

PCAT Prep Summer Program Application 2010

Through a partnership between the UAMS College of Pharmacy (COP), UAMS Center for Diversity Affairs (CDA), and the National Pharmacists Association of Arkansas (NPAA); the PCAT Prep Summer Program is being offered this summer (2010) to financially disadvantaged as well as underrepresented minority students applying to the College of Pharmacy in spring 2011. The partnership is based on CDA's outreach and recruitment focus toward the recruitment of underrepresented minority students, on NPAA's longstanding efforts to provide PCAT prep opportunities to minority students, and on the College of Pharmacy's mission that seeks to "improve health of culturally diverse populations." In conjunction with this mission, this summer program has been developed to ensure prospective pharmacy school applicants who are socio-economically disadvantaged with equal opportunity, and to ensure diversity at UAMS as well as within the pharmacy profession in Arkansas. The program will include Kaplan PCAT preparatory sessions and workshops designed to provide participants with exposure to the pharmacy profession and admissions process. Classes will be held on Sunday afternoons and Tuesday evenings. Workshops will be held on Saturday afternoons. All eligible students are encouraged to apply.

Application

The application will be available via hard copy and online at the College of Pharmacy and Center for Diversity Affairs websites. **Applications must be complete and submitted by 4:30 p.m., Monday, May 17, 2010.** Applications, letters of recommendation, and official transcripts should be forwarded to:

*Registrar, College of Pharmacy - #522
University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences
4301 West Markham
Little Rock, Arkansas 72205-7122*

Academic Requirements

- Minimum GPA – 2.7
- Completion of Chemistry I and II with labs, as well as Organic Chemistry I with lab, with a "C" grade or higher
- Minimum composite score of 20 on the PCAT (if previously taken), or a composite score of 20 on the ACT if the applicant has never previously taken the PCAT

Program Eligibility

- Status as financially disadvantaged (Pell Grant eligible) or as an underrepresented minority
- Residency and Citizenship Status in accordance with UAMS Admission Requirements
- Preference will be given to applicants who have previously taken the PCAT
- Students will be required to remit a \$199 deposit, which will be due only upon enrollment in the program. The deposit will be refunded at the end of the program on the condition of 100% attendance

Important Dates

Application Deadline
Student Notification of Acceptance to Program
Registration Deadline
Diagnostic Exam (Kaplan Center)
Program Orientation
Last Program Session
Networking Reception

Monday, May 17, 2010
Monday, May 24, 2010
Friday, May 28, 2010
Tuesday, June 15, 2010
Saturday, June 19, 2010
Tuesday, August 10, 2010
Thursday, August 12, 2010

Housing

There is NO HOUSING provision associated with this program; however, **students from all areas of the state are strongly encouraged to apply.** Those who reside outside of Central Arkansas will have to commute or arrange for housing on their own. As there is a Kaplan Center in Northwest Arkansas, exceptions will be considered for students accepted to the program who reside in the Northwest region of the state. Those students would be allowed to attend Kaplan courses at the Northwest Kaplan Center and attend the Saturday sessions and Networking reception in Little Rock.

Schedule

The curriculum will consist of 18 sessions over a period of 2 months – 14 Kaplan sessions (including 3 practice exams), 3 workshop sessions at UAMS, and 1 networking reception. All on-campus sessions (except the networking reception) will be held in the Administration West Building on the main campus of UAMS on the 3rd Floor in the large conference room (just down the hall from the Center for Diversity Affairs):

SESSION	DAY	DATE	TIME	FOCUS	LOCATION
1	Tuesday	6/15	6:00 – 9:00 pm	Diagnostic	Little Rock Kaplan Center
2	Saturday	6/19	11:00am – 4:00 pm	Intro to Pharmacy Admissions & Financial Aid	UAMS, Admin. West Conf. Rm.
3	Sunday	6/20	1:00 – 4:00 pm	Orientation / VA 1 / WS 1	UAMS, Admin. West Conf. Rm.
4	Tuesday	6/22	6:00 – 9:00 pm	Biology 1	UAMS, Admin. West Conf. Rm.
5	Saturday	6/26	11:00am – 4:00 pm	Personal Statements / Shadow Matching	UAMS, Admin. West Conf. Rm.
6	Sunday	6/27	1:00 – 4:00 pm	Reading Comprehension 1	UAMS, Admin. West Conf. Rm.
7	Tuesday	6/29	6:00 – 9:00 pm	Quantitative Ability 1	UAMS, Admin. West Conf. Rm.
–	Sunday	7/3	n/a	NO CLASS – Holiday Weekend	n/a
8	Tuesday	7/6	6:00 – 9:00 pm	General Chemistry 1	UAMS, Admin. West Conf. Rm.
9	Saturday	7/10	11:00 – 4:00 pm	Professionalism / Interview Process / Mock Interviews	UAMS, COPH – Rm. G228
10	Sunday	7/11	1:00 – 4:00 pm	Organic Chemistry 1	UAMS, Admin. West Conf. Rm.
–	Tuesday	7/13	–	Student Study Day	–
11	Sunday	7/18	1:00 – 5:30 pm	Midterm Exam	Little Rock Kaplan Center
12	Tuesday	7/20	6:00 – 9:00 pm	VA 2 / WS 2	UAMS, Admin. West Conf. Rm.
13	Sunday	7/25	1:00 – 4:00 pm	Biology 2	UAMS, Admin. West Conf. Rm.
14	Tuesday	7/27	1:00 – 4:00 pm	QA 2 / RC 2	UAMS, Admin. West Conf. Rm.
15	Sunday	8/1	1:00 – 4:00 pm	General Chemistry 2	UAMS, Admin. West Conf. Rm.
16	Tuesday	8/3	6:00 – 9:00 pm	Organic Chemistry 2	UAMS, Admin. West Conf. Rm.
–	Sunday	8/8	–	Student Study Day	–
17	Tuesday	8/10	5:00 – 9:30 pm	Final	Little Rock Kaplan Center
18	Thursday	8/12	5:00 – 7:00 pm	Networking Reception	UAMS, ED II Building, COP Conference Room

4. List all colleges and universities attended in chronological order (most recent first):

INSTITUTION NAME	CITY/TOWN	STATE/PROVIDENCE	COUNTRY
DATES ATTENDED (MONTH AND YEAR)	FIELD OF STUDY	SPECIFY DEGREE	
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5. Please request that a copy of your official transcript be sent to **Registrar, College of Pharmacy, UAMS, 4301 West Markham - #522, Little Rock, Arkansas 72205-7122.**

6. Personal Statement

- Completed applications must include a printed or typed (250 words or less) statement that answers the following question: *Why are you interested in the profession of pharmacy?*
- Personal statement should be submitted with completed application form and sent together to **Registrar, College of Pharmacy, UAMS, 4301 West Markham - #522, Little Rock, Arkansas 72205-7122.**

8. Pell Grant Eligibility:

For applicants applying under the status of financially disadvantaged, send a copy of award letter for federal financial aid (Pell Grant eligibility) to **Registrar, College of Pharmacy, UAMS, 4301 West Markham - #522, Little Rock, Arkansas 72205-7122.** Call (501) 526-7299 with any questions.

7. Recommendations:

- Completed applications must include one letter of recommendation from a college/university instructor or advisor, a pharmacy professional, public service reference, or personal reference.
- A form is attached to be completed by the recommending party, which should be completed and sent to **Registrar, College of Pharmacy, UAMS, 4301 West Markham - #522, Little Rock, Arkansas 72205-7122.**

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RECOMMENDATION FORM

Section I

Applicant Information

NAME (PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT)

SIGNATURE

Section II

To be completed by a college/university instructor or advisor, and a second person of applicant's choice (preferably a pharmacist)

1. In what capacity and how long have you known the applicant?
2. How firm is the applicant's commitment to his/her proposed field of study?
3. Please rate the applicant the following areas:

	Excellent	Very Good	Average	Below Average	N/A
Leadership	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Initiative	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Purpose Driven	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Enthusiasm	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Maturity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Community Service	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Academic Performance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Work Ethic	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

4. Please cite specific examples of how the applicant has demonstrated the qualities listed in Question 3.

5. Additional Comments

Section III

Reference Contact Information & Signature

Name: _____ Title/Position: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Institution: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

Please return completed recommendation form to:

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APPLICATION DEADLINE: Monday, May 17, 2010 @ 4:30 p.m.