

USC Presentation

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 - Inquiry Form:
<https://go.pharmacyschool.usc.edu/collegefairs/inquiryform>
- Information about School
 - #1 private PharmD and research school
 - 100 years
 - Consistently exceed national average for NAPLEX
 - 10,000+ alumni
 - Started a lot of the frontiers in pharmacy school (PharmD, residency, etc)
- Curriculum
 - 4 years
 - Assigned 14 mentors over the 4 years of school
 - Able to choose their own pathways
 - 6 areas of concentration
 - Can do dual pathways
 - Summers get to work 40+ hours a week (lots of experience gained)
 - Clinical experiences (rotations) start in the first semester and last for the first 3 years
 - School work + rotations
 - Very broad rotations
 - 4th year is just all rotations
 - Can go international countries for 4th year rotations
 - 18-19 professional student organizations
- Interprofessional Experience
 - Get to possibly work with:
 - Doctors, nurses, PAs, etc
- Alumni Spotlight
 - Rotations helped realize the need to psychiatric pharmacy

- Networking helped provide more opportunities and jobs
- USC Graduation Plans
 - Lots of different avenues
 - More than 1/3rd of graduates choose their own path
 - Hospital, retail, industry, managed care, consultants, FDA, etc
- Applying
 - Bachelor's Degree required
 - Minimum of a 3.0 GPA
 - Pre-Pharmacy prerequisite classes required with a minimum of a C grade
 - Classes taken during Covid-19 with a P/NP is accepted
 - 3 Letters of Recommendation
 - Mandatory Interview
 - PharmCAS
 - Priority Deadline: Dec. 1st, 2021
 - Final Deadline: Feb. 1st, 2022
 - Rolling admission
 - The earlier you submit your application, the greater chances of getting a scholarship
 - Finances
 - ~\$60,898 a year
 - Possibilities of receiving help
 - Outside scholarships, USC scholarships, financial aid, loans, and internships/employment for 15-30k a year
- Value of Investment
 - Exposure to entire pharmacy world (not just retail)
 - Networking opportunities
 - Mentorship
 - Professional Development
- Return of Investment
 - 6 figure salaries
 - Job placement opportunities
 - Rapid career growth
 - Professional connections
- Community Commitment

- Over 1.5 million vaccines given
- Diverse communities served
- 5 owned and operated pharmacies
- What do you look for in an applicant?
 - What you have on paper is great and will help you get your foot in the door
 - Interview: is about your soft skills, wants to know you can have a conversation and a personality
 - Doesn't do full MMI's
 - Play a scenario and how would you address the scenario
 - Academically prepared, leadership qualities
 - Ex: helping volunteer at clinics, helping an elderly person get groceries, etc
 - Want to know you're dedicated to pharmacy and why you choose pharmacy instead of something else
- What would you suggest a student who is struggling academically but has been getting a lot of experiences
 - Have accepted students who have been below a 3.0 GPA but they had a close GPA to a 3.0
 - Holistically looking at the applicant

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