

# Applying to Pharmacy School Timeline & Check List

## Timeline

### Freshmen & Sophomore Years

- Attend a Pre-Pharmacy Advising workshop at the PharmSci Student Affairs office.
- Schedule an appointment with your Student Affairs Counselor to create a 4-year plan.
- Consider an internship, part-time job, and/or research in the pharmaceutical sciences field.
- Get involved in the Pre-Pharmacy Society at UCI and/or other student groups on campus.
- Develop connections with faculty & TAs by attending office hours.
- Speak to professionals in your field of interest to see if pharmacy school is right for you.
- Maintain good grades. Enroll in LARC or attend tutoring hours regularly/weekly.
- Research potential pharmacy schools you are interested in attending. Attend open houses.
- Sign up to take the PCAT (registration opens March 1). Schedule your PCAT exam for January of your junior year.**

### Early Junior Year

- Pick which pharmacy schools to apply to. Make a checklist and schedule for each application.
- Start writing your personal statement. Get a sense of the topic as provided by PharmCAS.
- Recommended: Take the PCAT in January.**

### End of Junior Year/Senior Summer

- Ask faculty/professionals for a letter of recommendation. Create a portfolio for each letter writer and include: resume, personal statement, transcripts, and submission instructions.
- Start your applications & supplementary applications to pharmacy school. Acquire all necessary documents to submit with your applications. **The Early Decision Deadline for PharmCas is in September.**

### Early Senior year

- Submit your PharmCAS late Oct/early November.**
- Submit supplemental applications per each school's instructions.

### Senior Fall/Winter

- Prepare for any upcoming interviews. Research the school(s) you are interviewing at.

**\*NOTE:** This document is intended to be used as a guide. Be sure to check with the requirements of each specific school program for application guidelines.

## Check List

### Take the PCAT

- Take the PCAT no later than December of your senior year.

### Application Forms

- Complete and submit all applications online through PharmCas.

### Supplemental Applications

- Complete and submit all supplemental applications per each pharmacy school's instructions.

### Letters of Recommendation

- Obtain a minimum of one letter of recommendation from a science based faculty member. Give the letter writer at least 3 months in advance to write the letter.
- Obtain a minimum of one letter of recommendation from a health care provider. Give the letter writer at least 3 months in advance to write the letter.

### Personal Statement

- Write your personal statement. Give yourself at least 6 months to write a strong statement.

### Transcripts

- Submit your transcripts per each pharmacy school's instructions. Transcripts can be ordered via the UCI Registrar.

### Application Fee

- Pay the application fee by the deadline.