

School of Pharmacy

Overview

Mission Statement

The Temple University School of Pharmacy (TUSP) provides the environment to achieve excellence and opportunity in education, research, and practice. It offers an undergraduate bachelor's degree in Pharmaceutical Sciences and a comprehensive array of professional and graduate programs addressing the profession of pharmacy in all its existing and evolving models, including the corporate sector. The school strives to improve the health and well-being of the communities it serves by advancing scientific discovery and preparing its graduates to provide high-quality, evidence-based, innovative patient care, as integral members of an inter-professional healthcare team.

Vision

The Temple University School of Pharmacy will establish a strong national and international presence and reputation for excellence in research, scholarship, education, and practice, while nurturing an entrepreneurial ethos.

Brief History

In 1901, the Temple University School of Pharmacy commenced operations as part of a major expansion that Temple University enjoyed before its official elevation from a college to a university in 1907. Temple granted its first pharmacy degree in 1905 after conducting evening classes for four years at Samaritan Hospital. Samaritan, founded by Temple's founder Russell Conwell, is now Temple University Hospital. The Temple University Drug Discovery Initiative, launched in 2010, has resulted in a substantial expansion of our research facilities and an increase in the number of talented and accomplished researchers joining our faculty and staff, providing excellent resources and mentoring for future pharmaceutical scientists. The school also created the first non-thesis professional master's program in Regulatory Affairs and Quality Assurance (RAQA) in 1968. The Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) program was initiated in the mid-90's and continues to serve as the pathway into the profession of pharmacy through the school. The school boasts graduate master's and doctoral programs in pharmaceutical sciences, with a new bachelor's degree in pharmaceutical sciences that launched in 2025.

Academic Departments

The School of Pharmacy consists of the following departments:

- Pharmaceutical Sciences
- Pharmacy Practice

Accreditation

The Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE) certifies that the Temple University School of Pharmacy has fulfilled all the accreditation requirements set forth for the Doctor of Pharmacy program and is granted accreditation status through June 30, 2033. Through initial and subsequent periodic evaluations, ACPE reviews all Doctor of Pharmacy programs to ensure they meet established qualifications and education standards.

Study Away Opportunities

Students in the Doctor of Pharmacy program have had the opportunity to participate in Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experiences (APPE) in various countries such as Vietnam, the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire, Kenya, Guatemala, and India. In addition to the international opportunities, students have the opportunity to complete APPEs in Ketchikan, Alaska. These APPEs are service-oriented, providing much needed healthcare in medically underserved populations in these locations.

Special Facilities

Temple University's Moulder Center for Drug Discovery Research exists in the School of Pharmacy to identify and carry out pharmaceutical research projects, all the while cultivating the next generation of pharmaceutical scientists.

The Current Good Manufacturing Practices (CGMP) facility works with corporate, academic, and government agencies to support and ensure the expert production and packaging of clinical supplies and the manufacture of high-quality treatments and placebos.

The Proteomics Facility was established in 2005 as part of the Temple University Researcher Development Program and provides accessible proteomics capability for biological and biomedical research to support faculty within Temple and outside institutions, including pharmaceutical companies.

The Jayne Haines Center for Pharmacogenomics and Drug Safety has been a pioneering influence in the area of genetically-based drug therapy research, a topic that has gained widespread attention in the pharmaceutical sciences.

Student Organizations

The School of Pharmacy supports 27 student professional organizations and fraternities, spanning all possible areas in the profession of pharmacy. These organizations provide opportunities for students to interact with faculty and students from other schools of pharmacy with similar interests. The school supports travel to local, regional, national, and international meetings offered by these organizations.

The Temple Pre-Pharmacy Club gives students an opportunity to engage with the School of Pharmacy community as undergraduate students.

Leadership

S. Suresh Madhavan, PhD, MBA, FAPhA
Professor and Dean

Contact and Admissions Information

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Undergraduate Admissions

See undergraduate admissions for details.

Doctor of Pharmacy Admissions

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Graduate Studies Admissions in the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences

Office of Graduate Studies
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Graduate Programs and Certificates in Regulatory Affairs and Quality Assurance Admissions

RAQA Graduate Program
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Fort Washington, PA 19034
267-468-8560
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Undergraduate Programs

- Pharmaceutical Sciences BS

Academic Policies & Regulations

Please see Undergraduate Academic Policies for details. Students are responsible for complying with all university-wide academic policies that apply to their individual academic status. Additional and unique policies or exceptions for the School of Pharmacy appear below.

Academic Course Load

Students who want to take more than 18 credit hours in a semester require special approval of the Director of Academic Advising in the Division of University Studies or the School of Pharmacy.

Doctor of Pharmacy Early Assurance Requirements

The School of Pharmacy provides students in the BS in Pharmaceutical Sciences' Pre-Pharmacy Concentration with the opportunity to earn the PharmD in a total of six years through the Early Assurance Program (EAP). The first two years of the EAP consist of prerequisite basic science and mathematics

courses, followed by the four-year professional PharmD curriculum. Students in this concentration are required to maintain an overall and science/math GPA of 2.70 to progress into the professional program to continue in the EAP. All PharmD prerequisite courses are required to be completed with a minimum C- grade. Students who do not meet the requirements may be eligible for admission to the PharmD but may require more than six years to complete their degree.

School Requirements

Credit Hour Requirements

The School of Pharmacy requires that students complete a minimum of 120 credits for the BS in Pharmaceutical Sciences. For students in the Pre-Pharmacy concentration, a minimum of 60 credits of PharmD prerequisites is required for entry into the PharmD program.

General Education Requirements

Students in the BS in Pharmaceutical Sciences are required to complete the Temple University General Education (GenEd) requirements. PharmD students are not required to complete the GenEd requirements.

Grade Point Average (GPA) Requirements

The School of Pharmacy requires that students enrolled in the BS in Pharmaceutical Sciences have a GPA of at least 2.00 overall and at least 2.00 in the courses applicable to their major. Pre-pharmacy students are required to maintain a GPA of at least 2.7 overall and 2.7 in math/science to enter the PharmD program.

Residency Requirements

Students must satisfy general Temple University residency requirements. Please refer to degree programs for the specific number of major, minor, or certificate courses required to be completed at Temple.

Academic Advising

Temple University Undergraduate Studies

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Students enrolled in the BS in Pharmaceutical Sciences have access to the advising services of the Academic Resource Center, including Pre-Professional Health Advising (PPHA). The Academic Resource Center provides academic advising to students enrolled in the first two years of the BS program. Academic advisors are important sources of information on University policies and procedures, the General Education curriculum (GenEd) requirements, and requirements for the BS and PharmD programs.

While students must assume primary responsibility for knowing the requirements for their degree and for acquiring information about their academic status, academic advisors are a valuable resource. Advisors introduce students to the various sources of information available on academic programs, enabling students to be well-informed partners in their own education. With the assistance of Undergraduate Studies advisors, students will choose a concentration during the Spring semester of their sophomore year.

Students are strongly encouraged to meet regularly with academic advisors to discuss academic plans, course selection, and registration. Students not eligible for online registration are required to see an advisor for course selection and registration.

The School of Pharmacy provides advising services for students primarily in years 3 and 4 of the BS in Pharmaceutical Sciences degree program.