

Through the Early Entry Program, qualified incoming freshmen can be admitted directly into the professional program of the School of Pharmacy. They can participate in pharmacy student organizations as freshmen.

All students who complete an initial four-year program receive a Bachelor of Science in Pharmaceutical Sciences degree.



“As an early entry student I was able to spread my classes out. This gave me more free time for extracurricular activities and helped me get acclimated to life in the pharmacy school. The program also gave me an opportunity to be involved in a variety of organizations. Now I am able to focus on those organizations that are most important to me.”

ASHLEY STUBBLEFIELD
2007-08 fifth-year student

Although BSPS graduates interested in practicing pharmacy must complete three additional years of study leading to the Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.) degree, many career opportunities in pharmaceutical research, industry and education do not require this professional degree.

Students who choose to further their education but who are not seeking the Doctor of Pharmacy degree are well-prepared for a variety of graduate programs, including medicine, dentistry and law.

THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI SCHOOL OF PHARMACY
Entering P1 Class Data

Y E A R		2 0 0 8	2 0 0 7	2 0 0 6	2 0 0 5
NUMBER ENROLLED		45	50	50	50
RESIDENCY	In-state	32	35	36	33
GENDER	Male	5	13	19	13
	Female	40	37	31	37
ACADEMIC PROFILE	Avg. ACT	27.98	29.26	28.48	28.76
	Avg. GPA	3.99	4.13	4.08	4.12

Deadline for Application

To be considered for early entry into the Bachelor of Science in Pharmaceutical Sciences program, qualified students must submit an online admission application (separate from the online University of Mississippi application) to the School of Pharmacy by February 1. The application is available at www.pharmacy.olemiss.edu/ap/. In addition, an official high-school transcript, including courses through the fall semester of the senior year, and ACT and/or SAT scores, and a nonrefundable \$50 application fee (cashier's check made payable to The University of Mississippi School of Pharmacy) must be received by February 1 by the Office of the Associate Dean for Academic and Student Affairs, School of Pharmacy, The University of Mississippi, University, MS 38677-1848.



A separate transcript should be submitted to the Office of Admissions, The University of Mississippi, University, MS 38677. When applying to the university, applicants should indicate their major as “pre-pharmacy” under the School of Pharmacy listing.

Shortly after February 1, qualified applicants will be sent an invitation to attend an applicant day. Early entry applicant days, at which attendance is mandatory, are scheduled for the end of February and early March. Final decisions regarding admission to the Early Entry Program will be communicated by May 1.

For more information, call or write:

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School of Pharmacy
The University of Mississippi
University, MS 38677-1848
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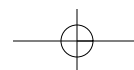


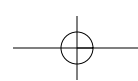
Early Entry PROGRAM

Pharmacy Education
The right prescription for your future



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“Early entry students are given the opportunity to become more involved in pharmacy organizations, pharmacy school leadership positions and other professional opportunities. The Early Entry Program gives those who have a passion for the profession of pharmacy a ‘jump-start’ into the program and profession.”

JON JACKSON

2007-08 pharmacy student body president

“The Early Entry Program offers students a school family because we are introduced to pharmacy professors and fellow pharmacy students from the very beginning of our school career. These contacts have given me great advice and have helped me to stay focused.”

ANDREA ROLWING

2007-08 fifth-year student

Early Entry

If you are a gifted high school senior with a strong interest in science and you are committed to improving health care for your fellow man, a career in pharmacy could be just what you're looking for to reach your goals. Now you can get on the fast track to that exciting career with a program offered by The University of Mississippi School of Pharmacy.

Early Entry Advantages

- ❖ The primary advantage of the Early Entry Program is that students avoid the competitive selection process for admission into the Bachelor of Science in Pharmaceutical Sciences program, which traditionally occurs following completion of required pre-professional courses. Early entry students have early assurance of admission into the professional curriculum following completion of required pre-professional courses.
- ❖ The Early Entry Program provides students with opportunities to engage in both professional and personal relationships with School of Pharmacy faculty and upperclassmen immediately upon entering the university instead of waiting to complete the traditional pre-pharmacy program.
- ❖ Applicants admitted to the Early Entry Program and who continue to meet program criteria are guaranteed a position in the Doctor of Pharmacy program or in graduate studies in any of the Ph.D. programs in the School of Pharmacy.
- ❖ Early entry students are eligible for special recruiting scholarships and have earlier access to School of Pharmacy performance-based scholarships.
- ❖ Students in the Early Entry Program may participate in professional student organizations and associated leadership-development programming earlier in their collegiate careers.



Selection Process

Acceptance in the Early Entry Program is based on composite ACT or SAT scores, high-school GPA (grades 10-12/fall), personal interview, and extracurricular activities (service, leadership, employment). To be eligible, students must first attain a minimum of 25 on their ACT. (SAT Math (M) plus Verbal (V) equals at least 1130 or M+V+Writing equals at least 1700.) In addition, a student's composite ACT score in combination with his or her high-school GPA on a 4.0 scale must exceed 65. For example, a 31 on the ACT and a 3.5 high-school GPA would yield a score of 66 according to the following formula: composite ACT + (10 x GPA).



An adjusted or weighted GPA (based on a 4.0 system) resulting from participation in advanced placement or honors courses will be used if provided by a high-school official.

Admission preference is given to Mississippi residents. However, application by non-Mississippi residents is encouraged with no residency preference given to the top 25 applicants.

Qualified applicants not chosen for the Early Entry Program and who attend The University of Mississippi may be provided the opportunity to join the program at the conclusion of either the fall or spring semester of the freshman year. The extension of such an offer is dependent on student attrition from the Early Entry Program. Offers would be restricted to students who had been qualified Early Entry applicants, had enrolled in a minimum of 15 hours in each semester, and had successfully completed the English, chemistry and biology courses taken by freshmen in the Early Entry Program. Priority would be given to those students having the highest GPA on these and additional required courses taken by Early Entry students, with a minimum requirement of 3.25.

Scholarships

The School of Pharmacy offers seven-year scholarships of \$1,000 per year to selected applicants to the Early Entry Program. Continuation of these scholarships is dependent on retaining Early Entry student status. All accepted applicants are considered as candidates for these awards. Selection of recipients is based on the admission criteria. In addition, following completion of the freshman year, all participants who achieve at least a 3.5 GPA on required courses will receive a performance scholarship for the second year. The scholarship amount will be increased each succeeding year that the criterion performance of 3.5 on required courses in the preceding year is maintained, through completion of the Doctor of Pharmacy program.

Maintaining Early Entry Status

To maintain status in the Early Entry Program, a student must

- ❖ Maintain continuous university enrollment (excluding summer terms) and enroll in a minimum of 15 hours per semester.
- ❖ Take all required courses at the Oxford campus. Electives may be taken during the summer session, intersession or at another institution. A student must complete requirements for the Bachelor of Science in Pharmaceutical Sciences degree by the end of his or her fourth year of college.
- ❖ Achieve a GPA of 3.5 on required courses the first year, a 3.25 cumulative GPA on all required courses attempted at the end of the second year and a 3.0 cumulative GPA following the third year. Students who achieve between a 3.25 and 3.49 on required courses during the freshman year will sacrifice a \$1,000 Early Entry Scholarship and will be placed on probationary status for one year. Those achieving less than a 3.25 will be dismissed from the Early Entry Program. For students also enrolled in the Sally McDonnell Barksdale Honors College, grades received in Honors 101 and 102 will be treated as required courses in lieu of English 101 and Liberal Arts 102. In calculating the GPA for these students, required courses designated as honor courses will provide five quality points for an A (rather than 4 as is typically calculated for nonhonors courses); four for a B; and so on.
- ❖ Receive no D's or F's in required courses.
- ❖ Obtain a composite PCAT score equal to or exceeding the 50th percentile and a PCAT writing score of at least 3 prior to the end of the spring semester of the junior year.

Students failing to meet or comply with the above will be dismissed from the Early Entry Program and can transfer to pre-pharmacy student status. Students cannot regain early entry status once it is lost.



“I have made the best friends that I could ever ask for [because] I met them freshman year rather than years later. We were able to take every class together. This gave me someone to call whenever I was having trouble with any of my school work.”

ASHLEY COLE

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