# **DIRECT ADMISSION PROGRAM WITH AUSTIN PEAY STATE UNIVERSITY**

The Union University College of Pharmacy has partnered with Austin Peay State University to offer direct admission to the Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.) degree program to interested undergraduate students. The purpose of the Direct Admission Program is to recruit highly qualified students early in their college careers and to streamline their admission to the Doctor of Pharmacy program at Union University.

#### **Benefits**

- The Direct Admission Program guarantees admission to the Union University College of Pharmacy (UUCOP), pending successful adherence to progression and matriculation criteria.
- Direct Admission students are not required to take the Pharmacy College Admission Test (PCAT).
- In some cases, undergraduate research opportunities may be available to qualified students.

### Eligibility

- Students admitted to Austin Peay State University as freshman are automatically eligible to qualify for direct admission to the UUCOP.
- A currently enrolled Austin Peay State University student must complete a minimum of 28 of the required pharmacy prerequisite hours at Austin Peay State University (at least 14 hours of science and math) with a minimum 3.0 GPA.

### **Progression Criteria**

To enter the Direct Admission program or to maintain eligibility:

- Students must notify the UUCOP Office of Admissions of the desire for Direct Admission by completing the form and submitting it to the UUCOP Office of Admissions no later than October 15. Registration with the UUCOP is critical as space is limited for each admitted class.
- Maintain a cumulative GPA of ≥3.0.
- Complete all pharmacy prerequisites prior to matriculation into the UUCOP with a grade of "C" or higher in each course.
- Achieve an ACT score ≥22 prior to matriculation into the UUCOP.
- Register for and complete a minimum of 14 hours per semester (fall and spring) at Austin Peay State University.
- Submit an unofficial copy of student transcript to the UUCOP Office of Admissions at the conclusion of each semester.

## **Prerequisite Courses**

Prerequisite Courses	Austin Peay State University Courses	Credit hours
*Biology or Zoology	BIOL 1110/1120	8
*General Chemistry	CHEM 1110/1120	8
*Organic Chemistry	CHEM 3510/3520	8
*Human Anatomy and Physiology	BIOL 2010/2020	8
*Physics	PHYS 2010	4
*Microbiology	BIOL 2300 OR BIOL 3050	4
*Calculus	MATH 1910	4
*Statistics	MATH 1530	3
Written Composition	ENGL 1010/1020	6
Communications/Speech	COMM 2045	3
†Humanities Elective	Multiple options	3
<sup>†</sup> Social Sciences Elective	Multiple options	3

## Notes regarding prerequisites

Courses that will increase the strength of the applicant's candidacy include biochemistry, immunology, genetics, and a second semester of physics. Not all introductory courses in the sciences, calculus, or statistics will be accepted in fulfillment of pre-pharmacy requirements.

\*For all science, calculus, or statistics courses, the prospective pharmacy student should take courses which are suitable for science majors intending graduate study and should include laboratories when available.

<sup>†</sup>Elective courses must conform to the following distribution and requirements:

- Humanities electives include courses from arts, history, language, literature, or philosophy.
- Social Sciences electives include courses from anthropology, economics, political science, psychology, or sociology

#### Matriculation

- Complete the PharmCAS application by September 1 of the year prior to matriculation and designate Early Decision.
- Participate in an onsite interview. The interview will be scheduled by the UUCOP Office of Admissions once the application is complete.

#### Additional Information

- Students may matriculate into the UUCOP once prerequisites are complete or after undergraduate degree completion (3 or 4 years of undergraduate coursework). In rare cases, exceptional students may be capable of matriculating upon completion of 2 years of undergraduate coursework.
- Conditional admission will be granted to Direct Admission students until the completion of the final undergraduate semester (contingent upon satisfactory spring courses).
- The UUCOP admits only one cohort per year in the fall.
- It is strongly recommended that candidates for the Direct Admission program gain work experience in a pharmacy setting prior to matriculation.

## **Other Admission Opportunities**

If you do not qualify for admission to the PharmD program through Direct Admission, you may apply through the traditional method.

#### **Effective**

This agreement shall become effective upon signing by the appropriate individuals at both institutions, and shall remain in effect until terminated at the will of either party.

The agreement may be cancelled by either party with ninety (90) days written notice; however, the Direct Admission Program opportunity shall remain available to any student who was enrolled (and remained continuously enrolled) at Austin Peay State University while the agreement was in effect.

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## **Progression Criteria**

- Complete all pharmacy prerequisites prior to matriculation into the Union University College of Pharmacy (UUCOP) with a grade of "C" or higher in each course.
- Maintain a cumulative GPA greater than or equal to 3.0.
- Achieve an ACT score greater than or equal to 22 prior to matriculation into the UUCOP.
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By signing below, I acknowledge that I have met the eligibility requirements, will adhere to the progression criteria and provide the necessary correspondence in order to matriculate into the Union University College of Pharmacy.

I wish to apply to the Direct Admission Program and plan to ente	r the Union University College of Pharmacy PharmD
program Fall (tentative).	

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STUDENT EMAIL	STUDENT PRE	STUDENT PREFERRED PHONE	
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