

# Early Assurance

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## About the Early Assurance Program

Founded in 1881, the pharmacy program at MUSC has a rich history of contribution as a leader in pharmacy education and practice, research and discovery, and community stewardship.

The MUSC College of Pharmacy provides a premier pharmacy education by uniting nationally-recognized faculty and high-achieving students with the innovative interprofessional learning opportunities offered at the state's only academic medical center; we are committed to recruiting the kind of people with the intellectual curiosity and passionate drive to develop and shape the future of health care.

This commitment is the impetus for the creation of the College's Early Assurance Program.

The MUSC College of Pharmacy's Early Assurance Program is a competitive admission program designed for exceptional high school seniors with a desire to pursue a health care career in pharmacy through an accelerated pathway.

Early Assurance Program students earn conditional acceptance to the MUSC Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.) program after the successful completion of college-level prerequisite courses at any accredited college or university, and maintenance of certain academic criteria.

As one of the only College of Pharmacy Early Assurance Programs located at an academic medical center, the program is a unique and innovative opportunity for high school graduates to accelerate their education, reduce debt, and jumpstart success in their health care careers.



The Medical University of South Carolina College of Pharmacy's Early Assurance Program is a competitive program intended to grant highly qualified high school seniors conditional admission to the MUSC Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.) program after the successful completion of college-level prerequisite courses and maintenance of certain academic criteria.



## Frequently Asked Questions

### Who should apply?

High School Seniors with a passion for pursuing a health care career in pharmacy are encouraged to apply; students must meet the following requirements for consideration:

- Have a 3.2 or higher unweighted GPA at the end of the fall semester of their senior year
- Achieve a score of 26 on the ACT or 1250 on the SAT \*test scores optional for the 2022-2023 cycle
- By the end of their spring semester, achieve admittance to an accredited undergraduate program of their choice
- Commit to pursuing a career in pharmacy by taking the most demanding science and math courses available

### Why apply?

As one of the only College of Pharmacy Early Assurance Programs located on an academic medical center there are many benefits for candidates accepted into the program:

- Acceptance into the MUSC College of Pharmacy Pharm.D. program upon completion of all maintenance requirements/conditional acceptance expectations
- Study prerequisites at any accredited college or university of your choice
- Special networking and mentorship opportunities with College of Pharmacy faculty, students and alumni
- Ability to use LIFE and Palmetto Fellows scholarships for the Pharm.D. program \*South Carolina residents
- Early access to career mentors throughout the state and southeast
- Participation in PREP+ summer program
- Reduced Pharm.D. seat fee

### How to apply and what to expect:

High School Seniors who meet the minimum requirements should:

- Apply online through PharmDIRECT by May 1, 2023
- Submit three letters of recommendation through PharmDIRECT application
- Submit an essay on why you are pursuing pharmacy as a career through PharmDIRECT application
- Meet the MUSC College of Pharmacy Technical Standards
- Optional: submit qualifying ACT/SAT scores to MUSC Enrollment Management; ACT scores to school code 6440; SAT scores to school code 5407

The MUSC College of Pharmacy Admissions office will review and evaluate applications on a rolling basis. Qualified applicants will receive a phone call and/or email after submitting their application with information regarding the next steps in the application process.

High school seniors who are not admitted to the Medical University of South Carolina College of Pharmacy's Early Assurance Program are eligible to apply to the Pharm.D. program through the standard Pharm.D. application.



### Acceptance:

Upon acceptance into the Medical University of South Carolina College of Pharmacy's Early Assurance Program and graduation from high school, students may complete the prerequisite requirements at any accredited undergraduate program of their choice and must:

- Successfully complete all prerequisite requirements in two (2) academic years\* with a GPA of 3.2 or higher
- Successfully attend the MUSC College of Pharmacy PREP+ program the summer following the first year of college
- Work/shadow a minimum of 20 hours in pharmacy or complete the Pharmacy Career Pathways Certificate Program
- Submit a PharmCAS application by October 1 during the fall semester of their sophomore year
- Successfully interview with the College in the fall semester prior to starting the Pharm.D. program
- Successfully pass the required background check
- Satisfy the MUSC College of Pharmacy established technical standards for the admission, progression and graduation of the Pharm.D. Program

\*exceptions may be considered on a case-by-case basis for exceptional circumstances

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## THE MEDICAL UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Founded in 1824 in Charleston, MUSC is home to the oldest medical school in the South as well as the state's only integrated academic health sciences center, with a unique charge to serve the state through education, research and patient care. Each year, MUSC educates and trains more than 3,000 students and 850 residents and fellows in six colleges: Dental Medicine, Graduate Studies, Health Professions, Medicine, Nursing and Pharmacy. With \$298 million in research funding in fiscal year 2022, the collaboration between faculty, staff, students, and our partners accelerates the movement of scientific discoveries that improve lives.

As the clinical health system of the Medical University of South Carolina, MUSC Health is dedicated to delivering the highest quality and safe patient care while training generations of compassionate, competent health care providers to serve the people of South Carolina and beyond. Close to 25,000 care team members provide care for patients at 14 hospitals with approximately 2,500 beds and 5 additional hospital locations in development, more than 300 telehealth sites and nearly 750 care locations situated in the Lowcountry, Midlands, Pee Dee and Upstate regions of South Carolina. In 2022, for the eighth consecutive year, U.S. News & World Report named MUSC Health the No. 1 hospital in South Carolina.

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