

PATHWAYS TO PHARMACY



CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY
WISCONSIN & ANN ARBOR

OUR MISSION

The School of Pharmacy is committed to the development of pharmacists who are servant leaders, dedicated to providing value-based, patient-centered care that improves the health of our communities in rural and urban areas through excellence in teaching, research, service, and practice.

OUR PROGRAM

At Concordia, you will acquire your initial pharmacy knowledge through courses and hands-on learning experiences from leading pharmacists and scientists. Pharmacy practice experiences in healthcare settings will enhance your technical skills and develop patient-care skills. With a strong focus on patients, our pharmacy program prepares you to serve all individuals with care and compassion. Earn your Doctor of Pharmacy in four years with a balanced commitment to academics and summers off to refresh and renew. Our small size provides more personalized attention from faculty and staff as you work to become a patient-centered pharmacist.

OUR UNIVERSITY

Concordia University Wisconsin and Ann Arbor is a Lutheran higher education community committed to helping students develop in mind, body, and spirit for service to Christ in the Church and the world. This mission is what drives us every day, and we aim to uphold it in every class, residence hall, and chapel service.



WHY PHARMACY

It is purpose-driven work that provides you with the opportunity to help and do more for individuals and communities. The field of pharmacy continues to expand as healthcare advances and more treatment options are discovered and made accessible. We will provide you with opportunities to experience various pharmacy specializations. You will have the opportunity to discover the pharmacist career path that best fits your interests, your skills, and your vocation in the field.

POTENTIAL CAREER PATHS INCLUDE:

- Ambulatory Care
- Cardiology
- Community
- Critical Care
- Drug Information
- Emergency Medicine
- Endocrinology
- Infectious Disease
- Long-term Care
- Managed Care
- Mental Health
- Nuclear Pharmacy
- Oncology
- Pain Management
- Pharmaceutical Research
- Pharmacogenomics
- Public Health and Public Policy
- Transplant Medicine



PRE-PHARMACY COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Biology + Labs	8 Credits
General Chemistry + Labs	8 Credits
Organic Chemistry + Lab	8 Credits
General Physics I (with or without lab)	3-4 Credits
Advanced Science Elective Course(s)*	4-5 Credits
Calculus	3 Credits
Statistics	3 Credits
English Composition	3 Credits
Interpersonal Communications/Public Speaking	3 Credits
General Education Electives	12 Credits
Total Credits	56 Credits

*Examples of an Advanced Science Elective include: Physics II, Physiology, Anatomy, Anatomy & Physiology, Microbiology, Biochemistry, Cell Biology, Molecular Biology, Genetics, or other advanced science courses.

HIGH SCHOOL PATHWAY EARLY ASSURANCE (EA)

Early Assurance (EA) is the most direct pathway into the School of Pharmacy at Concordia University Wisconsin. High school seniors who plan to attend and complete their pre-pharmacy courses at Concordia University Wisconsin or Ann Arbor are eligible for the Early Assurance Pathway. As an Early Assurance student, you will receive a PharmD from Concordia University Wisconsin as you progress positively through both the pre-pharmacy coursework and the pharmacy graduate program.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- A minimum high school GPA of 3.20 (4.00)
- Acceptance to Concordia University Wisconsin or Ann Arbor

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

- Complete and submit the EA Pathway application during your senior year of high school
 - Submit application by April 1st to ensure full consideration for the following academic year
- Submit two letters of reference
- Interview with Concordia University Wisconsin, as invited

APPLICATION PROCESS

Apply to the EA pathway directly through the pharmacy school utilizing an EA application during your senior year of high school. The Office of Recruitment and Admissions in the pharmacy school will provide assistance through the application process and help you build a competitive application.

A student's EA application is reviewed by the pharmacy admissions team. If you are chosen as an EA candidate, the next step is to interview with the pharmacy faculty. Upon acceptance into the EA program, you are guaranteed a seat within our pharmacy program when you are ready to matriculate into your doctor of pharmacy studies.

To maintain eligibility in the EA program, you are required to maintain a 3.00 cumulative GPA and a C- or better in all pre-pharmacy courses taken prior to transitioning into pharmacy school. Advanced Placement (AP) and high school dual credit courses will be considered to satisfy pre-pharmacy coursework.

ADDITIONAL BENEFITS FOR EARLY ASSURANCE STUDENTS

EA students have additional benefits beyond the assurance of security in their position as a pharmacy student and flexibility of their pathway to pharmacy.

- Choose your path to progress into the PharmD program following multiple collegiate pathways
- Free Fee waiver for the PharmCAS application
- Dedicated coaching through the PharmCAS application (This application is completed during the transition from undergraduate programs to the pharmacy graduate program.)
- Access to a pharmacy school admissions counselor to ensure you are meeting the EA progression requirements and to help develop pharmacy career interests
- Dedicated pharmacy faculty mentorship
- Networking opportunities with other EA students, current pharmacy students, pharmacy faculty, and current pharmacy practitioners
- Eligibility to join the Pre-Pharmacy club and other pharmacy student organizations
- Invitation to all pharmacy on-campus and virtual learning and networking opportunities
- Access to the pharmacy school's online school store

Students who are accepted into the EA program do not have any financial responsibility to continue on to the School of Pharmacy. If a student decides to withdraw from the program, they are free to do so at any time after a discussion with the Director of Admissions for the School of Pharmacy.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:
CUW.EDU/SOP-EARLY-ASSURANCE**

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COLLEGIATE PATHWAYS

FAST-TRACK PATHWAY

Fast-Track is the quickest pathway to earn your PharmD degree at Concordia University Wisconsin School of Pharmacy. You will begin graduate pharmacy studies immediately after completing your pre-pharmacy coursework. Pre-pharmacy coursework at Concordia consists of 56 credits (see pre-pharmacy coursework list) and can be completed in two years of undergraduate study. In this pathway, you can apply for admission to the PharmD program during your sophomore (second year) of undergraduate studies. As a Fast-Track student, you will not earn your bachelor's degree prior to entering the pharmacy graduate program.

DUAL DEGREE PATHWAY

In this pathway, you will be eligible to earn both your bachelor's degree and your PharmD in as little as seven years. Attend an institution that Concordia has a Dual Degree partnership with and you can utilize your first year of pharmacy graduate study at Concordia University Wisconsin as your senior year of undergraduate study from your undergraduate institution. The eligible Dual Degrees are determined by the undergraduate institution.

As a Dual Degree student, you will take the required pre-pharmacy courses (56 credits) along with the required courses for your selected major over the course of three years at the affiliated undergraduate institution. You will then apply to Concordia's pharmacy school during your junior (third) year, and if accepted, you will finish your bachelor's degree studies during your first year of pharmacy school.

**LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR PARTNERSHIPS:
CUW.EDU/SOP-PARTNERSHIPS**

DUAL DEGREE PATHWAY AT CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY WISCONSIN

Concordia University Wisconsin offers two different options for the Dual Degree pathway: a Bachelor of Science in Pharmaceutical Sciences (BSPS) or a Bachelor of Science in Public Health (BSPH). Concordia Ann Arbor offers one option for the Dual Degree pathway: a Bachelor of Science in Pharmaceutical Sciences (BSPS). These Dual Degree pathways are designed for you to complete your BSPS or BSPH during your first year in pharmacy school. This allows you to earn your bachelor's degree and PharmD in seven years.

In this path, you will take the required pre-pharmacy courses (56 credits) over three years of undergraduate study at Concordia University Wisconsin or Ann Arbor and apply for admission to the PharmD program during your junior (third) year.

Students who are on track to successfully complete the BSPS degree requirements may be eligible for the BSPS/P1 Academic Merit Scholarship. This scholarship money would be applied to your first year of pharmacy school (P1).

You are required to take Concordia Core courses to graduate from Concordia University. You have the option to take these core courses during your undergraduate studies or while in the pharmacy graduate program.

ADDITIONAL BENEFITS FOR CONCORDIA DUAL DEGREE STUDENTS:

- Dedicated coaching through the PharmCAS application (This application is completed during the transition from undergraduate programs to the pharmacy graduate program.)
 - Access to a pharmacy school admissions counselor to ensure you are meeting progression requirements and to help develop pharmacy career interests
 - Dedicated pharmacy faculty mentorship
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TRADITIONAL BACHELOR'S DEGREE PATHWAY

You may be a student who has a strong desire to finish your bachelor's degree independently from your PharmD. On this path, you most often choose a major in biology, biomedical sciences, or chemistry, however, any undergraduate study is acceptable for application to the pharmacy program.

You will take the required pre-pharmacy courses (56 credits) along with the required courses for your selected major over the course of four years at your undergraduate institution. Apply for admission to the PharmD program during your senior (fourth) year at your undergraduate institution.

HOW TO APPLY

Go to pharmacas.org and submit your application. Concordia does not require a supplemental application.



PHARMACY ADMISSIONS

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