SCHOOL OF PHARMACY

Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD)

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BEYOND PRESCRIPTIONS
ACHIEVE YOUR DOCTOR OF PHARMACY DEGREE (PharmD)

A prescription for success.

A program like no other, Waterloo’s School of Pharmacy takes students beyond the prescriptions 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.

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

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 leaders and trailblazers in pharmacy practice and research.

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IS A CAREER IN PHARMACY RIGHT FOR ME?

FUNDAMENTAL SKILLS OF A PHARMACIST:
› CARE PROVIDER
› COMMUNICATOR
› LEADER
› COLLABORATOR
› PROFESSIONAL
› HEALTH ADVOCATE
› CONTINUOUS LEARNER

ALLISON TARIO
WATERLOO PHARMACY ALUMNUS AND CPHA
NEW PRACTITIONER OF THE YEAR 2017

We have the skills, passion, and opportunity to push the profession of pharmacy to the best it can be for Canadian patients.

MICHAEL KANI
WATERLOO PHARMACY ALUMNUS AND 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.

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A SCHOOL OF PHARMACY LIKE NO OTHER

What makes Waterloo’s School of Pharmacy unique?

THE ONLY CO-OP PHARMACY PROGRAM IN CANADA
Enhance your learning via paid co-op work terms. We have access to over 1,000 pharmacy-related employers across the country and beyond. Work in a variety of clinical 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 Ontario.

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 the innovative and patient-centred research.
Students earn approx. $10,000 per co-op work term.

50% of Waterloo PharmD students end up working for a former co-op employer.

12 months of co-op + 6 months of rotations = 18 months of work-integrated learning by graduation.

Students gain direct patient care experience in 1 of 14 regions across Ontario.

The co-op experiences and relationships I built with my classmates all impacted my journey: where I am and where I hope to continue to grow professionally.

SALEEMA BHAIDANI
WATERLOO PHARMACY ALUMNUS

REGIONS FOR DIRECT PATIENT CARE ROTATIONS

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

100% success rate for co-op employment.
An innovative professional school.

**LOCATED IN THE INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY DISTRICT**

The School of 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 bus, and inter-city bus.

**DEGREES AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

We offer outstanding academic programs including:

- **PharmD**, the new undergraduate entry-to-practice degree in Ontario, and one of only two co-op pharmacy programs in North America.
- **MSc and PhD** graduate programs that train students in cutting-edge pharmacy-related research from drug design to clinical care.
- **MPHARM**, master of pharmacy in advanced clinical practice, designed to build future leaders by enhancing the clinical, research, and teaching skills of pharmacists.
- Continuing education and distance learning programs that keep Waterloo graduates at the top in their field wherever they practice.

**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**

The School of Pharmacy is also 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.

**INSPIRING ALUMNI**

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DOCTOR OF PHARMACY (PharmD) PROGRAM

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 students 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.

**EQUITABLE ADMISSIONS**

Indigenous admission and application pathway available – for more details contact pharmacy@uwaterloo.ca

**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.

**APPLICATION PROCESS**

The application timeline is roughly 9 months, starting in August and ending the following June. Lectures would begin the January following your offer acceptance.

- **August-December**
  - Submit your application through OUAC
  - Work on your admission information form (AIF)
  - Register for the CASPer test
  - 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
  - Confirmation of English Language Requirements, if applicable

- **March**
  - Invitations sent out for interview weekend

- **April**
  - Deadline to accept your invitation

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

- **June**
  - Admission offers sent out to successful candidates
  - Deadline to accept your offer

**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 that we believe are important for successful students and graduates of our program. CASPer is a requirement for all Pharmacy applicants. Apply online at takeCASPer.com.
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL TERRITORY

We acknowledge that the University of Waterloo is located on the traditional territory of the Neutral, Anishnaabeg, and Haudenosaunee people. The University is situated on the Haldimand Tract, the land promised to the Six Nations that includes 10 kilometres on each side of the Grand River.