

DISCOVER
YOUR STORY
AS A DOCTOR OF
PHARMACY

UNIVERSITY OF
WATERLOO



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A prescription
for success.

**CANADA'S
ONLY CO-OP**
Pharmacy Program

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!*



A PASSION FOR PEOPLE AND PHARMACY PRACTICE

STEVEN HUYNH
DOCTOR OF PHARMACY, CO-OP

In his third year of pharmacy school, Steven is an accomplished student leader and the 2021 recipient of the Guy Genest Passion for Pharmacy Award at Waterloo Pharmacy. "I've been able to see firsthand the impact the knowledge I've gained from school has on my community," he says. "Coming from an immigrant family where there are sometimes reasons not to trust the health-care system, I've been a source of unbiased and informed facts. Training to become a pharmacist has allowed me to do that – it's such a flexible education, where we learn about a wide range of topics, and I very much enjoy sharing that knowledge."

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**DISCOVER
WHAT YOU
LOVE – AND
WHERE YOU’RE
MEANT TO BE**



MAYUR TAILOR
DOCTOR OF PHARMACY, CO-OP

"During my first co-op work term, I was a Professional Practice Intern for the Canadian Society of Hospital Pharmacists. My average workday consisted of learning the different scopes of pharmacy practice from province to province!"

7:15 AM

Hop out of bed and quickly get ready. I have an important meeting with the Public Health Agency of Canada, so I'm pretty eager to start prepping.

8:45 AM

Meet with one of my pharmacist preceptors to update them on my progress since our last meeting and my plans for the remainder of the week. These meetings help me get feedback on my strengths and growth areas!

9:30 AM

Review the list of important tasks to get done, rehearse my lines for the meeting and prep the meeting space. Go over any emails in my inbox that need to be responded to.

12:00 PM

Have lunch. One thing I love about this job is how it is self-managed since it is a remote position. Despite working remotely, I still feel very involved as I am able to connect with various health care professionals from province to province!

2:30 PM

Meeting time. Everything is on schedule and goes well. In this meeting I represent and advocate for Canadian Hospital Pharmacists where I gain insight into decision-making on resources and priorities. I make sure to take notes of any highlights in the meeting to report back to my preceptors.

4:00 PM

Plan for tomorrow by making a checklist of tasks. I usually make a list of things I want to get done throughout the week on Monday, then revise as the week progresses if anything new comes up!

5:30 PM

Start planning the newsletter I'm going to be writing about different syndromes and diseases. Being able to connect with other students and seeing what their curriculum is like really helps me when drafting my newsletters.

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.



IS A CAREER IN PHARMACY RIGHT FOR ME?

Fundamental Skills of a Pharmacist:

- > Care Provider
- > Communicator
- > Leader
- > Collaborator
- > Professional
- > Health Advocate
- > Continuous Learner



100%

success rate for co-op employment

Students earn approx.

\$10,000 

per co-op work term

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.

12 MONTHS OF CO-OP + 6 MONTHS OF ROTATIONS = 18 MONTHS



of work integrated learning by graduation



CAMILLE HUO,
FACULTY OF SCIENCE
2022 CO-OP STUDENT OF THE YEAR
AWARD WINNER

“It was amazing to be able to play a big role in the vaccine rollout during the pandemic. I felt like I was able to put my skills to use and really contribute to society, even while just on co-op.”



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
13. Sault Ste. Marie
14. Thunder Bay

COLLABORATION IS IN OUR DNA

Pharmacy Phamily Pride!



The School of Pharmacy hosted the first in-person White Coat Ceremony since 2020, formally welcoming the classes of 2024 and 2025 to the profession of pharmacy.



The flex lab is where our students are taught and practice compounding medications. This is a course PharmD students get the opportunity to take in their first year first term of study!



The white coat is a symbol of the trust patients place in medical professionals and the responsibility that those professionals carry. This is an annual tradition that takes place in our PharmD program.



The Professional Practice Lab focuses on a variety of practical tasks such as the pharmacist expanded scope, patient counselling and prescription checking. There are lots of opportunities for hands on training during the PharmD.



Warm, welcoming, and state of the art. The building was designed in consideration of the students and faculty members who spend many hours here.



PharmD Student Ambassadors regularly promote the profession and participate in events at the School.



Congratulations to the Waterloo Pharmacy Soccer Team who won the Ontario Pharmacy Soccer Cup on October 30 2021.



Lessons in Indigenous history and health are important for PharmD students.



Pharmacy Appreciation Month (PAM) is celebrated at the School every March with many events and activities.



Students played an integral role in the success of vaccine clinics in Waterloo region.

OUR COMMUNITY

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 DeGroot 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.

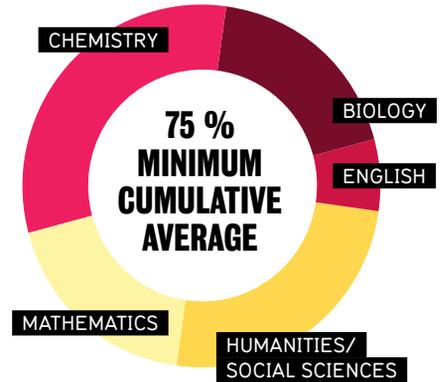
The School of Pharmacy is housed in a
STATE-OF-THE-ART
education and research building located
in Kitchener's innovation district

INSPIRING ALUMNI

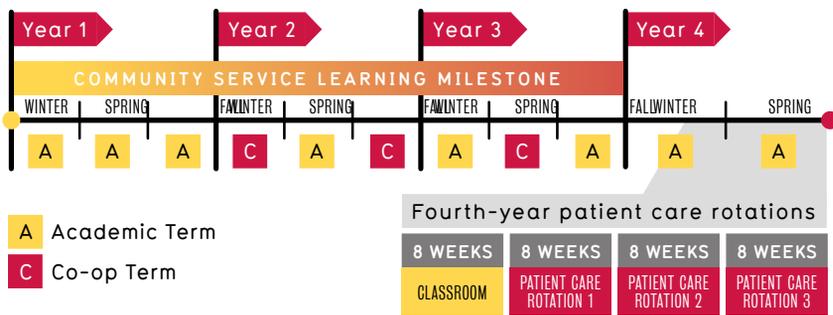
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ACHIEVE YOUR DOCTOR OF PHARMACY DEGREE (PHARMD)

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.



Prospective applicants with questions about meeting admission requirements can contact pharmacy@uwaterloo.ca.



INDIGENOUS APPLICANT PATHWAY

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

OUT-OF-PROVINCE AND INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

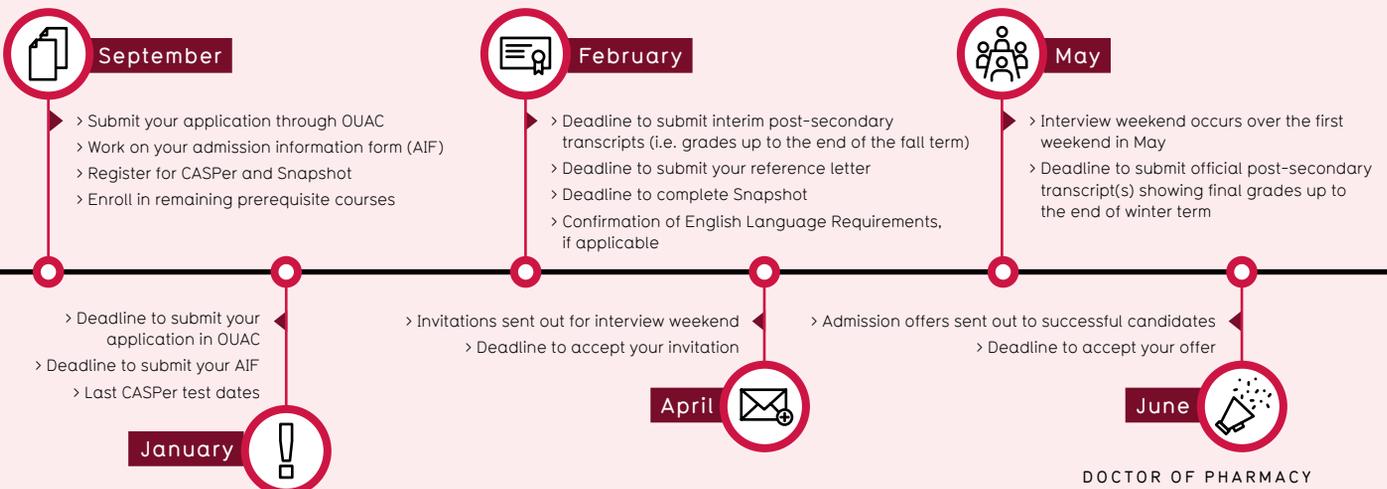
The School of Pharmacy is committed to admitting students who have diverse cultural, economic, and social backgrounds. Out-of-province and international students are encouraged to apply. We admit the most qualified applicants regardless of their place of residence.

YOU ARE MORE THAN YOUR GRADES

Altus Suite is a standardized, multi-part online assessment that measures different competencies and attributes that 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 takealtus.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.



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL TERRITORY

The University of Waterloo acknowledges that much of our work takes place on the traditional territory of the Neutral, Anishinaabeg, and Haudenosaunee peoples. Our main campus is situated on the Haldimand Tract, the land granted to the Six Nations that includes six miles on each side of the Grand River.

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