

# SCHOOL OF PHARMACY

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### ACADEMIC ADVISING

If you're a current UW–Madison undergraduate student, you have access to dedicated, structured pre-pharmacy advising at the School of Pharmacy. Please choose the School of Pharmacy as your advising group option when you make your SOAR reservation in April. We're here to help you with:

- Career paths related to pharmacy, pharmacology, and toxicology
- Understanding prerequisites and developing a plan for completion
- Accessing courses and guidance on how to sequence classes
- PharmD and PharmTox curriculum and degree options
- Admissions selection criteria
- Application process and components

**Who is a pre-pharmacy student?** A pre-pharmacy student is anyone who is taking the courses necessary to be considered for admission to the Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) professional program and/or the BS in Pharmacology and Toxicology (PharmTox) at the UW–Madison School of Pharmacy. Completion of prerequisite coursework does not guarantee admission as admission is selective and competitive.

**How do I get started with pre-pharmacy advising?** Schedule your pre-pharmacy advising appointment using the Starfish app (<https://wisc.starfishsolutions.com/starfish-ops/>) in MyUW. Search for "Kendra Gurnee" to meet with the pre-PharmTox advisor or "Amy Zwaska" to meet with the pre-PharmD advisor. Any UW–Madison student with any major or no major can access our dedicated pre-pharmacy advising services at the School of Pharmacy. Individual appointments are typically scheduled for 30 minutes.

If you experience any trouble with the scheduling process:

- You can get help with Starfish here (<https://advising.wisc.edu/facstaff/starfish/starfish-student-resources/>).
- You can also contact the School of Pharmacy Student and Academic Affairs Office at 608-262-6234 to set up your advising appointment.

Due to the selective nature of the PharmD and PharmTox admissions processes, interested students are encouraged to meet with School of Pharmacy advisors early and often to explore our programs and get valuable guidance about prerequisites, selection criteria, application timeline/procedures, and career opportunities. We recommend that you meet with your pre-pharmacy advisor at least once per semester.

For more information on preparing for and applying to our programs, visit our admissions resources for PharmD (<https://pharmacy.wisc.edu/academics/pharmd/admissions/>) and PharmTox (<https://pharmacy.wisc.edu/academics/pharm-tox/admissions/>).

### EARLY ASSURANCE

Early Assurance (<https://pharmacy.wisc.edu/academics/pharmd/early-assurance/>) offers high school and first-semester college freshmen conditional admission to the UW–Madison PharmD program. Eligible students must be admitted to a Universities of Wisconsin campus and complete the Early Assurance application which is separate from the undergraduate application process.

### FINANCIAL AID

Students who seek financial assistance should contact the UW–Madison Office of Student Financial Aid (<https://financialaid.wisc.edu/>) for financial aid applications and information about scholarships, loans, grants, work-study programs, and student employment.

### SCHOOL OF PHARMACY SCHOLARSHIPS

The School of Pharmacy awards a variety of scholarships each year to admitted PharmTox and PharmD students. Awards are based on both academic merit and financial need. Students are invited to apply to School of Pharmacy-specific scholarships, as well as campus-wide or non-Pharmacy scholarships, through the Wisconsin Scholarship Hub (<https://wisc.academicworks.com/>).

### STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Students will find many organizations of interest, both in the School and across the UW–Madison campus. The School of Pharmacy student organizations website (<https://students.pharmacy.wisc.edu/student-life/student-organizations/>) has a comprehensive listing of student organizations and groups that are affiliated with the School.

### FACILITIES

The School of Pharmacy is located in Rennebohm Hall on the west side of campus, near University Hospital and Clinics and Health Sciences Learning Center. The School of Pharmacy provides students and faculty with the finest possible physical environment for professional pharmacy and for research in pharmaceutical fields of study.