Pre-Pharmacy

Degree Offered

- Associate of Arts

Nature of the Program

The associate of arts in pre-pharmacy program fulfills the course requirements necessary for admittance to the Pharm D program at West Virginia University School of Pharmacy. Admission is competitive, and preference is given to qualified West Virginians, although outstanding nonresident applicants are considered. Students planning to apply to a pharmacy program at another institution should determine the admission requirements and transfer equivalencies for the courses offered at Potomac State College of WVU and that institution.

Pre-Pharmacy students should (1) complete the Pharmacy College Admissions Test (PCAT) in the fall of their sophomore year, and (2) apply for admission to the WVU School of Pharmacy via PharmCAS as early as possible after January 1 of their sophomore year. Consult the WVU Health Sciences Center Catalog for further information.

The pre-pharmacy program provides the foundation in biology, chemistry, and math required for admission into and success in the Pharm D program.

Career Opportunities

Pharmacists fill prescriptions, instruct patients on safe use of prescriptions, conduct health and wellness screenings, monitor drug interactions, provide immunizations and perform other duties at retail pharmacies, hospital pharmacies and at home health care facilities.

FACULTY

CHAIR

- Vicki Huffman - Ph.D. Biomedical Science

General Education Foundations

Please use this link to view a list of courses that meet each GEF requirement. (http://registrar.wvu.edu/gef)

NOTE: Some major requirements will fulfill specific GEF requirements. Please see the curriculum requirements listed below for details on which GEFs you will need to select.

General Education Foundations

F1 - Composition & Rhetoric 3-6

- ENGL 101 & ENGL 102 or ENGL 103
  - Introduction to Composition and Rhetoric
  - and Composition, Rhetoric, and Research
  - Accelerated Academic Writing

F2A/F2B - Science & Technology 4-6

F3 - Math & Quantitative Reasoning 3-4

F4 - Society & Connections 3

F5 - Human Inquiry & the Past 3

F6 - The Arts & Creativity 3

F7 - Global Studies & Diversity 3

F8 - Focus (may be satisfied by completion of a minor, double major, or dual degree) 9

Total Hours 31-37

Please note that not all of the GEF courses are offered at all campuses. Students should consult with their advisor or academic department regarding the GEF course offerings available at their campus.

Curriculum Requirements

GEF Elective Requirements (5, 6, or 7) 6

- ENGL 101 & ENGL 102
  - Introduction to Composition and Rhetoric
  - and Composition, Rhetoric, and Research (GEF 1)

- MATH 150
  - Applied Calculus (or higher - GEF 3)

- STAT 211
  - Elementary Statistical Inference
BIOL 115  Principles of Biology  4  
& BIOL 116  and Principles of Biology Laboratory (GEF 2)  
MICB 200  Medical Microbiology  3  
BIOL 117  Introductory Physiology  4  
& BIOL 118  and Introductory Physiology Laboratory (GEF 8)  
BIOL 216  Biochemistry for Pre-Pharmacy  3  
CHEM 115  Fundamentals of Chemistry  4  
& 115L  and Fundamentals of Chemistry 1 - Laboratory (GEF 8)  
CHEM 116  Fundamentals of Chemistry  4  
& 116L  and Fundamentals of Chemistry 2 - Laboratory  
CHEM 233  Organic Chemistry  4  
& CHEM 235  and Organic Chemistry Laboratory  
CHEM 234  Organic Chemistry  4  
& CHEM 236  and Organic Chemistry Laboratory  
CSAD 270  Effective Public Speaking (GEF 4)  3  
ECON 201  Principles of Microeconomics  3  
PSIO 241  Elementary Physiology  4  
WVUE 191  First Year Seminar  1  
Elective  1  

Total Hours  60

Suggested Plan of Study

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Total credit hours: 60

Major Learning Outcomes

PRE-PHARMACY

Upon completion of the associates in pre-pharmacy program, students will be able to:

1. Apply the scientific method to solving problem by formulating a hypothesis, design effective laboratory experiments, perform laboratory experiments, collect and analyze data statistically and graphically, interpret data, arrive at a conclusion, and report their results utilizing scientific writing.
2. Describe the relationship between the structure and function of cells and investigate cellular properties through various laboratory techniques.
3. Use chemical principles and laboratory techniques to describe and analyze the chemical structure and reactivity of organic molecules.
4. Use mathematical concepts to solve problems.
5. Apply for admission into the Pharm D program at the WVU School of Pharmacy or equivalent program.