Here at UC San Diego, Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, we know that applying to a professional graduate program can be overwhelming. We have created a list of tasks to complete along with recommendations and important information about deadlines to allow your application process to go as smoothly as possible.

### Getting Started - General Admissions Requirements

☐ Review the [General Admissions Requirements](#). Please ensure you are meeting the minimum requirements.

- Citizenship status: U.S. Citizen and or Permanent Resident and/or DACA Approved.
- Must be on track to finishing your BS or BA degree prior to matriculation into the program.
- 3.00 minimum overall GPA to apply.

☐ Review the [Academic Requirements](#) (pre-requisites for the pharmacy program). Note that these can be in progress at time of application but must be completed prior to matriculation.

☐ Review the [Institution Course Equivalencies](#). This will allow you to check your institutions equivalencies against UC San Diego’s. Please download the Institution Course Equivalency Form to track your courses. (**Note: If you do not see your school listed, please contact sppsadmissions@ucsd.edu.)

☐ Identify 3 individuals to write a letter of recommendation for you. We recommend reaching out to the individuals in March-May prior to the application cycle in July, so they may be prepared to write you a letter. **Please note:** professors will have many students request a letter from them and it is important to provide your professors with ample time.

- **We do not accept** letters from clergy, family members, or friends.
- **Please note** that additional signatures will be required if applicants receive a letter from: Teacher’s Assistants (TA), Pharmacy Technicians, and Post-Doctoral Students.
- Letters from a Teacher’s Assistant must be co-signed by the professor, Pharmacy Technicians must be co-signed by a Pharmacist and a letter from a Post-Doctoral student must be co-signed by the Principal Investigator (PI).

☐ Obtain copies of ALL of your OFFICIAL transcripts. You will be required to enter your academic history in your PharmCAS application.

☐ Create a [PharmCAS](#) account login. Application cycle opens mid-July. For more information about the PharmCAS application process and application tips, please click [here](#).

### Wondering how to make your application more competitive? Please see tips below:

☐ Obtaining clinical Pharmacy experience.
☐ Taking upper division biology and chemistry courses.
☐ Being involved with on-campus and off campus organizations/clubs.

We hope you found this information helpful. If you have any additional questions, please contact us at:

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