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YOUR STORY
AS A **DOCTOR OF
PHARMACY**

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A prescription
for success.

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

**MORE
THAN 98%**
of Students Graduate

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!



CONNECTING WITH HER INDIGENOUS ANCESTRY

BLAIR
DOCTOR OF PHARMACY
CO-OP, 2024

Blair was attracted to the Waterloo School of Pharmacy program because of its innovative co-op program and in particular the opportunity to work with Indigenous Peoples. Blair's father is Algonquin First Nations and by accepting a co-op work term at Moose Factory Island, Blair learned more about her Indigenous background and heritage while working with an underserved population.

"Everyone deserves affordable, readily accessible healthcare and continuity of care," Blair says. "In the future, I want to work in the North as a pharmacist to help those most in need."

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

JOCELYN
DOCTOR OF PHARMACY
CO-OP, 2023

"For my final co-op term, I was a pharmacy student at the National Association of Pharmacy and Regulatory Authorities (NAPRA) with the Professional and Regulatory Affairs (P&R) department. My average workday consisted of preparing for national drug schedules meetings and discussing pressing topics in the pharmacy profession with other pharmacy regulatory authorities and relevant organizations."



● **8:00 AM** – I log onto my work laptop and I start the day by sifting through e-mails and viewing my calendar for upcoming meetings. I send a quick hello to my team through our Microsoft Teams group chat.

● **8:30 AM** – I join our daily morning meeting via video call. This was created to keep the team engaged, up to date and connected while working remotely. We chat and catch up, but also discuss what projects and meetings are coming up for our team. These meetings are also an opportunity to ask other team members their opinions on difficult tasks or overcoming roadblocks within a current project.

● **9:00 AM** – I start delegating my tasks for the day. Working at NAPRA there are many projects on the go. Every day I work on different tasks based on the deadline of the project.

● **9:30 AM** – I continue working on the tasks related to reviewing the current submission for the upcoming National Drug Schedules (NDS) meeting. I research background information and review the submissions prior to the meeting, to prepare notes or relevant materials that may be beneficial for the National Drug Scheduling Advisory Committee (NDSAC) during its deliberations.

● **1:00 PM** – Now off to a meeting! After lunch, I attend a round table meeting with other pharmacy regulatory authorities and relevant organizations as we discuss important and pressing topics in the pharmacy profession.

● **3:00 PM** – After a great meeting with great discussions and an engaging group, it is now time to complete my debriefing notes. I edit, clean up and summarize the notes I made during the meeting.

● **4:00 PM** – I end the day with working on other tasks such as updating the pharmacist and pharmacy technician scope of practice charts and providing feedback for a pharmacy assessment tool. I view my schedule and prepare for the next day as I log off from another productive and engaging workday!

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, PharmD 2023
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."

REGIONS FOR DIRECT PATIENT CARE ROTATIONS



REGIONS

1. Windsor and area
2. London and area
3. Hamilton-Brantford
4. Waterloo and area
5. Niagara
6. Greater Toronto area
7. Durham region
8. Owen Sound
9. Kingston-Belleville
10. Ottawa
11. Barrie-Huntsville
12. Sudbury
13. Sault St. Marie
14. Thunder Bay

● Practice sites are also located within the communities depicted on the map.



PRACTICE READY

MICHAEL
WATERLOO PHARMACY ALUM
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."

COLLABORATION IS IN OUR DNA



In September 2022, Waterloo Pharmacy held their second Women in Pharmacy Leadership panel event and networking lunch, one of the many networking events students can participate in.



PharmD 2026 students on their first day of orientation. The PharmD program starts in January, and students take classes together as a cohort.



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 each May in our PharmD program.

Pharmacy Phamily Pride!



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



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 program.



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 for the third year in a row on April 25 2023.



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.

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.

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.

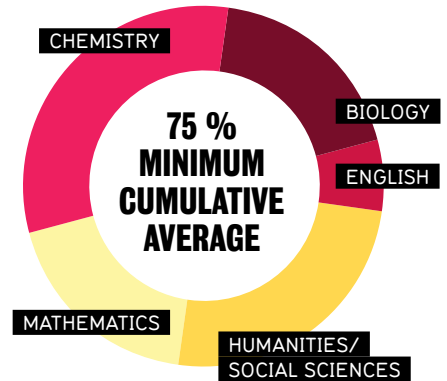
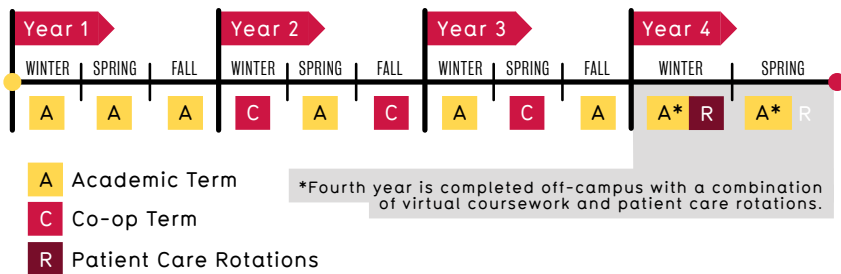
INSPIRING ALUMNI



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

ACHIEVE YOUR DOCTOR OF PHARMACY DEGREE (PHARMD)

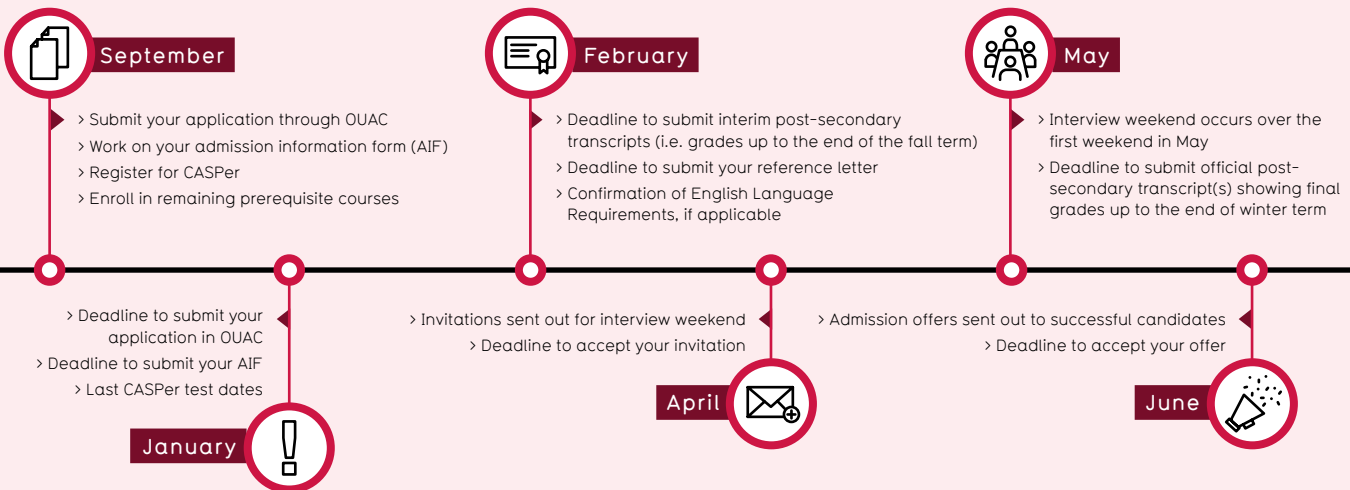
The Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) is a second-entry program which requires you to complete a specific set of courses at the post-secondary level prior to starting your PharmD. This usually takes a minimum of two years for a student enrolled in a university-level undergraduate Bachelor of Science (BSc) program.



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

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.



INDIGENOUS APPLICANT PATHWAY

This pathway allows for reference letter, pharmacy experience and interview exemptions in addition to all fees being waived – 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.

CURRENT HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

If you are a well-rounded, community-minded high school student looking to become a pharmacist in the future, the Conditional Admission to Pharmacy (CAP) status might be the right path for you!

SCAN TO LEARN MORE ABOUT CAP STATUS



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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Our greatest impact happens together



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