

# School of Pharmacy

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## Degree Offered

- Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD)

## Introduction

The mission of the West Virginia University (WVU) School of Pharmacy is to improve the health of West Virginians and our global community by developing exemplary pharmacists and scientists; conducting meaningful research; and advancing pharmacy practice.

Pharmacy was first offered at West Virginia University as a department in the School of Medicine in 1914. The College of Pharmacy emerged as a separate entity in 1936 and became the School of Pharmacy in 1958. In 1960, the School of Pharmacy changed from a four-year to a five-year program and in 1998 to a six-year program. The doctor of pharmacy (PharmD) program comprises four years of professional study preceded by a minimum of two years of pre-pharmacy study at an accredited U.S. or foreign college/university of arts and sciences.

Many pharmacy graduates enter practice in community or institutional pharmacies; postgraduate pharmacy residency programs offer the opportunity for additional training and experience in general pharmacy practice and in several areas of specialty practice. Additionally, positions are available in various government agencies, the pharmaceutical industry, long-term care, nuclear pharmacy, home health-care organizations and numerous other areas. Pharmacists are eligible for commissions in the armed forces and the U.S. Public Health Service. Furthermore, pharmacists may prepare for careers in teaching and research.

The WVU School of Pharmacy also offers two PhD programs in Pharmaceutical and Pharmacological Sciences and Health Services and Outcomes Research.

## Accreditation

The School of Pharmacy is fully accredited by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education, the national agency for the accreditation of professional degree programs in pharmacy. The Council is composed of members from the American Pharmacists Association, the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy, the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy, and the American Council on Education.

The School of Pharmacy holds membership in the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy whose mission is to lead and partner with member institutions in advancing pharmacy education, research, scholarship, practice, and service to improve societal health.

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## ADMINISTRATION

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