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PCAT Prep Summer Program Application 2011

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 (PPSP) is being offered this summer (2011) to underrepresented minority as well as financially disadvantaged students applying to the College of Pharmacy for fall 2012 Admission. The partnership is based on CDA's efforts to recruit and retain 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 the health of culturally diverse populations." In conjunction with this mission, the PPSP was established in 2009 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. Students may select from classroom or online options. UAMS workshops will be held on Saturdays in June. All eligible students are encouraged to apply.

Application

The application will be available via hard copy as well as on the College of Pharmacy and Center for Diversity Affairs websites. **Applications must be complete and submitted by 4:30 p.m., Friday, May 13, 2011.** 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
- Priority will be given to applicants who have previously taken the PCAT and applied to pharmacy school
- Students will be required to remit a \$199 deposit, which will be due only upon enrollment in the program. The deposit must be paid by check (no money orders) and 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
Program Orientation / Workshop I
Networking Reception

Friday, May 13, 2011
Friday, May 20, 2011
Saturday, June 4, 2010
Saturday, August 13, 2010

Schedule / Curriculum

The PPSP consists of 19 sessions over a period that depends on which PCAT cycle and testing center is most convenient for each accepted student. The curriculum includes 14 Kaplan sessions, 3 workshop sessions, at least one shadow experience, and a networking reception on the campus of UAMS. [Kaplan PCAT](#) courses are scheduled to take place in Little Rock. Students who live outside of Little Rock may register for the Kaplan PCAT offered in other areas of the state, outside of the state in some cases (i.e. Memphis), or online. However, students taking the Kaplan PCAT sessions outside of Little Rock or online are still required to attend all other program sessions as scheduled.

Kaplan PCAT Curriculum

Session 1 - Diagnostic Exam	Session 8 - Midterm Exam
Session 2 - Orientation / Verbal Ability 1 / Writing Sample 1	Session 9 – Verbal A 2 / WS 2
Session 3 - Biology 1	Session 10- Biology 2
Session 4 - Reading Comprehension 1	Session 11 - Qualitative Analysis 2 / Reading Comprehension 2
Session 5 - Quantitative Ability 1	Session 12 - General Chemistry 2
Session 6 - General Chemistry 1	Session 13 - Organic Chemistry 2
Session 7 - Organic Chemistry 1	Session 14 - Final Exam

Kaplan Schedule

COURSE CODE	LOCATION	DAYS	DATES	TIME	NOTES / EXCEPTIONS
PCLR11351	Little Rock – Hampton Inn	Mondays & Thursdays	5/23 – 7/14	6:00pm – 9:00pm (5:00pm – 8:30pm on exam days)	No class on Tuesday, July 4th
PCLR11501	Little Rock – UAMS	Tuesdays & Saturdays	6/21 – 8/9	Tues. 6:00pm – 9:00pm Sat. 10:00am – 1:00pm (5:00pm – 8:30pm on exam days)	No class on Saturday, July 2nd
PCMP11501	Memphis – Kaplan Center	Mondays & Wednesdays	7/11 – 8/24	6:00pm – 9:00pm (6:00pm – 9:30pm on exam days)	n/a
PLVL	Online	7 schedules available	5/23 - 8/13	7 schedules available	n/a

Shadow Experience

Students will shadow a pharmacist at least once during the course of the program. The Center for Diversity Affairs will schedule these sessions, and attempt to match students to shadow in an area of pharmacy that parallels each student's interest but may be unfamiliar with (i.e. nuclear, retail, academic, research, policy).

Workshop Sessions and Networking Reception

SESSION	DAY	DATE	TIME	FOCUS	LOCATION
1	Saturday	6/4	10:00am – 3:00pm	Intro to Pharmacy Admissions & Financial Aid/Planning	UAMS, Administration West Bldg., 3 rd FL Conf. Rm.
2	Saturday	6/11	10:00am – 3:00pm	PROFESSIONALISM: Student, Pharmacist, the Pharmacy Profession, Time Management	UAMS, Administration West Bldg., 3 rd FL Conf. Rm.
3	Saturday	7/18	10:00am – 3:00pm	Personal Statement Writing/ Mock Interview	UAMS, Administration West Bldg., 3 rd FL Conf. Rm.
4	Saturday	8/13	3:00pm – 5:00pm	Networking Reception	UAMS, College of Pharmacy, 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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