

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 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 along with minimum overall science GPA of 2.80 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 institution's equivalencies against UC San Diego's. (**Note: If you do not see your school listed, please contact sppsadmissions@health.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. For more information, please see our [Letters of Recommendation Requirements](#).
- Obtain copies of **ALL** your **OFFICIAL** transcripts. You will be required to enter your academic history in your PharmCAS application.
- Create a [PharmCAS](#) account login. The 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 pharmacy experience and working with a pharmacist.
- Interviewing pharmacists practicing in various settings.
- Taking upper division biology and chemistry courses.
- Being involved with on-campus and off-campus organizations/clubs.