Student Timeline:

**Freshman Year:**
- Visit Career Development Services to explore your career options
- Get registered as a pharmacy technician in order to shadow, volunteer, or work in a pharmacy
- Become an associate member of AED and participate in the volunteer activities.
- Get involved with and join the Pre-Pharmacy Club

**Sophomore:**
- Decide whether you want to complete a 4-degree and then apply to pharmacy school or complete a 3 year program of undergraduate coursework and enter pharmacy school
- Continue involvement with AED and work on becoming a national member
- Continue shadowing
- Make sure you are on track with your course requirements for pharmacy school
- Get involved with volunteer activities in the community and on campus
- Take advantage of mock interviews in March
- Take practice PCATs offered each semester.
- If you feel that you are ready for the PCAT take it in June after your sophomore year of coursework and work on completing your PharmCAS application for pharmacy school.

**Junior Year:**
- If you have applied after 3 years of undergraduate coursework interviewing will take place during the fall of your junior year
- Continue involvement with AED and shadowing professionals in your field
- Take advantage of mock interviews in April
- If you are pursuing a 4-year degree you will take the PCAT after you have completed your junior year of coursework
- If you take the PCAT after your junior year, complete PharmCAS that same summer and apply to pharmacy school the following fall

**Senior Year:**
- Complete all supplemental applications
- Interview
- Graduate
- Grades still matter so keep studying

**NOTE:**
If you choose to apply as an early-decision applicant by September 1st, be aware that if the school you applied to accepts you, you must attend that school.

**Tips from Students:**

- Keep a log of all your volunteer work. Include dates, number of hours, and contact information for all your volunteer work.
- No one can tell you to change majors but if you have a 2.85 GPA or lower or did not make above a 22 on your ACT you may want to consider the number of classes and amount of time needed to raise your GPA to a competitive level.
- Make sure you know about the many career possibilities in the field of pharmacy. Also keep up with current issues in the field of pharmacy.
- If you cannot meet the suggested GPA requirements consider pursuing a 4-year degree to raise your GPA to a more competitive level.