

## PharmCas 101 5/3

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- What is PharmCas?
  - Opens July 14th
  - Centralized application site for pharmacy schools
  - PharmCas.org
- PharmCas
  - Making an account will assign you a PharmCas ID
  - Add programs
    - Use to look at all schools available to apply to
  - 4 sections
    - Personal Information
      - Basic Information about yourself
    - Academic History
      - GPA and Grades
      - Transcripts
        - Get all transcripts from community colleges, current college, etc
        - Some schools accept the transcripts through
        - Make sure to double check your entries!
          - Make sure to put the classes in the universal subject codes, not the UC Davis subject codes
      - Also include community college and if you're a transfer student or took summer classes at a community college
      - PCAT is optional for most California pharmacy schools
    - Supporting Information
      - Pharmacy Tech. License
      - Personal Statement
        - 4500 characters with spaces
        - Should address why you chose pharmacy as a career and how it will relate to your intermediate and professional long time goals
        - Make sure to spend a lot of time on this!!
        - Also have a lot of people proofread your paper

- Letters of recommendation
    - Remember to check how many letters of rec you need for each school and whether or not it needs to be from a pharmacist or science professor
    - Give a deadline of 2-3 weeks before the application is due
    - Can reach out in-person or through email
  - Experiences
    - Extracurricular activities
    - Jobs, Internships, clinics etc
    - Keep the section concise!
    - Order Most important to least important
  - Program Materials
    - Some schools will have extra essay questions to answer
    - Extra authentication etc
  - Application Fees
    - First application - \$175
    - Additional \$55 for each school
    - There are fee waivers available
    - Some schools have extra supplemental application fees
- General 4 year timeline
  - Freshman-Sophomore
    - Get experience
    - Update CV/Resume
    - Gain experience and write them down
  - Junior/Senior
    - Start on the personal statement
  - Transfer Students
    - Need to be proactive!
    - Take advantage of what you can while being at Davis
    - Need to be able to feel uncomfortable
- Tips
  - Start early!
    - Personal Statement - Start before or early summer
    - Don't focus too much on experiences
      - Give a story on one or two experiences, narrow down the focus
  - Schools have different application styles

- UCSF and UCSD - Non-rolling
  - UCSD has early admissions
- Rolling Application - earlier you submit, the less people you potentially compete with
- UCSF had an earlier deadline for the personal statement
- PharmCas you can only turn it in once
  - Know the earliest deadline!
- Bulk of the application is solely on the personal statement
  - Focus on this and make sure it is \*perfect\* or near perfect
- Can interview questions after sending in your pharmcas application
- Questions
  - Is the PCAT strongly recommended?
    - For schools in California, it is not needed and will not consider your score that you get if you do decide to take it