

Brittney Lyda; College of Pharmacy Admissions Counselor from **Nova Southeastern University**, was a guest speaker at our Oct 27, 2011 meeting.

Topics that were discussed are listed below:

- **Nova Southeastern University's** Pharmacy Program was established in 1987.
- **Nova Southeastern University** offers three campuses for the Pharmacy Program:
 - Davie, FL
 - 160 candidates admitted in 2011
 - Palm Beach Gardens, FL
 - No in campus housing
 - 50 candidates admitted in 2011
 - Ponce, Puerto Rico
 - 40 candidates admitted in 2011
- **Application Procedure Checklist for 2012 or 2013 entering class:**
 - Complete all **pre-requisites** by summer of the year entering the program
 - Can apply before all pre-requisites are completed. Should start application early, even if PCAT scores or organic scores not available yet (state when those grades are expected in your application). Interviews start in October. Candidates start being accepted in October/November.
 - Minimum of **76 semester hours** of coursework at a regionally accredited college or university
 - Associates Degree or Bachelor Degree Recommended
 - Must have a cumulative **GPA** of 2.75 on a 4.0 Scale

- Average GPA for students accepted into the “2011” Pharmacy Program was 3.5
 - Other areas are looked into during application process; involvement on campus, extra curriculum, experience in the health care division (volunteer/work in pharmacy/hospital), and essay
- Take the **PCAT**
 - Offered in the summer, fall or winter of every year
 - Register at www.pcatweb.info
 - PCAT recommended average is above the 60th percentile
 - Complete Organic Chemistry 1 recommended before taking the PCAT
 - Can take PCAT up to 5 times
 - **Study Guides**
 - Kaplan
 - Organic for Dummies
 - Dr. Collins PCAT prep-course (best results)
- Submit Official PCAT Scores to PharmCAS & NSU
- Apply through **PharmCAS**
 - Opens June of every year
 - It is the Primary Application Process
 - Closes January 5th

- Complete **NSU application**
 - Opens August of every year
 - It is the Secondary Application Process
 - Closes in February

- Submit three **letters of recommendation**
 - Electronically through PharmCas
 - PharmCas requires four letters and NSU requires three letters from:
 - Liberal Arts (non-science)
 - Pre-health Administrator (science professor)
 - Pharmacist (can substitute for any required letter)

- Submit all official **transcripts** to PharmCAS
 - Also send final official transcripts to NSU only if accepted into the program.

- Submit Official Foreign Coursework Evaluation, for any coursework taken at a foreign institution.

- If applicable, submit AP Scores, CLEP scores, or IB Transcript

- **Interview Tips**
 - Dress Professionally
 - Be yourself

- Know application
- Show personality

- Please email any further questions to:
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 - Visit NSU online at <http://pharmacy.nova.edu>

Deadline to Apply is February 1st of every year

The next meeting of the Pre-Pharmacy Club is scheduled for Thursday, November 10, 2011 at 2:00 PM in building 7, room 202. The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 PM.