

This fact sheet provides information to students currently OR previously enrolled on the New Brunswick campus of Rutgers. If you are not currently enrolled at Rutgers or have never been enrolled at Rutgers, please visit our website for more information for [Prospective Students](#) to find the correct information page for your status.

The Ernest Mario School of Pharmacy offers the six-year Doctor of Pharmacy degree. This document provides information for students currently or previously enrolled at another unit of Rutgers-New Brunswick who wish to attempt to enroll in the Ernest Mario School of Pharmacy. Re-enrollment applications are for entry to the fall semester only. Students interested in applying for Fall 2024 may submit a Re-enrollment application online between January 14 and April 30. Please review the following information to become familiar with the requirements for admission.

Below is a complete listing of the courses that students need to have completed in order to apply for admission into the First Professional (Third) Year of the Pharm.D. Program at Rutgers-New Brunswick. This is the point of entry for all transfer students regardless of how many years of college you have completed. Be sure that you review the Degree Requirements section of this fact sheet as well. If you are seeking information on how to choose a Humanities / Social Science Elective, please review the fact sheet for that topic available at:

https://pharmacy.rutgers.edu/wp-content/uploads/Fact-Sheet-on-Humanities-SS-Electives_February-2020.pdf

Please note: Admission to the school is competitive and not guaranteed, even if all of the criteria listed below are met. These criteria are the *minimum requirements for admission consideration*. Limited spaces for admission are available for each Fall semester.

Criteria for Admission Consideration

Credits

- A student must have completed a minimum of 15 credits at Rutgers University by the end of the spring semester during which he or she is applying.

Grade-Point Average

- Students must have earned a minimum cumulative grade-point average of 2.800 at Rutgers University with strong grades in the required core science courses. Stronger cumulative grade-point averages are preferred, and most students admitted have a GPA of 3.500 or higher.

Courses

- Students are expected to have completed all of the course work of the first two pre-professional years of the curriculum, except Pharmacy Convocations (31:725:104) which is waived for all transfer students.

Interview and Writing Assessment

- Applicants with a promising prospect for admission consideration will be invited to the school for an onsite interview as a required part of the application process.
- An invitation for an interview *does not* guarantee or imply admission to the school.

Pharmacy College Admission Test (PCAT)

- Fall 2024 admission, the PCAT is encouraged but optional through January 2024; after January 2024 the test is no longer being offered.
- Visit <http://pcatweb.info/> for more information on the PCAT and test dates. Our PCAT score recipient code is 038. The PCAT is administered by the Pearson Education Inc.
- **Please note that the School of Pharmacy does not administer the exam for which you sign up.** Any questions you may have on the test, the test center, or the grading system for the test must be referred to the Pearson Assessments. There are resources to help prepare you for the PCAT test that can be found by searching the web or chain bookstores. The Ernest Mario School of Pharmacy makes no recommendation about which resources to use.

- Because test results are not received for 4-6 weeks after the test date, applicants who are planning to take the PCAT are strongly advised to take the October test. There is no bias against a student who takes the PCAT twice. The best score will be considered.

Optional (but strongly encouraged)

- Personal statement on why the student wishes to pursue a Doctor of Pharmacy degree. This statement should be submitted in the optional box provided in the online application.
- Letters of recommendation. Letter should be submitted directly to:
Ernest Mario School of Pharmacy
Attn: Diana Wilson-Bell, Rm. 250
Rutgers University
160 Frelinghuysen Road
Piscataway, NJ 08854

Letters of recommendation and personal statements are not required, however, these may provide a greater background and understanding of the applicant as a student and future professional in the field of Pharmacy. In addition, a personal statement will provide better understanding of your interest in applying to the School and your goals and objectives as a student and, ultimately, a professional. Experience in a health care setting is also recommended as a way to strengthen the application. All of these factors are combined and considered in an admission decision.

Other

- Students must indicate on their application if they are currently under review for disciplinary action.

Conditions

- Students must remain in good academic standing at their current college and satisfactorily complete the spring semester.
- Any additional conditions will be noted in the notification message to admitted students.

Required Documents

- The University Registrar will automatically forward the applicant's Rutgers University academic transcript to the college upon submission of the online application.
- Applicants must forward their final high school transcript, advanced placement score reports, transcripts from colleges or universities other than Rutgers (if applicable), letters of recommendation, and PCAT scores to the Ernest Mario School of Pharmacy's Office of the Dean, William Levine Hall, Room 250, Busch Campus, by April 30. Copies obtained from current college are acceptable. The optional personal statement must be sent electronically with the online application.

The application is available online at <https://www.ugadmissions.rutgers.edu/reenrollment/> beginning January 14th through April 30.

Degree Requirements

The degree of Doctor of Pharmacy is awarded to a pharmacy student by the University upon the recommendation of the faculty of the Ernest Mario School of Pharmacy. Recommendation is contingent upon the student's fulfillment of the following requirements:

1. completion of the six-year curriculum for the doctoral degree.
2. cumulative grade-point average must be greater than 2.5, and the cumulative professional grade-point average must be greater than 2.5. (Note, however, that the minimum admission GPA to be considered for admission is 2.800 or higher)
3. professional grade-point average in the terminal year must be greater than 2.5
4. completion of four years of full-time study for the doctoral degree at an accredited college of pharmacy, the last year of which must have been spent at Ernest Mario School of Pharmacy
5. candidate must be adjudged by the faculty to be of good character and properly equipped for the profession of pharmacy

Proficiency in English

Students are expected to demonstrate the ability to speak and write effectively in the English language. Failure to write literate English on any written assignment may warrant a failing grade for that reason alone. Instructors report to the English department any failure to meet this standard. Students who continue to write unsatisfactorily even though they have passed 01:355:101 College Writing (fka Expository Writing I) may be required to repeat the course in addition to their regular program.

Pre-Pharm.D. Curriculum at Rutgers-New Brunswick Campus

The curriculum below is designed to allow the student to complete the pre-professional requirements in a two-year sequence. *Students may take the courses in other sequences over a longer period of time to maintain a higher GPA if they wish.* All requirements should be completed by the end of the spring semester during which you apply.

First Pre-Professional Year

First Term

| Class Name | Class No. | Cred. Hrs. |
|-----------------------|-------------------|------------|
| General Biology | 01:119:115 or 101 | 4 |
| General Chemistry I | 01:160:161 | 4 |
| Intro Experimentation | 01:160:171 | 1 |
| College Writing | 01:355:101 | 3 |
| Calculus I or II | 01:640:135 or 136 | 4 |
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Second Term

| Class Name | Class No. | Cred. Hrs. |
|--|-------------------|------------|
| General Biology II | 01:119:116 or 102 | 4 |
| General Chemistry II | 01:160:162 | 4 |
| Second College-level Writing Course ¹ | 01:355:201 | 3 |
| Humanities/Soc. Sci. Elective ² | | 3 |
| General Biology Lab ³ | 01:119:117 | 3 |
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¹ While other colleges within the University System may accept other courses to satisfy a second College-level writing requirement, the School of Pharmacy will only recognize the courses listed below:

| Class Name | Class No. | Class Name | Class No. |
|--|------------|---|------------|
| Research in the Disciplines | 01:355:201 | Writing for Biology and Natural Science | 01:355:312 |
| Technical Writing Essentials | 01:355:202 | Writing Grant Proposals | 01:355:315 |
| Business Writing Essentials | 01:355:203 | Science Writing | 01:355:342 |
| College Writing and Research | 01:355:301 | Collaborative Writing Practices | 01:355:375 |
| Writing for Business and the Professions | 01:355:303 | Scientific and Technical Writing | 01:355:302 |

Second Pre-Professional Year

First Term

| Class Name | Class No. | Cred. Hrs. |
|--------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Organic Chemistry I | 01:160:307 | 4 |
| Intro. to Microeconomics | 01:220:102 | 3 |
| General Physics I ⁵ | 01:750:203 | 4 |
| General Physics Lab | 01:750:205 | 1 |
| Humanities/Soc. Sci. Elective | | 3 |
| Psychology/Sociology Elective | | 3 |
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Second Term

| Class Name | Class No. | Cred. Hrs. |
|---------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Systems Physiology ⁴ | 01:146:356 | 3 |
| Organic Chemistry II | 01:160:308 | 4 |
| Organic Chemistry Lab | 01:160:311 | 2 |
| General Physics II | 01:750:204 | 4 |
| Basic Statistics for Research | 01:960:211 | 3 |
| Humanities/Soc. Sci. Elective | | 3 |
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² See [Fact Sheet for Humanities/Social Science Electives](#) for a complete explanation of the rules that govern Humanities/Social Science Elective courses.

³ For students applying as School to School transfers for Fall 2015 enrollment, this course will be waived if the student took 01:119:101 and 102 prior to the Fall 2013 semester.

⁴ This course is rarely open to non-biology majors. Thus, it is recommended that students outside the School satisfy this requirement by completing the course during the summer between first and second pre-professional year if space is available.

⁵ Elements of Physics (01:750:161) can be substituted for General Physics (01:750:203 and 204; and one semester of General Physics Lab 01:750:205 or 206).