PROSPECTIVE STUDENT INFORMATION

Become a Pharmacist!

Pharmacists are consistently rated as one of the top "most trusted" professionals.1 In 2015, UT Tyler began offering the Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.) degree with the opening of the Ben and Maytee Fisch College of Pharmacy.

Students admitted to the UT Tyler Ben and Maytee Fisch College of Pharmacy will be a part of an exciting career and be a part of a brand new college of pharmacy!

Pharmacy students will:
- Be an active participant in the classroom using team-based learning.
- Experience the practice of pharmacy, beginning in the first semester of the program!
- Advocate for health promotion and disease prevention through patient education and health screenings.
- Provide safe and effective pharmacy care by combining drug therapy knowledge, pathophysiology, and respect for every patient.

The Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.) program

The UT Tyler Pharm.D. program requires students to complete a minimum of 2 years of pre-pharmacy coursework and 4 years of professional pharmacy coursework. Prospective students can apply for admission as early as the year before they plan to enter the program. The Pharm.D. program includes a mixture of classroom, laboratory, and experiential (i.e. practice-based) learning. After a student completes the Pharm.D. program, they are required to complete a national licensing exam (NAPLEX) and law exam to practice as a pharmacist.

Career Options for Pharmacists

There are multiple career options for pharmacists after graduation. An excellent resource for learning about different careers in pharmacy includes Pharmacy is Right for Me and the American Pharmacists Association Career Pathway Evaluation Program for Pharmacy.

Career Outlook for Pharm.D. Graduates

Nationally, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics2 predicts that the demand for pharmacists will increase 14% from 2012 to 2022; this is higher than the national average for other occupations (11%). In Texas, the Department of State Health Services3 evaluated the number of pharmacists per 100,000 people from 2002 to 2011. There were fewer pharmacists per capita in rural counties as compared to metropolitan counties. In 2011, for 12% of Texas counties there 0-1 pharmacists for every 100,000 people. Additionally, 41% of Texas counties had fewer pharmacists in 2011 as compared to 2002.

Additional Information:

Connect to the College of Pharmacy

Prospective students, family members, and current college students can learn about UT Tyler and the College of Pharmacy through our webpages and social media sites. Prospective students can also meet with the college’s Office of Student Affairs to learn more about pharmacy and the Pharm.D. program.

Additional information on the College of Pharmacy can be found at:
- Web Pages: uttyler.edu/pharmacy/
- Social Media:
  - Facebook facebook.com/UTTylerPharmacy
  - Twitter twitter.com/UTTylerPharmacy
  - Instagram instagram.com/UTTylerPharmacy

Our UT Tyler College of Pharmacy webpage allows everyone interested in the College of Pharmacy to receive regular updates including college of pharmacy and community events, student activities, faculty profiles, and the developing admissions process and curriculum.

Visit UT Tyler and the College of Pharmacy

UT Tyler hosts a Patriot Preview Day (Open House) each semester. Prospective students can interact with current pharmacy students, practitioners, faculty, and staff. Students will also learn how team-based learning (TBL) works and how TBL is used to deliver the curriculum and prepare students to become pharmacists.

Each spring, UT Tyler hosts the College Showcase Week. Each day of the week a specific UT Tyler college and...
degree programs are highlighted. Prospective students attending the College of Pharmacy-specific Showcase Day will meet with current pharmacy faculty and students and tour W.T. Brookshire Hall and the UT Tyler campus. Students will also meet with a UT Tyler Enrollment Management representative who can answer questions about UT Tyler, admissions, financial aid, and other resources on campus. Registration for College Showcase Week typically becomes available starting in November.

UT Tyler campus tours and individual College of Pharmacy admission advising appointments are available for prospective students and family members throughout the year. Appointments can be made by calling 903.565.5777 or emailing pharmacy@uttyler.edu.

### Academic Advising for Prospective Students

**All Students (UT Tyler and External Colleges)**

All students are invited to meet with the Ben and Maytee Fisch College of Pharmacy Office of Student Affairs to learn more about the college of pharmacy and admissions information. Appointments can be made by calling 903.565.5777 or by emailing pharmacy@uttyler.edu.

**UT Tyler Students**

The UT Tyler College of Arts and Sciences is the home for the pre-professional students including pre-pharmacy students. Students at UT Tyler may have more than one academic advisor based upon their career interests and majors.

- **UT Tyler Incoming Freshmen**: UT Tyler Students with 0-30 hours of college credit are usually assigned an academic advisor within the Academic Success Advising Center. Ms. Tonya Gaddis, is the academic advisor for pre-pharmacy incoming freshman.

- **UT Tyler Transfer Students**: Students entering UT Tyler with at least 30 hours of college credit are considered transfer students. Transfer students who are completing a degree program (such as chemistry, biology, biochemistry) are advised by the department offering the degree. Transfer students who are not seeking a specific degree are advised by Mr. Matthew Hallman in the Academic Success Advising Center.

- **UT Tyler Degree-Seeking Students OR Students with at least 60 hours of college credit**: Students interested in pharmacy who are also completing a degree program (such as chemistry or biology) are advised by the College of Arts and Sciences academic advisors, Dr. Michael Millet (903.566.7389), Ms. Stephanie Harding (903.566.7407), or Ms. Kimberlie Carroll (903.565.5927).

- **Students Interested in Multiple Health Professions Degree Programs**: Students deciding between pharmacy and other types of health profession degrees, such as dentistry, medicine, or occupational therapy can learn more about these careers by visiting the Pre-Professional Tracks webpage and from the Chief Health Professions Advisor, Dr. Neil Gray (903.566.7206).

- **Bachelor of Science in Health Studies Students**: Students in the Health Studies program who are also interested in Pharmacy should contact Ms. Leandra Phillips or Ms. Christina Balduf, the academic advisors for the Department of Health and Kinesiology.

To **identify yourself as a pre-pharmacy student** at UT Tyler, notify your UT Tyler advisor or the College of Pharmacy and ask for a pre-pharmacy “service indicator” to be placed at the top of your myUTTyler student center page. This service indicator will see this as a red star on the top of your profile. The service indicator is only to identify you as a pre-pharmacy student and does not affect your ability to register for classes.

### UT Tyler Pre-Pharmacy Opportunities

**Pre-Pharmacy Club**

UT Tyler undergraduate and graduate students wishing to explore the field of Pharmacy come and gather with other students sharing similar interests through the Pre-Pharmacy Club. The club allows students to meet new people, listen to current pharmacists, and learn more information related to applying to Pharmacy programs.

**Pre-Health and Wellness Professions Student Learning Community**

The UT Tyler Student Learning Communities (SLC) offers incoming first-time freshman the opportunity to join together and explore similar interest areas. The Pre-Health and Wellness Professionals Student Learning Community introduces students to various aspects and opportunities associated with careers in health professions (pre-dental, pre-med, pre-pharmacy, physical therapy, athletic training, occupational therapy, kinesiology) and sciences.

The SLC students will take courses together, including a Freshman Year Experience class, and routinely meet with UT Tyler Academic Success staff, faculty, and staff on topics ranging from contemporary issues in health care to enhancing study skills and tips on time management/stress reduction.