

# Doctor of Pharmacy Application Checklist

Admission to the Doctor of Pharmacy program is competitive, and all applications are considered based on merit. We use the PharmCAS system to process our applications.

## PharmCAS Application Process

- PharmCAS Application at [pharmcas.org](http://pharmcas.org)
- Academic Reference: This should be completed by a college math or science professor who has taught you in class. If your school provides recommendations by committee, this is preferred.
- Nonacademic Reference: A pharmacist is preferred, but this may be from anyone who has supervised you in a work setting. Letters from family members will not be accepted.
- PCAT Score: Official scores must be sent directly to PharmCAS (PCAT score code: 104). Do not have scores sent to McWhorter School of Pharmacy or Samford University. Go to [pcatweb.info](http://pcatweb.info) for registration information.
- Academic Update: At the end of the fall term, go to your online application at [pharmcas.org](http://pharmcas.org) and update your profile with your new fall grades. Once you have updated your online profile, click the e-submit button to send your new fall grades to PharmCAS for verification. You also must request that an updated copy of your official transcript, with fall grades posted, be sent directly to PharmCAS. Please print and use the PharmCAS transcript request form.
- Supplemental information will be included on the PharmCAS program specific "Questions" area for Samford University McWhorter School of Pharmacy.
- An unofficial copy of an ACT or SAT score should be updated to the "Documents" section of the PharmCAS application for Samford University McWhorter School of Pharmacy.
- If you have a National Pharmacy Technician Certification (PTCB), you may also upload a copy of your license to the "Documents" section of the PharmCAS application for Samford University McWhorter School of Pharmacy.
- Reapplication Process Information: Individuals reapplying to McWhorter School of Pharmacy must complete a new PharmCAS application. Applicants must resubmit PCAT scores to PharmCAS. Applicants may replace either or both the academic or nonacademic recommendation but applicants will be required to replace at least one of them.

**Important:** PharmCAS matches PCAT scores to applications based on the PCAT CID. Enter the PCAT CID on the PharmCAS application. This number appears on the PCAT registration confirmation, admission ticket and personal score report. If the PCAT CID is missing, PharmCAS cannot match or forward the PCAT score. Applicants who do not report a PCAT CID must contact PharmCAS at 617-612-2050 or [info@pharmcas.org](mailto:info@pharmcas.org).

- Transcripts: An official transcript must be sent to PharmCAS from each school you have attended. Please print and use the PharmCAS transcript request form.



### Admission Requirements

With the understanding that an applicant must have a GPA of at least 2.0 overall and in the math/science prerequisites to be considered, the applicant can be invited for an interview if any one of the following three criteria is met:

1. Overall GPA greater than or equal to 2.75 and McWhorter School of Pharmacy math/science prerequisite GPA greater than or equal to 2.75
2. PCAT composite score greater than or equal to the 60th percentile
3. GPA of most recent 30 credit hours greater than or equal to 3.20

The applicant must have completed or currently be enrolled in Organic Chemistry 1 during the fall semester to be eligible to be interviewed.

Final admission decisions are based on a combination of application review scores and interview scores.

### Prerequisite Course Guide

COURSE	CREDITS	TOTAL CREDITS REQUIRED
<b>Humanities</b>		<b>9</b>
English Composition	6	
English or American Literature	3	
<b>Natural and Applied Sciences</b>		<b>35</b>
Calculus I	4	
Human Anatomy and Physiology	8	
Microbiology	4	
General Chemistry	8	
Organic Chemistry	8	
Elementary Statistics (Math or Biology Based)	3	
<b>Social Sciences</b>		<b>6-9</b>
Public Speaking	3	
World History (3) or Western Civilization (3) or U.S. History (6)	3 or 6	
<b>Liberal Arts</b>		<b>12</b>
Sociology or Psychology	3	
Other Liberal Arts*	9	
<b>Physical Activity</b>		<b>2</b>
Two Physical Activity Courses or One Lifetime Fitness/Wellness Course	2	

\*The remaining liberal arts credits may be chosen from political science, history, literature, foreign language, philosophy, psychology, sociology, geography, economics, religion, and either art, music or drama appreciation (no more than three credits may be in appreciation courses).

### Tuition and Fees for 2017-18

Tuition: \$18,513 per semester

Fees/Books/Supplies: \$2,000 (estimate)

More specific information is available at [samford.edu/pharmacy/tuition-and-fees](http://samford.edu/pharmacy/tuition-and-fees).



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