edu/files/cos/COS%202017-8-18%20Pre-Pharm_0.pdf

When do I apply for Pharmacy school?

Students will apply for Pharmacy programs one year before enrollment. Many students use the year in between to complete their Bachelor's degree. Be sure to check all deadlines on the Pharmacy schools' websites.

Is a Bachelor's degree required for admission to a Pharmacy school?

No, a degree is not required for Texas Pharmacy schools; a student will legitimately be considered without a Bachelor's degree. However, some schools will waive certain prerequisites if a degree is earned. Please see the Pharmacy schools' websites for more information.

What should I major in?

Many pre-pharmacy students choose to major in Biology (Bachelor of Science) or Chemistry (Bachelor of Arts) because many of the Pharmacy prerequisites will apply toward these degrees. The Pharmacy schools have no preference on which degree is obtained.

Frequently Asked Questions about Pre-Pharmacy at UNT cont.

What will make me a competitive candidate for Pharmacy school admission?

Though not all is required, the following information can help you become a competitive candidate:

- **GPA:** 3.3-4.0 is considered a competitive GPA for Pharmacy school (depending on the school)
- **Entrance Exam:** Pre-Pharmacy students are required to take the PCAT. Please visit the PCAT website for more information: <http://pcatweb.info/>
- **Community Service:** Pre-Pharmacy students should find volunteer opportunities that are consistent and relevant to their passion for serving others
- **Shadowing/Pharmacy Experience:** Students should shadow a Pharmacist regularly, and/or obtain Pharmacy Technician experience

When should I take the PCAT?

Ideally, pre-pharmacy students should take the PCAT around July or August of the year they are applying.

Does UNT offer any Pre-Health clubs on campus?

Yes. Please visit our website for a list of Pre-Health organizations on campus

<https://cos.unt.edu/advising/health-professions/pre-pharmacy-university-north-texas>

Does UNT offer a Pharmacy program?

No, the UNT Denton campus does not offer a Pharmacy program. The UNT Health Sciences Center in Fort Worth, TX does offer a Pharm D program. Please visit their website for more information:

<https://www.unthsc.edu/college-of-pharmacy/>

I am not sure if I would like to attend UNT. How can I learn more about transferring?

- 1) Feel free to schedule a prospective appointment with an advisor in the major of your interest. During your meeting, be sure to express your interest in Pre-Pharmacy and have a Pre-Pharmacy packet available (this can help evaluate how the Pre-Pharmacy courses will apply towards your major):
<https://cos.unt.edu/advising/health-professions/pre-pharmacy-university-north-texas>
- 2) Once you have been accepted to UNT, you will attend a new student orientation. At orientation, please attend our Pre-Health seminar to learn more about the journey to a Health Professional school.
- 3) After orientation, feel free to schedule an appointment with a Pre-Health Counselor in the Office of Health Professions: 940-369-8606.
- 4) Have questions about Pre-Health at UNT? Feel free to e-mail us or give us a call at 940-369-8606.