

APPLICATION INSIGHTS

1. Work experience in the pharmacy field is VERY important.
2. Need a good GPA, particularly in the sciences (biology, chemistry) and math.
3. PCAT scores important, but work experience and GPA probably more important.
4. Being a full-time student is important (they want to see that you can handle a heavy course load).
5. APPLY EARLY!!! (even if you have not taken all your prerequisites or PCAT ... just state when you plan to take them). Interviews start in early October; some students are already accepted by late October ... and there are only so many spots available.
6. Make sure your essay and 3 letters of recommendation are good ones, and are in on time.
7. Check with the admissions office to make sure your file is complete. Ask what else they need from you before you can be eligible for an interview. It is important to get to that interview ASAP!
8. During the interview, present yourself well, communicate clearly. Be sure you have a good understanding of the pharmacy profession. You need to show your overriding love for the profession and for helping people.
9. Make sure you have a clear explanation as to why you want to apply to that particular school (good school, good program, do your research!!!!)
10. It does not hurt your chances of being accepted to apply to other schools. It shows you want to become a pharmacist, even if you don't get in to your favorite school (the one you are interviewing with,of course).

Prospective Pharmacy Students Application Checklist

Here are some things of top priority that should be done soon, if you haven't done them already:

- Register your application online at www.pharmcas.com
**(Note: Florida schools participating in PharmCAS include [Nova Southeastern](#), [University of FL](#), [Palm Beach Atlantic](#), and [Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine-Bradenton Campus](#) (Tampa). [FAMU](#) requires that you go to their website to submit an application.)
- IMPORTANT!:** Regarding schools (NSU, UF, PBA) that participate in PharmCAS: Double check on those Pharmacy Schools' websites to see if they require a supplemental application. If so, plan to submit that also.
- Check to make sure you have met, or plan on meeting, requirements for desired pharmacy schools
- Get at least three (3) letters of reference (A Pharmacist's letter is highly recommended! And the remainder should be from science professors.)
- Sign up for the PCAT as soon as possible:
 1. Register at www.pcatweb.info
 2. Pick desired test time and location
- Register for Dr. Collins's PCAT Prep Class if interested:
 1. Go www.pcatprepclass.com
 2. Send check/money order
- Compose your personal essay. Have others read it and make sure to **carefully revise**.
**(PharmCAS Topic: Tell why you selected pharmacy as a career and how the Doctor of Pharmacy degree relates to your immediate and long-term professional goals. Describe how your personal, educational, and professional background will help you achieve your goals.)
- Send transcripts to PharmCAS (or directly to designated pharmacy school if that school does *not* participate in PharmCAS)