

Pre - Pharmacy

Student Timeline:

Helpful Auburn Contacts:

- Alpha Epsilon Delta (AED)
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- Pre-Pharmacy Club
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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.

Helpful Websites:

- American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy:
www.aacp.org
- American Pharmacists Association:
www.aphanet.org
- Explorehealthcareers.org

