

Frequently Asked Questions about the Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) Degree

Q: Do I need a bachelor's degree to apply for the PharmD program at UM?

A: **No. Our program requires completion of the prerequisite courses, which typically takes two years.**

Q: What are your prerequisite requirements?

A: **Prerequisite courses are available on our website at <https://bit.ly/3K0qKF8>.**



Q: How do I get into the PharmD program at UM?

A: **Applicants will need to complete the two-years of prerequisite courses (at UM or other accredited college/university in the United States or Canada), complete 20 hours of observation in a pharmacy or other healthcare setting, and apply on PharmCAS. An interview is also required.**



Q: How long does it take to complete the PharmD program?

A: **Our PharmD is a 2+4 year program. Once prerequisite coursework is complete and you have been admitted, the PharmD program takes an additional four years. Generally, it takes six years to graduate with a PharmD degree.**

Q: What is the average starting salary for pharmacists after graduation?

A: **The average starting salary is about \$126,000/year. Salary varies by region and level of experience.**

Q: Do pharmacists only work in retail/community settings?

A: **No. In addition to retail settings, pharmacists also work in hospitals, clinics, information technology, drug information, academia, and many other career pathways. See 100+ Pharmacy Career Pathways at pharmacyforme.org.**

Q: What will my title be after graduation?

A: **You will be a Doctor of Pharmacy.**

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PharmD FAST FACTS

The Skaggs School of Pharmacy's Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) program is the only PharmD program in the state of Montana and is offered as a face-to-face, four-year professional degree on the University of Montana campus in beautiful Missoula, Montana. The School has a long tradition of high-quality education and clinical services, research and outreach, and dedication to keep education affordable and student-centered.

SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT AND TRAINING FOR SUCCESS

- Small class size: max 65 students
- Low student-to-faculty ratio: 7:1
- On-time (4-year) graduation rate for 2021 graduating class: 93%
- Innovative small group discussion and problem-solving sessions throughout P1-P3 years
- Clinical simulations and interprofessional learning experiences throughout P1-P4 years
- Clinical and outreach experiences starting the very first semester
- 330 active pharmacy preceptors in diverse experiential sites
- Clinical rotations in rural and underserved areas including Indian Health Services and Tribal sites in Montana
- Extensive dual degree offerings: PharmD/MPH, PharmD/MBA and PharmD/MS in Pharmaceutical Sciences and Drug Design

INVESTMENT IN YOUR FUTURE

- One of the most affordable PharmD programs in the U.S. with one of the lowest debt-to-income ratios
 - ✓ 2021-2022 in-state tuition and fees: \$14,406
 - ✓ 2021-2022 out-of-state tuition and fees: \$35,390
 - ✓ Out-of-State Tuition Academic Merit Award (up to \$15,000/year) is offered to academically strong non-resident students, significantly lowering out-of-pocket cost of tuition and fees to as low as \$20,390 per year
- 2021 awarded scholarships: \$216,000

POST-GRADUATION SUCCESS

- 2021 graduating class residency match rate: 88%
- 2020 graduating class job placement: 95%
 - ✓ 69% in pharmacy settings
 - ✓ 26% post-graduate pharmacy residencies and fellowships