

USC Admissions

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Basic Information

- Number 1 private PharmD grad program
- First PharmD program established in California
- 10:1 PharmD student-faculty ratio
- USC has 98.1% pass rate on the NAPLEX

Curriculum

- Four-year PharmD curriculum
 - Longer winter breaks and time to work
- 11-19 units per semester
- Bachelor's degree is required
- Many specialty elective courses

Areas of concentration

- Health systems and care management
- Public and international health
- Comprehensive medication management
- Education
- Pharmaceutical industry
- Research
- Pharmacy entrepreneurship
- Dual degree programs are also offered

Admissions Requirements

- Bachelor's degree
- Min. 3.0 cum GPA and pre-req GPA
- Pre-pharmacy courses require a minimum grade of C or higher
- Official transcripts
- Three letters of recommendation
- No online/distance learning, P/NP courses (from spring 2020 and onwards okay)
- Mandatory on-site interview
- PCAT is not required
- After admission

- Min avg GPA of 3.0 and minimum grade of C must be earned in remaining pre-pharmacy courses
- **How to Apply**
 - Sign up on PharmCAS
 - USC questions, essays, required courses
 - No additional
 - Rolling admissions
 - Applying early could improve your chances of getting an interview
 - Submit transcripts to PharmCAS
 - Regular application closes December
- **Early decision**
 - Can only apply to one program
 - Must turn in application and all materials by early September of application cycle
 - If offered, admission you must accept
 - Closes on sept 8th

Application Essays

- Describe why you want to attend the USC school of pharmacy and why you are a good fit for the program
- What unique life experiences have led you to choosing pharmacy?

Interview

- Hybrid MMI interview
 - Multiple mini interview
 - Showcasing soft skills, leadership, problem solving or potential to be a leader in pharmacy
 - Includes a 2-on-1 interview'

Cost of Attendance

- \$62,000 a year
 - Many scholarships are available however and they vary from \$2500 and above, usually annually renewable

Information Session Dates

- May 20, 2020
- Mostly Q&A
- Reach out to Niya Tanyi for information: tanyi@usc.edu

Q&A

- Other than the required and recommended courses, what classes should we take to prepare for pharmacy school?

- The recommended courses are more than fine. What is more important is the extracurriculars because USC has a holistic approach to assessing applicants.
- How do we apply for scholarships?
 - Your general application is used towards scholarship applications. The school will then award you scholarships based on that. There are also other supplemental scholarships.