

# *DOCTOR OF* **PHARMACY**



# ONE EXCEPTIONAL EDUCATION, LIMITLESS CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

The School of Pharmacy is committed to the development of pharmacists who are servant leaders, dedicated to providing patient-centered care that improves the health of our communities in rural and urban areas through excellence in teaching, research, service, and practice. Our curriculum, combined with a holistic approach to student development, promotes leadership in the pharmacy community, ethical caregiving, and enthusiasm for life-long learning.

## WHY CONCORDIA

- Concordia's School of Pharmacy scores 11% higher than the national average of pharmacy school graduates who feel "If I were starting my pharmacy program over again, I would choose the same School of Pharmacy." *2021 AACP Graduating Student Survey and National Comparison Data*
- Manageable four-year program that maintains winter and summer breaks to recharge, gain work experience, and build your pharmacy network
- Active learning through applied patient care labs, practice-based experiences, and research opportunities throughout the curriculum
- Student-friendly schedule designed for active involvement in organizations, service projects, and professional development
- AACP award-winning program and ACPE noteworthy example program
- Exam blocks spaced out evenly throughout the semester
- Accomplished faculty members committed to providing a world-class clinical and scientific education and training
- Comprehensive and diverse training experiences in both urban and rural healthcare settings

## STUDENT LIFE

Students are encouraged to seek opportunities to get involved and grow professionally. Student organizations provide opportunities to grow socially, obtain leadership skills, grow in faith, and serve the community. Many of the student organizations are affiliated with national pharmacy associations, providing networking across the country. See the full listing of student organizations online.



## NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED PHARMACY PROGRAM

- **NOTEWORTHY PROGRAM**  
for our interprofessional education by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE).
- **HONORABLE MENTION**  
Public Health Excellence in Interprofessional Education (IPE) Collaboration Award
- **AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN ASSESSMENT**  
from the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACP)

## HOW TO BE A COMPETITIVE APPLICANT

Concordia strives to enroll well-rounded students. A holistic admissions review considers the criteria listed below:

- Academic performance, especially college coursework in math and science, as well as your overall GPA
- Service, leadership, and volunteerism: community involvement, student organization involvement
- Motivation and understanding of a career in pharmacy
- Pharmacy experience: pre-pharmacy/pre-healthcare student organizations, job shadowing pharmacists, pharmacy technician experience, and informational interviews of pharmacists
- Communication: writing sample within PharmCAS application, effective communication during the admissions interview if invited

*\*The Admissions office is able to provide guidance and recommendations on the completion of your pharmacy application.*



## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

**All students applying for admission to the program must:**

- Submit official transcripts from all previously attended institutions directly to PharmCAS\*
- Submit two letters of reference to PharmCAS; references should be able to speak to your academic performance, understanding of the pharmacy profession, and/or character
- Interview for a seat in the program (invite only)

*\*Students with an international transcript must have it evaluated by WES (World Education Services) which is a foreign transcript evaluation service. Submit the report from the evaluation service to PharmCAS.*

## HOW TO APPLY

Go to [pharmcas.org](https://pharmcas.org) and submit your application. Concordia does not require a supplemental application.



**FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT: [CUW.EDU/PHARMACY](https://cuw.edu/pharmacy)**

## ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

All students applying for admission to the program must have:

- A preferred minimum cumulative GPA: 2.75
- C- or better in all prerequisite courses:
  - 8 credits of Biology with labs
  - 8 credits of General Chemistry with labs
  - 8 credits of Organic Chemistry with labs
  - 3-4 credits of General Physics I (with or without lab)
  - 4-5 credits of advanced science elective course(s)\*
  - 3 credits each in Calculus, Statistics, English Composition, and Interpersonal Communication/ Public Speaking
  - 12 credits of general electives\*\*

\* Examples of an Advanced Science Elective include: *Physics II, Physiology, Anatomy, Anatomy & Physiology, Microbiology, Biochemistry, Cell Biology, Molecular Biology, Genetics, or other advanced science course.*

\*\* Examples of General Electives can include your choice of subjects from areas such as *English, Math, Natural Sciences, Humanities, Social Science, etc.*

To receive an individual transcript evaluation of your pre-pharmacy coursework, e-mail us at [pharmacy@cuw.edu](mailto:pharmacy@cuw.edu).

## CLASS PROFILE

### CLASS OF 2026

Enrolled Students: 52  
Average GPA: 3.25  
Average Sci GPA: 3.03

### DEMOGRAPHICS

Average Age: 24  
Percentage of Female Students: 63%  
Percentage of Male Students: 37%  
Percentage of Minority Students: 36%  
First-generation students: 34%

# ADMISSION PROCESS TIMELINE

 **MID JULY**  
PharmCAS application opens

 **SEPTEMBER - JUNE**  
Interviews, invitation only

 **JUNE 1**  
PharmCAS application closes

 **MID AUGUST**  
New student orientation

 **LATE AUGUST**  
First day of classes

## EXPERIENTIAL EDUCATION

### First year/Second year Introductory Pharmacy Practice Experiences (IPPEs):

Students participate in two one-week rotations each semester in hospital and community pharmacy settings, during dedicated rotation weeks.

- Rotations are designed to increase and improve patient interaction skillsets. Students will bring personal experiences back to the classroom.
- Students focus on caring for patients and learning in different pharmacy settings
- Office of Experiential Education works individually with students to coordinate IPPE rotations with our extensive network of healthcare partners

### Third year Elective IPPEs:

Unique among pharmacy programs, Concordia allows the opportunity to explore pharmacy areas of interest with elective IPPEs during your third year. Diverse areas of pharmacy practice are available to expand your learning experiences.

### Fourth year Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experiences (APPEs):

Six-week rotations spanning the fourth year help further develop your advanced pharmacy practice skills in diverse patient care and pharmacy settings.

## INTERNATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

CUW SOP offers international APPE rotations for fourth year students in Peru and Jamaica. Students and faculty routinely travel abroad to learn about healthcare systems, experience the culture, and visit iconic sites of Peru, Jamaica, Japan and Spain.

## RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

Students have opportunities to develop in both clinical and scientific research under the mentorship of Concordia faculty and community partners. Students annually present posters and special topic presentations both on campus and at professional conferences. There are also select opportunities for publication of their research in professional journals.

## DID YOU KNOW?

More than 40% of the curriculum at CUW-SOP is experiential learning, where students are learning in actual practice settings.

Students spend 1,680 hours in advanced pharmacy practice experiences (APPEs)—240 more hours than the minimum requirement for accredited PharmD programs.

## CURRICULAR PATHWAYS

The School of Pharmacy curricular pathways are selective programs to expand the breadth and depth of a student's education.

### Pathways programs include:

- Pharmaceutical Research
- Pharmacy Administration
- Pharmacy Residency
- Underserved

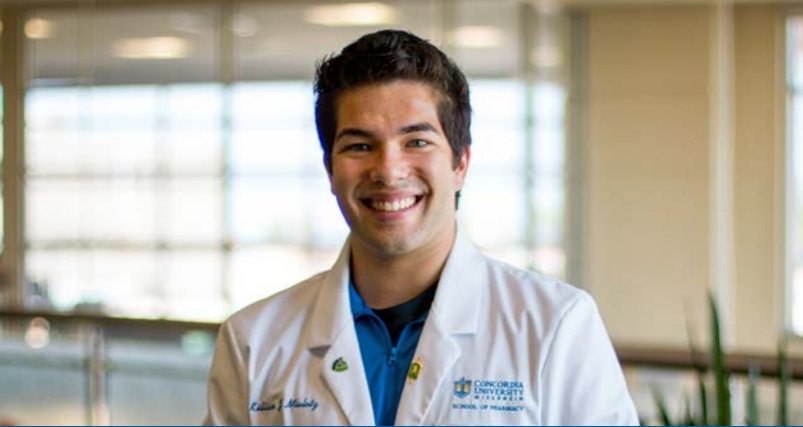
Each pathway includes required and elective coursework, experiential rotations, project management, professional development, and mentorship. A pathway can be completed within the 4-year program and requires no additional credits beyond those required for the PharmD.

## PHARMACY RESIDENCIES

### Post Graduate Residency Programs:

Optional continued professional development programs for PharmD graduates to gain specialization within advanced pharmacy fields

- Concordia sends 44% of pharmacy graduates into residency programs, which is much higher than the national average
- 88% PGY1 match rate (exceeds national average)
- 100% PGY2 match rate (exceeds national average)



# DUAL DEGREE OPTIONS



## PHARMD/MBA

This dual degree program is for students who are looking to expand their career opportunities and wish to be a business focused pharmacy graduate.

- Gain admission and start the PharmD/MBA program in your P1 year
- Earn your PharmD and MBA in as little as 4 years
- Choose from 15 MBA concentrations
- Earn up to 16 credits that count towards both degrees - leaving only 20 additional credits needed to complete the dual degree
- MBA courses have flexible formats—face-to-face or online—to fit school into your life



## PHARMD/MPH

Students interested in healthcare reform and improving public health can choose this dual degree program with a medication safety and pharmacovigilance concentration.

- Gain admission into dual degree prior to starting P1 year
- No GRE or GMAT required
- 39 credits: 12 credits through CUW count toward both degrees, remaining 27 credits through Concordia University Nebraska
- Online format allows for flexible schedule
- Can be completed concurrent with PharmD coursework or extended as student desires

## INTERPROFESSIONAL PATIENT-CENTERED CARE

Gain essential healthcare team experience with peers who are also pursuing advanced healthcare related professional degrees. Concordia's School of Pharmacy has repeatedly been recognized nationally for exemplary interprofessional education activities.

The Interprofessional Education (IPE) program provides opportunities for pharmacy students to engage in case study simulations and shared decision making with groups of students pursuing the following careers:

- Athletic Training
- Physician Assistant
- Dentistry
- Physical Therapy
- Medicine
- Social Work
- Nursing
- Speech Language Pathology
- Occupational Therapy

IPE prepares students for collaborative, team-based approaches to patient-centered care that has been shown to:

- Improve patient safety and outcomes
- Reduce medical errors and healthcare costs

## MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NATURAL PRODUCTS SCIENCE (MSNPS)

This program is for individuals in healthcare, R&D, manufacturing, and business that want to gain expertise in plant-based supplements, medicines, and other related products. Courses will focus on the history of natural products, the trends, legal aspects, and the therapeutic benefits and risks.

- Courses run in 8-week and 16-week sessions
- Select from one of two specializations: nutraceuticals or medical cannabis.
- Learn from experts in natural products-based drug discovery, microbiology, toxicology, and cannabinoid pharmacology
- This is a 30-credit program
- This online program is scheduled to have a one-time start date during the academic calendar year
- Can be completed concurrent with PharmD coursework

## PROGRAM CURRICULUM

### YEAR 1

FALL P1	Credits
Pharmacy Biochemistry	3
Cell and Molecular Fundamentals	1
Pharmacy Anatomy and Physiology	5
Pharmaceutics I	2
Pharmacy and the Healthcare System	3
Applied Patient Care I	2
Intro Pharmacy Practice Experience I	3
	<b>19</b>

SPRING P1	Credits
Pharm Microbiology, Immunology, Molecular Biology	4
Pharmaceutics II	4
Pharmacology & Medicinal Chemistry I	3
Pharmacotherapy I: Self-care	2
Pharmacy Calculations	1
Intro Pharmacy Practice Experience II	3
Applied Patient Care II	2
	<b>19</b>

### YEAR 2

FALL P2	Credits
Applied Pharmacokinetics	3
Advanced Pharmaceutical Preparations	2
Pharmacology & Medicinal Chemistry II	4
Pharmacotherapy II	3
Medical Literature Evaluation I	2
Applied Patient Care III	2
Intro Pharmacy Practice Experience III	2
	<b>18</b>

SPRING P2	Credits
Pharmacology & Medicinal Chemistry III	4
Social & Behavioral Pharmacy	2
Pharmacotherapy III	4
Medical Literature Evaluation II	2
Applied Patient Care IV	2
Servant Leadership	2
Intro Pharmacy Practice Experience IV	2
	<b>18</b>

### YEAR 3

FALL P3	Credits
Patient Care Ethics	3
Pharmacy Law	2
Pharmacotherapy IV	4
Applied Patient Care V	2
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SPRING P3	Credits
Pharmacoeconomics and Epidemiology	2
Pharmacy Management and Leadership	3
Pharmacotherapy V	4
Applied Patient Care VI	2
	<b>*11</b>

### YEAR 4

FALL/SPRING P4	Credits
Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experience Community Pharmacy	6
Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experience Input Acute Care General Med.	6
Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experience Hospital/Health System	6
Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experience Ambulatory Care	6
Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experience Electives	18
	<b>42</b>

**TOTAL CREDIT LOAD: 148**

## FINANCIAL AID

All students are eligible to be reviewed for financial aid. Students will need to complete the FAFSA at [studentaid.gov](https://studentaid.gov). Concordia's school code is: 003842.

- Students must take a minimum of three graduate credits per semester to qualify for aid

Questions? Contact Concordia's Financial Aid Office: [finaid@cuw.edu](mailto:finaid@cuw.edu) • 262-243-4569.

Scholarships are available for this program. Learn more at [cuw.edu/uncommon-scholarships](https://cuw.edu/uncommon-scholarships).

For more information on tuition costs, please visit [cuw.edu/financialaid](https://cuw.edu/financialaid).

## SCHOLARSHIPS

Concordia's School of Pharmacy offers Academic Merit or Mission Based scholarships for the P1 year to well-qualified applicants.

After the fall semester of the P1 year, students can apply for additional scholarships that are awarded based on multiple factors including academic excellence, interest in a specific area of pharmacy practice, and financial hardship.

## ACCREDITATION

Concordia University is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission ([hlcommission.org](https://hlcommission.org)), a regional accreditation agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.

Concordia University Wisconsin's Doctor of Pharmacy program is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education, 190 South LaSalle Street, Suite 2850, Chicago, IL 60603, 312/664-3575; FAX 866/228-2631, website [www.acpe-accredit.org](https://www.acpe-accredit.org).

## RECRUITMENT & ADMISSION

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## VISIT US

Schedule a visit to help you decide if Concordia's PharmD program is right for you. During your visit, you will meet with admissions staff to learn more about the admission process, the pre-pharmacy course requirements, and tour our pharmacy facility including the labs and classrooms. To schedule your visit please email [pharmacy@cuw.edu](mailto:pharmacy@cuw.edu) or scan the QR code.

