Applying to Pharmacy School
Timeline & Check List

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.

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.

*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.