

2025-2026 McWhorter School of Pharmacy Academic Calendar*

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School Specific Dates / Events for All Students		
Month	Day	Event
August	25	Didactic courses begin for P1-P3 students
September	1	Labor Day Holiday; no courses meet
	19	School Picnic
October	3	White Coat Ceremony. P1 attendance required
	13 – 17	SPRINT Week. P1- P3 attendance required all week.
	17	Dean's Distinguished Speaker Series (P1-P3 attendance required)
	18 - 21	ACCP Annual Meeting (Minneapolis, MN); pharmacy courses still meet
	18 - 21	NCPA Convention (New Orleans, LA); pharmacy courses still meet
	27 - 30	AMCP Nexus Meeting (National Harbor, MD); pharmacy courses still meet
November	24 - 25	Fall Break. No P1-P3 pharmacy courses meet; P4s still report to APPE site.
	26 - 28	Thanksgiving Holiday, no P1-P4 courses meet.
December	5	Last day for P1-P3 students' didactic courses.
	8 - 11	Final Examinations for P1-P3 students (Monday – Thursday)
	13	College of Health Sciences (CHS) Fall Graduates Commencement
January	12	Didactic courses begin for P1-P3 students
	16	State of School Address and Convocation plus Student Recognition program. P1-P3 attendance required. Morning event
	16	P3 Pinning Ceremony. P3 attendance required. Afternoon event.
	19	Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday; no pharmacy courses meet
	23	Rho Chi and Phi Lambda Sigma initiation
March	9 - 13	Spring Break for P1 & P2 students; no didactic courses meet
	27 - 30	APhA Convention (Los Angeles, CA); pharmacy courses still meet
April	6	Easter Monday Holiday; no courses meet
	13 - 16	AMCP meeting (Nashville, TN); pharmacy courses still meet.
	24	Last day for P1 & P2 students' didactic courses.
	27 - 30	Final examinations for P1 & P2 students (Monday – Thursday)
May	1 & 2	College of Health Sciences (CHS) Commencement
	7	P1, P2, and P3 Portfolios due

4th-Year Students Specific Dates / Events		
February	24, 2025	APPEs begin for Class of 2026
August	18 – 21	PACE course week. Required attendance on campus.
Sept – April	-	NAPLEX Preparation- selected modules due; see schedule posted in Canvas
October	17	PharmD Graduation application due to university.
November	6	ALSHP Residency Showcase (optional)
December	7 - 10	ASHP Midyear Meeting (Las Vegas, NV) (optional)
	11	Pharmacy Interview Day (on campus)
	18	Pre-NAPLEX e-exam #2 – last day to complete (opens Nov 24)
January	5, 2026	APPE block #9 start date.
February	6	Last day for APPEs
	16	P4 Portfolios due
March	16 - 20	PHAR 615 Platform presentations; see schedule for your specific presentation day
	TBD	PHAR 615 Poster presentations-afternoon (optional)
	23	Capstone didactic courses begin (5 weeks) Required attendance on campus.
April	30	Alabama Law Review/Preparation (optional).
May	1	Awards Ceremony (evening program). Attendance required. Tentative date
	2	Commencement (Samford Campus). Attendance required. Start time is 2:00pm

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3rd-Year Students Specific Dates / Events		
Month	Day	Event
August	25	SCOPE-2 exam starting at 8:00am
September	5 & 12	Interprofessional Education at UAB; Virtual session. See schedule for your day/time.
October	6 - 10	IPPE-3 in-pharmacy rotation. Attendance required. No didactic classes this week.
	22	Take individual picture for class composite (5-8 pm). Attendance required.
November	6	ALSHP Residency Showcase (optional); pharmacy courses still meet.
December	-	Complete on-line CPR training prior to on-site CPR training.
January	12	APPE orientation begins at 9:00am. Attendance required.
	13 - 15	Complete on-site CPR training (during your lab day)
	16	P3 Pinning Ceremony (time TBD). Attendance required (afternoon event).
	30	Substance Use Disorder Certification on-campus program. Attendance required.
February	6 & 13	Interprofessional Education at UAB; Virtual session. See schedule for your day/time.
	16 - 20	P3 SPRINT Week. P3 attendance required all week.
	23, 2026	First block of APPEs begins for Class of 2027

2nd-Year Students Specific Dates / Events		
August	25 - 29	DASH week. Required attendance all week.
	26	SCOPE-1 exam starting at 8:00am
August - December		Each Tuesday & Thursday at 10am is Convocation hour, starting Sept 2. P2 students need to complete convocation requirements (unless excused).
October	17	BS Pharmacy Studies graduation application due.
	20	IPE with CHS Nursing- "Friday night in the ER". Attendance required.
	27	IPE with CHS PA & PT students, Starts at 3:15pm. Reid Chapel. Attendance required.
February	23 - 27	P2 SPRINT Week. Attendance required all week.
April	10	PHAR 430 IPPE-II orientation (begins 3:00pm). Attendance required.
	13	APPE preferencing orientation (begins 3:00pm). Attendance required.
May	1	BS Pharmacy Studies Commencement (Samford campus). Attendance required.
May	4, 2026	P2s begin 3-week IPPE-2, first group (see specific schedule for student groups)
May	26, 2026	P2s begin 3-week IPPE-2, second group (see specific schedule for student groups)
June	22, 2026	P2s begin 3-week IPPE-2, third group (see specific schedule for student groups)
July	13, 2026	P2s begin 3-week IPPE-2, fourth group (see specific schedule for student groups)

1st-Year Students Specific Dates / Events		
July	12	P1 Welcome picnic
August	18 - 22	Orientation week for P1 students begins.
August	25 - 29	DASH week. Required attendance all week.
August	29	CHS IPE collaboration (8am to 10:30am). Attendance required.
August - December		Each Tuesday at 10am is Convocation hour, starting Sept 3. P1 students need to complete convocation requirements (unless excused).
	-	Complete on-line CPR training prior to on-site CPR training.
January	16	CHS IPE collaboration (8:00-9:05am). Attendance required.
	13 - 15	Complete on-site CPR training during your lab day (your specific time TBA)
	23	Joint Degree, Residency, Pharmacy Practice and Didactic Elective Showcase at 1pm. Attendance required.
February	23 - 27	P1 SPRINT Week. Attendance required all week.
	27	Immunization Certification training. Required attendance.
April	1	Alabama Pharmacy Association Legislative Day. Attendance required.
May	4, 2026	P1s begin 3-week IPPE-1 (Class of 2028); first group see schedule for group names
July	13, 2026	P1s begin 3-week IPPE-1 (Class of 2028); second group see schedule for names