

PATHWAYS TO PHARMACY



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OUR MISSION

The School of Pharmacy is committed to developing pharmacists who are servant leaders through excellence in teaching, research, service, and practice. We are dedicated to educating pharmacists who provide value-based, patient-centered care that improves the health of communities in both rural and urban areas.

OUR PROGRAM

At Concordia, you will acquire your initial pharmacy knowledge through courses and hands-on learning experiences from leading pharmacists and scientists. Pharmacy practice experiences in healthcare settings will enhance your technical skills and develop patient-care skills. With a strong focus on patients, our pharmacy program prepares you to serve all individuals with care and compassion. Earn your Doctor of Pharmacy in four years with a balanced commitment to academics and summers off to refresh and renew. Our small size provides more personalized attention from faculty and staff as you work to become a patient-centered pharmacist.

OUR UNIVERSITY

Concordia University Wisconsin is a Lutheran higher education community committed to helping students develop in mind, body, and spirit for service to Christ in the Church and the world. This mission is what drives us every day, and we aim to uphold it in every class, residence hall, and chapel service.



WHY PHARMACY?

Are you interested in pharmacy but not sure of the difference you can make?

POTENTIAL CAREER PATHS INCLUDE BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO:

- Ambulatory Care
- Cardiology
- Community
- Critical Care
- Drug Information
- Emergency Medicine
- Endocrinology
- Infectious Disease
- Long-term Care
- Managed Care
- Mental Health
- Nuclear Pharmacy
- Oncology
- Pain Management
- Pharmaceutical Research
- Pharmacogenomics
- Public Health and Public Policy
- Transplant Medicine

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HIGH SCHOOL & FIRST YEAR POST-SECONDARY PATHWAY EARLY ASSURANCE (EA)

The Early Assurance Pathway is the most direct pathway into the School of Pharmacy at Concordia University Wisconsin. High school seniors and first-year post secondary students who plan to or are currently pursuing pre-pharmacy as a pre-professional program at their university or college are eligible for the Early Assurance Pathway. As an Early Assurance student, you will receive a PharmD from Concordia University Wisconsin as you progress positively through pre-pharmacy coursework and the pharmacy graduate program. Students who complete their pre-pharmacy coursework at Concordia University Wisconsin receive an additional \$1000 scholarship.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- A minimum high school or first year collegiate GPA of 3.0 (4.00)

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS & PROCESS

- Complete and submit the EA Pathway application during your senior year of high school or first year of post-secondary education. The application also includes two letters of reference
- A strong interest in and desire to become a pharmacist
- Interview with Concordia University Wisconsin, as invited
- Upon acceptance into the EA program, you are guaranteed a seat within our pharmacy program when you are ready to matriculate into your doctor of pharmacy studies.
- To maintain eligibility in the EA program, you must maintain a 3.00 cumulative GPA and a C- or better in all pre-pharmacy courses before transitioning into pharmacy school.
- Advanced Placement (AP) and high school dual credit courses will be considered to satisfy pre-pharmacy coursework

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:
CUW.EDU/SOP-EARLY-ASSURANCE**

ADDITIONAL BENEFITS FOR EARLY ASSURANCE STUDENTS

EA students have additional benefits beyond the assurance of security in their position as a pharmacy student and flexibility of their pathway to pharmacy.

- Choose your path to progress into the PharmD program following multiple collegiate pathways
- Free Fee waiver for the PharmCAS application
- Dedicated coaching through the PharmCAS application (This application is completed during the transition from undergraduate programs to the pharmacy graduate program.)
- Access to a pharmacy school admissions counselor to ensure you are meeting the EA progression requirements and to help develop pharmacy career interests
- Dedicated pharmacy faculty mentorship
- Networking opportunities with other EA students, current pharmacy students, pharmacy faculty, and current pharmacy practitioners
- Eligibility to join the Pre-Pharmacy club and other pharmacy student organizations
- Invitation to all pharmacy on-campus and virtual learning and networking opportunities
- Access to the pharmacy school's online school store

Students who are accepted into the EA program do not have any financial responsibility to continue on to the School of Pharmacy. If a student decides to withdraw from the program, they are free to do so at any time after a discussion with the Director of Admissions for the School of Pharmacy.

**APPLY FOR
EARLY ASSURANCE**



PRE-PHARMACY COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Biology + Labs	8 Credits
General Chemistry + Labs	8 Credits
Organic Chemistry + Lab	8 Credits
General Physics I (with or without lab)	3-4 Credits
Advanced Science Elective Course(s)*	4-5 Credits
Calculus	3 Credits
Statistics	3 Credits
English Composition	3 Credits
Interpersonal Communications/Public Speaking	3 Credits
General Education Electives	12 Credits
Total Credits	56 Credits

**Examples of an Advanced Science Elective include: Physics II, Physiology, Anatomy, Anatomy & Physiology, Microbiology, Biochemistry, Cell Biology, Molecular Biology, Genetics, or other advanced science courses.*

COLLEGIATE PATHWAYS

FAST-TRACK PATHWAY

Fast-Track is the quickest pathway to earn your PharmD degree at Concordia University Wisconsin School of Pharmacy. You will begin graduate pharmacy studies immediately after completing your pre-pharmacy coursework. Pre-pharmacy coursework at Concordia consists of 56 credits (see pre-pharmacy coursework list) and can be completed in two years of undergraduate study. In this pathway, you can apply for admission to the PharmD program during your sophomore (second year) of undergraduate studies. As a Fast-Track student, you will not earn your bachelor's degree prior to entering the pharmacy graduate program.

DUAL DEGREE PATHWAY

In this pathway, you will be eligible to earn both your bachelor's degree and your PharmD in as little as seven years. Attend an institution that Concordia has a Dual Degree partnership with and you can utilize your first year of pharmacy graduate study at Concordia University Wisconsin as your senior year of undergraduate study from your undergraduate institution. The eligible Dual Degrees are determined by the undergraduate institution.

As a Dual Degree student, you will take the required pre-pharmacy courses (56 credits) along with the required courses for your selected major over the course of three years at the affiliated undergraduate institution. You will then apply to Concordia's pharmacy school during your junior (third) year, and if accepted, you will finish your bachelor's degree studies during your first year of pharmacy school.

**LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR PARTNERSHIPS:
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DUAL DEGREE PATHWAY AT CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY WISCONSIN

Concordia University Wisconsin offers a Bachelor of Science in Pharmaceutical Sciences (BSPS) for the Dual Degree pathway. This Dual Degree pathway is designed for you to complete your BSPS during your first year in pharmacy school. This allows you to earn your bachelor's degree and PharmD in seven years.

In this path, you will take the required pre-pharmacy courses (56 credits) over three years of undergraduate study at Concordia University Wisconsin and apply for admission to the PharmD program during your junior (third) year.

Students who are on track to successfully complete the BSPS degree requirements may be eligible for the BSPS/P1 Academic Merit Scholarship. This scholarship money would be applied to your first year of pharmacy school (P1).

You are required to take Concordia Core courses to graduate from Concordia University. You have the option to take these core courses during your undergraduate studies or while in the pharmacy graduate program.

TRADITIONAL BACHELOR'S DEGREE PATHWAY

You may be a student who has a strong desire to finish your bachelor's degree independently from your PharmD. On this path, you most often choose a major in biology, biomedical sciences, or chemistry, however, any undergraduate study is acceptable for application to the pharmacy program.

You will take the required pre-pharmacy courses (56 credits) along with the required courses for your selected major over the course of four years at your undergraduate institution.

Apply for admission to the PharmD program during your senior (fourth) year at your undergraduate institution.

HOW TO APPLY

Go to **pharmcas.org** and submit your application. Concordia does not require a supplemental application.





PHARMACY ADMISSIONS
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