DISCOVER YOUR STORY AS A DOCTOR OF PHARMACY
A prescription for success.

A program like no other, Waterloo Pharmacy takes students beyond the prescription and amplifies their passion for patient-centred care.

The scope of pharmacy professional practice is expanding. Patient-focused pharmaceutical care increasingly involves comprehensive medication management, prescribing authority, and immunizations.

Our graduates are prepared for Canada's evolving health-care system and are equipped to launch their careers as medication therapy experts. Our dynamic program is delivered by faculty who are trailblazers in pharmacy practice and research.

Let’s explore your story as a Doctor of Pharmacy at Waterloo!
Discover what you love—and where you’re meant to be

Isabella Chan
Doctor of Pharmacy, Co-op

This term, I am an Oncology Pharmacy Student at the Sunnybrook Odette Cancer Centre. My average workday consists of patient-centered care, just the way I like it!

More to explore
Meet us online for more tips and stories:

- UWPharmacy
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- @UWPharmacy

7:15 AM
Hop out of bed and quickly get ready. My goal for the day is to resolve drug therapy problems with the patients’ oncologists, so I’m pretty eager to head to work and start prepping.

8:45 AM
Check in with my preceptor to review and learn new concepts for the day ahead. With the guidance from my preceptor, I am able to learn new things and apply this knowledge throughout my co-op work term.

9:30 AM
Conduct Best Possible Medication Histories (BPMH) and baseline assessments for my patients which will allow me to resolve any drug therapy problems. Connect with oncologists and document pharmacotherapy plans.

12:00 PM
Lunch with preceptors. Spending time with preceptors really shows each pharmacist has a different approach to health-care. Understanding the different ways they go about managing issues helps me mesh the various approaches to create my own!

2:30 PM
Follow up with the patients I saw to monitor for efficacy and safety of the recommendations I made. The best part of my role is being able to be a part of the continuity of care!

4:00 PM
Plan for tomorrow by making a list of things that are important and time sensitive.

5:30 PM
Connect with other pharmacy students to create case presentations together. It is always nice spending time with them because we are constantly learning from each other!
FUTURE LEADERS IN HEALTH CARE

Here’s why Waterloo Pharmacy is right for you:

CANADA’S ONLY CO-OP PHARMACY PROGRAM
Enhance your learning via paid co-op work terms. Work in a variety of practice settings including: community, hospital, long-term care, government, research, pharmaceutical industry, family health teams, and so many more!

ONTARIO-WIDE CLINICAL TRAINING
Receive six months of supervised clinical training in your final year of study. Our students have rotations in diverse environments across the province.

ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND RESEARCH
Acquire sought-after skills in pharmacy business management, leadership, communication, entrepreneurship, and patient service. Students and graduates have opportunities to contribute to innovative and patient-centred research.

100% success rate for co-op employment

Students earn approx. $10,000 per co-op work term

IS A CAREER IN PHARMACY RIGHT FOR ME?

Fundamental Skills of a Pharmacist:
› Care Provider
› Communicator
› Leader
› Collaborator
› Professional
› Health Advocate
› Continuous Learner
A PHARMACY SCHOOL LIKE NO OTHER

No other Canadian pharmacy program offers students such a broad range of opportunities both in and out of the classroom.

PRACTICE READY

MICHAEL KANI, WATERLOO PHARMACY ALUMNUS, CPHA
NEW PRACTITIONER OF THE YEAR 2019

“The education from Waterloo Pharmacy is next to none. I treat it like a bragging right. The impact is the level of competence I felt right out of school and the ability to adapt to all sorts of work environments and patient encounters.”

REGIONS FOR DIRECT PATIENT CARE ROTATIONS

REGIONS
1. Windsor
2. London/Rural Health
3. Hamilton/Brantford
4. Kitchener/Waterloo
5. Niagara
6. Toronto and surrounding areas
7. Oshawa/Peterborough
8. Kingston/Belleville
9. Ottawa and surrounding areas
10. Barrie/Huntsville
11. Sudbury
12. Manitoulin Island
14. Thunder Bay

12 MONTHS OF CO-OP + 6 MONTHS OF ROTATIONS = 18 MONTHS of work integrated learning by graduation
AN INNOVATIVE PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL

LOCATED IN THE INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY DISTRICT

Waterloo Pharmacy is the anchor institution for the Health Sciences Campus of the University of Waterloo. The downtown Kitchener campus is also home to the regional program of McMaster University’s DeGroote School of Medicine as well as a family health team.

Transportation is just steps away: outside the School are stops for the Grand River Transit Ion train, city buses, and inter-city buses.

DYNAMIC CURRICULUM

As Canada’s newest pharmacy school, we offer the most innovative pharmacy curriculum in North America.

Our program emphasizes communication skills, problem-solving ability, and a collaborative approach to providing patient-focused health care.

CUTTING-EDGE RESEARCH

Waterloo Pharmacy is committed to generating new knowledge through our research activities in the pharmaceutical, social, administrative and clinical sciences.

Throughout the program, PharmD students have opportunities to partner with faculty and contribute to meaningful health care research.

The School of Pharmacy is housed in a STATE-OF-THE-ART education and research building located in Kitchener’s innovation district.

INSPIRING ALUMNI

uwaterloo.ca/pharmacy/welcome-pharmacy-alumni/alumni-spotlight
The Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) is a second-entry program which combines eight academic terms and three co-op work terms. This program requires that you complete a specific set of courses at the post-secondary level prior to entering the PharmD program. To complete the required courses you will normally need to have been enrolled in a university-level undergraduate Bachelor of Science (BSc) program for a minimum of two years.

**ACHIEVE YOUR DOCTOR OF PHARMACY DEGREE (PHARM D)**

**75% MINIMUM CUMULATIVE AVERAGE**

**ENGLISH**

**HUMANITIES/SOCIAL SCIENCES**

**BIOLOGY**

**CHEMISTRY**

**MATHEMATICS**

**INDIGENOUS APPLICANT PATHWAY**

Available for PharmD admissions! This pathway allows for reference letter, pharmacy experience, and interview exemptions – contact pharmacy@uwaterloo.ca for more details.

**OUT-OF-PROVINCE AND INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS**

The School of Pharmacy is committed to admitting students who have diverse cultural, economic, and social backgrounds. Out-of-province and international students are encouraged to apply. We admit the most qualified applicants regardless of their place of residence.

**YOU ARE MORE THAN YOUR GRADES**

The Computer-based Assessment for Sampling Personal Characteristics (CASPer) is an online test that assesses for non-cognitive skills and interpersonal characteristics, which we believe are important for successful students and graduates of our program. The CASPer Test and Snapshot is a requirement for all Pharmacy applicants. Apply online at takecasper.com.

**APPLICATION PROCESS**

The application timeline is roughly 8 months, starting in September and ending the following June. Lectures would begin the January following your offer acceptance.

**September**

- Submit your application through OUAC
- Work on your admission information form (AIF)
- Register for CASPer and Snapshot
- Enroll in remaining prerequisite courses

**February**

- Deadline to submit interim post-secondary transcripts (i.e. grades up to the end of the fall term)
- Deadline to submit your reference letter
- Deadline to complete Snapshot
- Confirmation of English Language Requirements, if applicable

**April**

- Invitations sent out for interview weekend
- Deadline to accept your invitation

**May**

- Interview weekend occurs over the first weekend in May
- Deadline to submit official post-secondary transcript(s) showing final grades up to the end of winter term

**June**

- Admission offers sent out to successful candidates
- Deadline to accept your offer
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL TERRITORY

The University of Waterloo acknowledges it is situated on the Haldimand Tract, land granted to the Haudenosaunee of the Six Nations of the Grand River in the Haldimand Treaty of 1784. The Haldimand Tract and surrounding area, including our Kitchener campus, is the traditional territory of the Attawandaron, Anishinaabeg, and Haudenosaunee.