

DIRECT ADMISSION PROGRAM WITH FREED-HARDEMAN UNIVERSITY

The Union University College of Pharmacy has partnered with Freed-Hardeman 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.
- In some cases, undergraduate research opportunities may be available to qualified students.

Eligibility

- Students admitted to Freed-Hardeman University as freshmen automatically qualify for direct admission to the UUCOP.
- A currently enrolled Freed-Hardeman University student must complete a minimum of 28 of the required pharmacy prerequisite hours at Freed-Hardeman 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. Exceptions can be made. 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 if less than 3 years out of high school.
- Register for and complete a minimum average of 14 hours per semester (fall and spring) at Freed-Hardeman University.
- Meet with the UUCOP Director of Admissions once a semester to ensure progression.

Prerequisite Courses

Prerequisite Courses	Freed-Hardeman University Courses	Credit hours
*Biology	BIO111 & BIO112	8
*General Chemistry	CHE121/121L & CHE122/122L	8
*Organic Chemistry	CHE321 & CHE322	8
*Human Anatomy and Physiology	BIO211 & BIO212	8
**200+ level science w. Lab or Calc 2	300 or 400 Level BIO, CHE, MAT, OR PHS Course	4
*Microbiology	BIO215	4
*Calculus	MAT122	4
*Statistics	MAT235	3
Written Composition	ENG101 & ENG102	6
Communications/Speech	COM140	3
[†] Humanities Elective	Multiple options	3
[†] 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 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.

**Recommended courses include BIO318, BIO333, BIO335, BIO431, CHE331, CHE332, CHE421, CHE422, MAT330, MAT345, MAT351, MAT353, MAT424, MAT426, or other approved courses by the UUCOP Director of Admissions.

†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.
- 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 a student does not qualify for admission to the PharmD program through direct admission, they are encouraged to 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 Freed-Hardeman University while the agreement was in effect.

Freed-Hardeman University

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