

Prospective Students

Rutgers' graduate program in pharmaceutical science delivers the didactic coursework and research training students need to excel in our challenging field. Students may pursue a Master of Science (MS) or a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in pharmaceutical science.

- The **MS Thesis program** is a 30-credit course of study requiring 24 credits of coursework and 6 credits of original research.
- The **MS Non-thesis program** is a 30-credits of coursework of study.
- The **PhD program** comprises 27 credits of coursework and 45 credits of original research including a one-year residence.
- The **PharmD/PhD dual degree** allows high-achieving students with strong research interest to complete both degrees in approximately nine years by beginning their doctoral studies while still enrolled in the PharmD program. Applicants must meet all entry criteria for the pharmaceutical science program. Graduates earn a PharmD from the Ernest Mario School of Pharmacy and a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) from Rutgers School of Graduate Studies.

Graduate Program in Pharmaceutical Science focuses on multidisciplinary education by bringing together faculty from relevant disciplines across Rutgers. This approach enhances students' training by utilizing the latest technologies at several levels: chemical, cellular, molecular, genomic, biochemical, and clinical. In addition, this interdisciplinary curriculum has the flexibility to be customized for the academic and research interests of each incoming student.



The Pharmaceutical Science Program is housed primarily within the [Ernest Mario School of Pharmacy](#), Busch Campus of Rutgers University. This building is located on the Busch Campus of Rutgers University in Piscataway, New Jersey. 160 Frelinghuysen Road, Piscataway, NJ 08854-8020

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