



# Your Fast Track to Becoming a Pharmacist

## Together, We'll Build Your Future

### Loyola University Chicago Chicago, IL

Two dynamic universities have joined forces to offer you an opportunity to be accepted into pharmacy school directly out of high school or in your first year at Loyola University Chicago (LUC).

### The Dual Acceptance Program

(DAP) allows you to complete prerequisite courses during two years at LUC, then transition into Northwestern University's College of Pharmacy (NWU COP) to begin a professional three-year Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.) program.



College of Pharmacy  
Downers Grove, IL  
Glendale, AZ

Midwestern University and Loyola University Chicago are Equal Opportunity Educators/Employers.

### Enrollment Options & Eligibility

You may enroll in one of two tracks:

**Track 1:** For seniors in high school.

#### Eligibility:

- Have a weighted cumulative GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale
- Submit the following by **November 1<sup>st</sup>** (early application) or **February 15<sup>th</sup>** to MWU :
  - Completed application
  - Official high school transcript
- Participate in an Interview Day, when invited to do so
- Upon acceptance: Complete all prerequisite coursework (listed on next page) at LUC within two years.\*

**Track 2:** For first-year students at Loyola University Chicago.

#### Eligibility:

- In good standing at LUC
- Completing your first year of full-time coursework at LUC
- Have a minimum GPA of 3.0, and a at least a C in each course.
- Submit the following by **June 6<sup>th</sup>** to MWU:
  - Completed application
  - LUC transcripts upon completion of the spring semester
- Participate in an Interview Day, when invited to do so
- Upon acceptance: Complete all prerequisite coursework (listed on next page) at LUC within two years of program acceptance.\*

\* Please note: Each new class of pharmacy students at MWU COP begins the Pharm.D. program in early June only. Mid-year enrollments are not available at MWU.

### Application

The free application and instructions are available at [www.midwestern.edu/DAP](http://www.midwestern.edu/DAP).

### Program Benefits

- Program interview completed during the initial admissions process, so you can focus on your prerequisite courses.
- Letters of Recommendation are not required.
- Early decision of conditional Pharm.D. program acceptance granted.
- Clear roadmap of pre-pharmacy courses to complete.
- Attendance at Northwestern University College of Pharmacy, where you will become a compassionate pharmacist who practices patient-centered care.
- Partnership with a pharmacy faculty mentor, who is committed to helping you succeed.

*For more information about this program, please contact:*

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## Midwestern University College of Pharmacy

Founded in 1991, the College of Pharmacy, offers the Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.) degree on each of its two campuses: Downers Grove, IL and Glendale, AZ. You may choose to attend either campus. Our **three-year curriculum** emphasizes patient-centered care, communications, clinical skills, and uses group learning approaches to foster the team-oriented healthcare environment seen in current practice.

The College of Pharmacy is part of Midwestern University, founded in 1900 as an academic community that is committed to the health sciences. Professional programs include osteopathic medicine, dental medicine, veterinary medicine, optometry, physical therapy, and many more.

## Program Requirements and Prerequisite Courses

To retain your admission into MWU COP, you must successfully complete the following DAP requirements:

- All pre-pharmacy courses must be completed at Loyola University Chicago within two years (Track 2: within two years of program acceptance).
- A minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 must be achieved at the end of the summer term after the first full year of prerequisite coursework at LUC. At that time, you will then submit your transcripts to MWU via PharmCAS for a progress check.
- You must earn a minimum grade of "C" in all required courses.
- You may repeat one course one time for a higher grade. Both attempts will be included in the cumulative GPA calculation.

As you progress through your prerequisite coursework, you will meet periodically with your Loyola University Chicago advisor. We will also stay in contact with you. And then in the fall prior to your transition to MWU COP, our MWU Admissions Office will reach out to you to request an official Loyola University Chicago transcript via a free abbreviated PharmCAS application. We will provide you with complete instructions at that time.

## Did You Know? Pharmacists today ...

- Are at the **forefront** of healthcare and its innovations
- Can pursue **specialty practice areas**, such as pediatrics, cardiology, oncology, or emergency medicine
- Practice in a **variety of settings** including hospitals, clinics, corporate offices, etc.
- Earn an average annual **salary of \$128,000**, per the Bureau of Labor Statistics
- Are **medication experts** on healthcare teams
- Merge science, patient care, technology, business, and math skills
- Are one of the most **highly trusted** professionals
- Have good communication, teamwork, and leadership skills
- Are in demand with job security



## Prerequisite Loyola University Chicago Course Requirements

Students must successfully complete the following courses listed below:

MWU COP Prerequisites	Minimum Sem. Hrs.	Loyola University Chicago Courses	Sem. Hrs.
English Composition	6	UCWR 110 University College Writing Seminar	3
		UCLR 100 Interpreting Literature	3
Speech (Public Speaking)	3	COMM 101 Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3
Biology, with Labs	8	BIOL 101 + BIOL 111 General Biology I, with Lab	4
		BIOL 102 + BIOL 112 General Biology II, with Lab	4
Anatomy	3	BIOL 242 Human Structure and Function I	4
General Chemistry I and II, with Labs	8	CHEM 160 + 161 Chemical Structure & Properties, with Lab	4
		CHEM 180 + 181 Chemical Reactivity I, with Lab	4
Organic Chemistry I and II, with Labs	8	CHEM 240 + 241 Chemical Reactivity II, with Lab	4
		CHEM 260 + 261 Quantitative Methods in Chemistry, with Lab	4
Physics	3	PHYS 111 College Physics I, OR PHYS 125 (4 credits)	3
Calculus	3	MATH 131 Applied Calculus I, OR MATH 161 Calculus I (4 credits)	3
Economics	3	ECON 201 Principles of Macroeconomics, OR	3
		ECON 202 Principles of Microeconomics	
Statistics	3	STAT 103 Fundamentals of Statistics, OR PSYCH 304, OR STAT 335	3
Social/Behavioral Science	6	Any two courses within the areas of cultural knowledge, psychology, sociology, anthropology, and/or political science.	6
General Education Electives	8	One Philosophy Knowledge Area Course	3
		One Historical Knowledge Area Course	3
		One Theological and Religious Knowledge Area Course	3

Placement exams may be required for some courses, so you may need to take additional hours to complete the courses listed above. To complete the program within the two-year timeframe, summer courses may be necessary. This list is subject to change. Please consult your DAP advisor at LUC for any updates.