

Pre-Pharmacy Club Minutes
Thursday, October 27, 2011
2 pm, 7-202

The eighth meeting of the 2011-2012 Pre-Pharmacy Club was held on Thursday, October 27, 2011 at 2:00 PM in building 7, room 202.

We had guest speaker Brittney Lyda; College of Pharmacy Admissions Counselor from **Nova Southeastern University**.

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
 - Palm Beach Gardens, FL
 - No in campus housing
 - 50 candidates admitted
 - Ponce, Puerto Rico
 - 40 candidates admitted
- **Application Procedure Checklist for 2012 or 2013 entering class:**
 - Complete all **pre-requisites** by summer of the year entering the program
 - 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 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
- Submit Official PCAT Scores to PharmCAS & NSU
- Apply through **PharmCAS**
 - Open June of every year
 - It is the Primary Application Process

- Complete **NSU application**
 - Open August of every year
 - It is the Secondary Application Process

- 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 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:
 - Brittney Lyda (College of Pharmacy Admissions Counselor)
 - B1541@nova.edu

 - Jessie Sutton (College of Pharmacy Admissions Specialist)
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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.