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SCHOOL OF PHARMACY  
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## ACES Pre-Orientation Training

May 20, 2026



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# Who We Are

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# Who We Are

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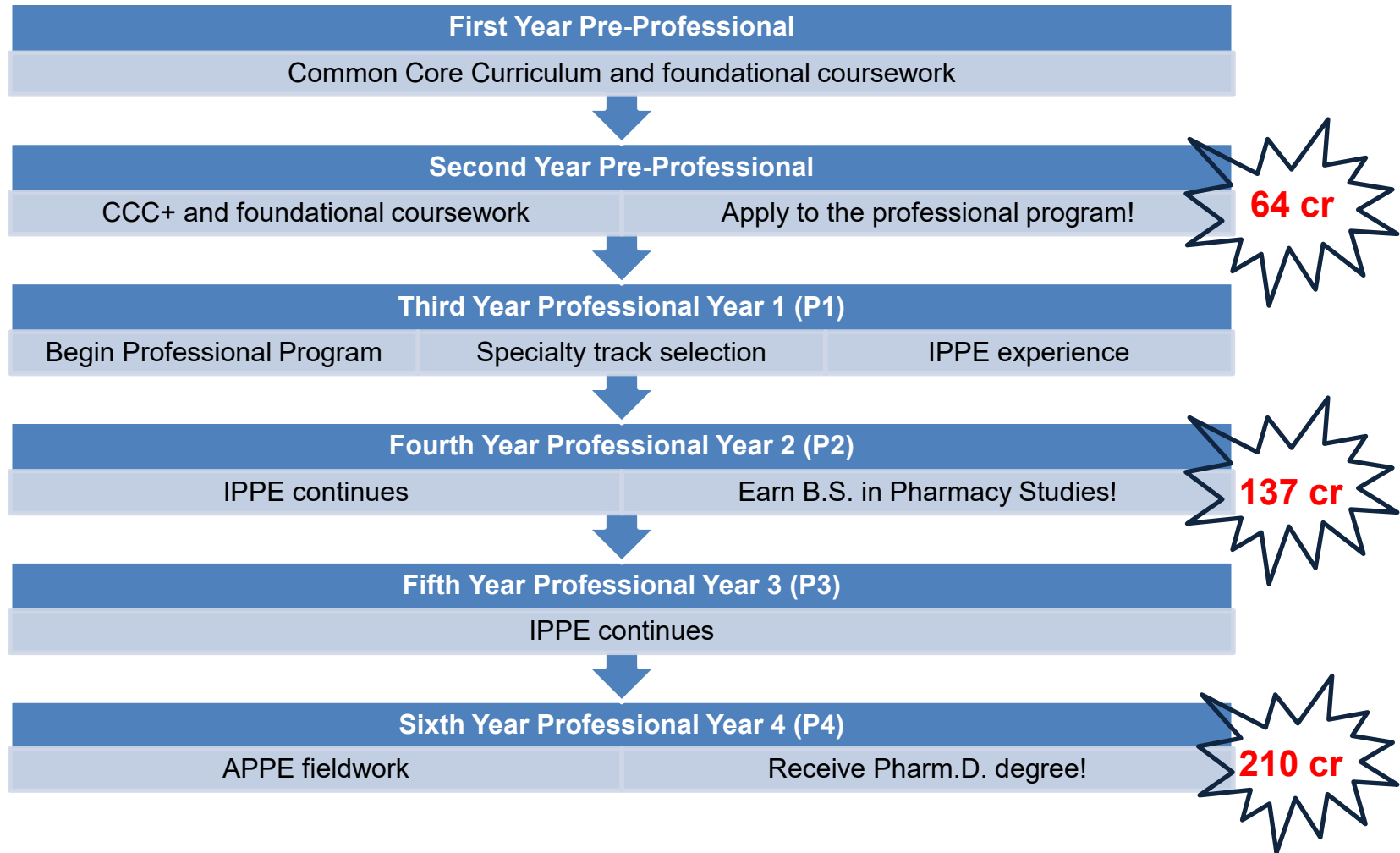


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# Roadmap to the Pharm.D.



# Updates for 2026

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- New name for the School!
- New prerequisites starting Fall 2026!
- Accepting both old and new prerequisites for applicants for Fall 2027. 🤖
- [Pharmacy Advising Website](#)
- [Major Change Process](#)
- Changes to the Pre-Professional Progression Policy to be announced in Fall 2026.
- Possible major change process changes as well.



# Pre-Professional First Year Plan of Study

Fall Semester		
Course Number	Credits	Course Name
BIOL 1107	4	Principles of Biology
CHEM 1127Q	4	General Chemistry I
STAT or MATH	3-4	Any 1000-level
TOI-3	3	CCC+ Requirement
UNIV course	1	First-Year Experience
<b>Total credits</b>	<b>16</b>	

Spring Semester		
Course Number	Credits	Course Name
ENGL 1007	4	Seminar in Writing
CHEM 1128Q	4	General Chemistry II
MATH or STAT	3-4	Any 1000-level
TOI-1	3	CCC+ Requirement
TOI-4	3	CCC+ Requirement
<b>Total credits</b>	<b>18</b>	

Comprehensive pre-professional information may be found online:  
<https://advising.pharmacy.uconn.edu/academics/curriculum-maps/>

# New vs. Old Prerequisites

OLD 1000-level Math & Science Courses	NEW 1000-level Math & Science Courses
BIOL 1107	BIOL 1107
CHEM 1127Q & CHEM 1128Q <b>OR</b> 1124Q, 1125Q, & 1126Q <b>OR</b> CHEM 1147Q & 1148Q	CHEM 1127Q & CHEM 1128Q <b>OR</b> 1124Q, 1125Q, & 1126Q <b>OR</b> CHEM 1147Q & 1148Q
MATH 1131Q	MATH 1011Q, MATH 1020Q, MATH 1030Q, MATH 1060Q, MATH 1070Q, MATH 1071Q, <b>OR</b> MATH 1131Q
PHYS 1201Q	STAT 1000Q <b>OR</b> 1100Q

OLD Social Science & English Courses	NEW Social Science & English Courses
ENGL 1007 <b>OR</b> ENGL 1010 <b>OR</b> ENGL 1011	ENGL 1007 <b>OR</b> ENGL 1010 <b>OR</b> ENGL 1011
1000-level ANTH <b>OR</b> SOCI <b>OR</b> PSYC	None!
ECON 1201	None!

# New vs. Old Prerequisites

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OLD 2000-level Science Courses	NEW 2000-level Science Courses
PNB 2264 & PNB 2265 <b>OR</b> PNB 2774, PNB 2775, & PNB 2776	PNB 2264 & PNB 2265 <b>OR</b> PNB 2774, PNB 2775, & PNB 2776
CHEM 2443 & CHEM 2444	CHEM 2241* <b>OR</b> CHEM 2443 & CHEM 2444**
MCB 2610	MCB 2610
MCB 2000 <b>OR</b> MCB 3010	MCB 2000 <b>OR</b> MCB 3010

\* Preferred for pharmacy.

\*\* Should be taken if considering pre-med, pre-dent, pre-PA.

# Transition & Application to the Professional Program

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- Applications to the School of Pharmacy's professional program are due in January the same year as intended matriculation
  - PharmCAS: **fall entry only to professional program**
- PCAT is no longer being offered anywhere! 😊
- All students must apply and be accepted into the professional program to obtain the B.S. in Pharmacy Studies and progress into the Pharm.D.



# Competitive Applicants to the Professional Program

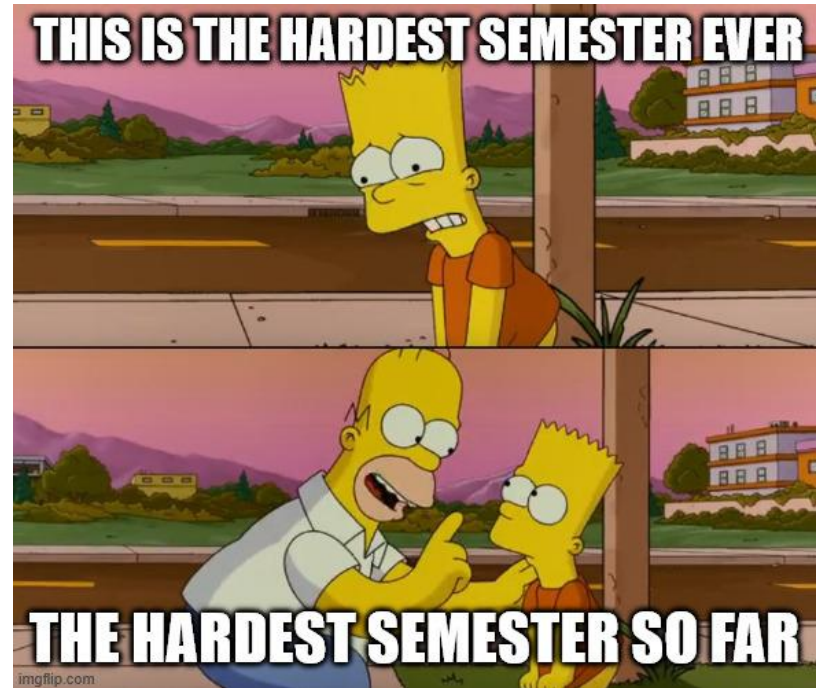
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The Admissions Committee takes a holistic approach to applications, but generally is looking for:

- All prerequisite coursework completed or to be completed by the May prior to matriculation
- Preferred GPA of 3.0 or higher in math and science courses and overall
- Strong aptitude for math and science
- Demonstrated good citizenship
- An interest in and general knowledge of the pharmacy profession
- A professional demeanor
- Experience working or volunteering in healthcare settings

# Recommended Courseloads

- Taking 5 full classes each semester in the year before starting P1 prepares students
  - It is common for students to struggle without this
- **The Admissions Committee expects** to see at least five courses after the first semester
  - This prepares students for competitive consideration of application



# How to Connect With Us

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- **Staff/faculty:** please feel free to reach out via email or Teams with questions.
- **Prospective students:** must book an appointment via Nexus with Lyn to major change; also helpful for direct application.
  - **Nexus appointments will be restricted to current Pharmacy students during the first 10 days of the semester and registration periods.**
  - Prospective students should **NOT** attempt to utilize resources that are reserved for current Pharmacy students
    - Regularly scheduled advising drop-ins
    - Registration drop-ins
    - Peer advising drop-ins

# Resources & Links

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- Pre-Professional Orientation Info: <https://advising.pharmacy.uconn.edu/orientation/pre-professional-students/>
- Curriculum Maps: <https://advising.pharmacy.uconn.edu/academics/curriculum-maps/>
- Pre-Professional Info: <https://advising.pharmacy.uconn.edu/>
- Pharm.D. Info: <https://pharmacy.uconn.edu/admission-academics/pharm-d-degree/>
- Pre-Professional Policies: <https://advising.pharmacy.uconn.edu/policies-forms/pre-professional-policies/>
- PharmCAS: <https://www.pharmcas.org/>
- Pharmacy Careers: <https://pharmacyforme.org/>

# Thank you!

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Questions?

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**Please don't hesitate  
to reach out to us! We  
are happy to meet with  
potential students.**

