

# A Career in Pharmacy

## The Dual Acceptance Program between Loyola University Chicago College of Arts and Sciences and Midwestern University Chicago College of Pharmacy

Two dynamic universities have joined forces to create an early admission program for students who would like to be accepted into pharmacy school directly out of high school. The Dual Acceptance Program permits students to complete their prerequisite requirements during two years at Loyola University Chicago, then matriculate into Midwestern University Chicago College of Pharmacy to begin a four-year Doctor of Pharmacy program.

### Eligible students must:

- Be accepted into Loyola's College of Arts and Sciences.
- Score in the top 20% on a college entrance examination (minimum ACT 25 or minimum SAT 1700). To be considered, applicants must also submit national test scores for ACT or SAT that include a writing component score.
- Earn a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.2 on a 4.0 scale. When reviewing academic criteria, the committee will pay special attention to performance in math and science coursework.
- Reflect a people/service orientation through community service or extracurricular activities.
- Reflect a motivation for and a commitment to the pharmacy profession as demonstrated by previous work, volunteer, or other life experiences.
- Possess the oral and written communication skills necessary to interact with patients and colleagues.
- Ensure that all Dual Acceptance Program application materials are received at the Loyola University Chicago Pre-Health Professions Advising Office by the application deadline of February 12, 2010.
- Be reviewed by the Chicago College of Pharmacy Admission Committee.
- Be approved for admission to the Dual Acceptance Program by the Chicago College of Pharmacy Admission Committee.

### Successful applicants will:

- Benefit from receiving an excellent education at Loyola University Chicago.
- Ensure their seat at the Chicago College of Pharmacy upon successful completion of the pre-pharmacy requirements.
- Not be required to take the Pharmacy College Admissions Test (PCAT).



Please see the back of this brochure for prerequisites and other requirements of this program. More information about Loyola University Chicago and Midwestern University is included below.

## LOYOLA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO

Founded in 1870 by the Society of Jesus (Jesuits), Loyola University Chicago is consistently ranked a top national university and best value by *U.S. News & World Report*, based on academic reputation, student selectivity, faculty, financial resources, graduation rate, and alumni satisfaction. Loyola continues to advance the 450-year-old Jesuit tradition of rigorous academic study firmly grounded in the liberal arts. At Loyola, you will develop your total self—intellectually, socially, physically, and spiritually. Loyola wants you to pursue your highest goals and reach your maximum potential in everything you do.

## MIDWESTERN UNIVERSITY CHICAGO COLLEGE OF PHARMACY

Founded in 1991, the Chicago College of Pharmacy (CCP) offers the Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) degree. Its successful curriculum emphasizes pharmaceutical care and patient communications, and uses a small-group learning approach to foster a team-oriented health-care environment of current practice. CCP alumni work in community pharmacies, hospital settings, educational institutions, pharmaceutical companies, and managed care organizations. All of the 2008 CCP graduates were offered full-time positions in rewarding and challenging practice environments with excellent salaries. CCP is part of Midwestern University, an academic community committed to the health sciences. The university's 105-acre campus features state-of-the-art facilities and is located 25 miles west of downtown Chicago in Downers Grove, Ill.



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## PREREQUISITES

Students must successfully complete the following courses:

Requirement	Loyola course	Credit hours
English Composition	University College Writing Seminar (UCWR 110)	3 credit hours
	One Literary Knowledge and Experience Area Course	3 credit hours
Public Speaking	Communication (CMUN) 101	3 credit hours
Biology (w/lab) <sup>1</sup>	Biology (BIOL) 101 and 111	4 credit hours
	BIOL 102 and 112	4 credit hours
Anatomy	BIOL 242	4 credit hours
General Chemistry (w/lab) <sup>2</sup>	Chemistry (CHEM) 101 and 111	4 credit hours
	CHEM 102 and 112	4 credit hours
	<b>or</b> CHEM 105 and 106	8 credit hours
Organic Chemistry (w/lab)	CHEM 223 and 225	4 credit hours
	CHEM 224 and 226	4 credit hours
	<b>or</b> CHEM 221 and 222	8 credit hours
Physics (w/lab) <sup>3</sup>	Physics (PHYS) 111 and 131	4 credit hours
	<b>or</b> PHYS 125	4 credit hours
Calculus <sup>2</sup>	Mathematics (MATH) 131 <b>or</b>	3 credit hours <b>or</b>
	MATH 161	4 credit hours
Economics <sup>4</sup>	Economics (ECON) 201 <b>or</b> 202	3 credit hours
Humanities Core	One Philosophical Knowledge Area Course	3 credit hours
	One Historical Knowledge Area Course	3 credit hours
	One Theological and Religious Studies Knowledge Area Course	3 credit hours
Statistics	Statistics (STAT) 103	3 or 4 credit hours
	Fundamentals of Statistics	
	Psychology (PSYC) 304 Statistics	
Two Societal and Cultural Knowledge Area Courses	STAT 335 Introduction to Biostatistics	6 credit hours
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>65–67 credit hours</b>

<sup>1</sup> Students earning Advanced Placement (AP) credit in biology must complete one of the following at Loyola: Cell Biology (BIOL 251), Ecology (BIOL 265), or Genetics (BIOL 282).

<sup>2</sup> Placement exams are required for chemistry and math. Therefore, students may be required to take additional hours if they are placed in a lower-level course. Some summer courses may be required to complete the program within the two-year timeframe.

<sup>3</sup> Students earning Advanced Placement (AP) credit in physics must complete the physics sequence at Loyola. The AP credit will not count as fulfilling the sequence for this program.

<sup>4</sup> Economics 201 or 202 may not simultaneously count toward the Economics Requirement and one of the two Societal and Cultural Knowledge Area course requirements.

Successful dual admission students will be ensured a seat at CCP upon successful completion of the dual admission program requirements at Loyola.

- All prerequisite courses must be completed at Loyola within two years.
- Students must earn a grade of “C” or higher in all required courses (grades of “C–” are not acceptable).
- A minimum overall GPA of a 3.2 must be achieved at the end of Spring Semester of the first and second pre-pharmacy year and at the end of all pre-pharmacy coursework.
- Students cannot repeat courses for a higher grade.
- An advisor from Loyola’s Office of Pre-Health Professions Advising monitors students’ progress every semester. The advisor alerts CCP of any student failing to meet the requirements. The Pre-Health office provides the Midwestern University admission office with transcripts for all students in the program on an annual basis. Students must receive the continued endorsement of Loyola’s Pre-Health Advising Program.
- Any student who fails to complete the program can reapply to CCP via the traditional route (i.e., complete a PharmCAS application, submit PCAT scores, attend a mandatory candidate visit, etc.).
- Once the Midwestern University Office of Admissions receives all completed Dual Acceptance Program application materials from the affiliate colleges, the applicant’s files will be reviewed to determine his or her competitiveness for an invitation to attend the Mandatory Candidate Visit. Standardized, group interviews of selected applicants will be conducted at the Mandatory Candidate Visit. Applicants will be evaluated on their verbal communication skills, understanding of the pharmacy profession, commitment to patient care, and other elements as determined by the faculty.

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