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College of Pharmacy

International Post-Baccalaureate Pharmacy (IPBP) Program

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- ❖ Leading Health Sciences institution since 1977
- ❖ Accelerated program – earn your degree in 3 years!
- ❖ Quality education and training
- ❖ Nationally Accredited
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- ❖ 30 minutes from Los Angeles, California



Program Overview

The Western University College of Pharmacy offers a unique training opportunity for foreign as well as U.S. graduates with a bachelor's degree in pharmacy. Like all Colleges of Pharmacy in the United States, Western University requires 4 years of professional education following a minimum of 2 years of pre-pharmacy coursework. The International Post-Baccalaureate Pharm.D. program allows the successful applicant to bypass the first year and join the second year class to complete the final 3 years of the professional pharmacy curriculum. The Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.) degree awarded to the IPBP student is the same as the degree given to traditional students.

Summary of Important Admissions Requirements

- ❖ Resume/Curriculum Vitae
- ❖ Bachelor of Science (or equivalent) in Pharmacy
- ❖ Minimum GPA - 2.5 on a 4.0 scale (US standard)
- ❖ TOEFL – 213 (computer) / 550 (paper)/ 79 (internet based)
- ❖ Internal Assessment (IA)

See attached FAQs for details

Curriculum (at a glance)

Timeline (3 years)	Pharmacy Practice (P.P.) Blocks to be Completed
Mid July – Early August	Orientation
Mid August - May	PP (I) – PP (X)
Mid June - July	IPPE
August – January	PP (XI) – PP (XV) PP (XVI)
February - May	2 Clerkship rotations (APPE 1 and 2)
May – February	5 Clerkship rotations (APPE 3 – 8)
February - May	Advanced Elective



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**Western University of Health Sciences
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**International Post Baccalaureate PharmD (IPBP) Program
Some Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**

1. Who is qualified to apply for the IPBP program?

The IPBP program is open to all American and foreign-trained pharmacists with a bachelor's degree (B.S. or equivalent) who wish to progress to the Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.) degree at the Western University College of Pharmacy.

2. When can I apply to this program?

Applications will be available in November 2006. The applicant deadline is February 1, 2007 for entry into the program starting July 2007. All application materials are due into the Admissions Office by the deadline.

3. Foreign Equivalency, TOEFL, and TSE. Are there any requirements to pass the Foreign Pharmacy Graduate Equivalency Examination (FPGEE) for admission into the IPBP program?

No. FPGEE scores are not required for the IPBP program. However, you must obtain a passing grade in the IA exam administered by the College of Pharmacy. (Applicants please note that information on pharmacist licensure can be obtained at www.nabp.net especially if you have a BS degree prior to 2003 or graduated from a 5-year pharmacy curriculum) (see FAQ's on IA for more details).

4. Is Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) a requirement for admission into the IPBP program?

Yes, the TOEFL is a mandatory requirement for all graduates from non-English speaking countries. A minimum score of 550 (paper-based), 213 (computer-based) is required for consideration of admission. For students appearing for the TOEFL exam under the new guidelines, a minimum score of 79 (internet based) would be considered acceptable. Scores must be submitted by June 1, 2007.

5. Is Test of Spoken English (TSE) a requirement for admission into the IPBP program?

No. At this time, TSE is not required for admission. However, the Western University College of Pharmacy places a strong emphasis on communication skills, both oral and written, for all students. We believe that a strong foundation in communication is key to becoming competent practitioners of the profession. Good communication skills also facilitate productive interaction with fellow students, faculty, the healthcare team and above all, your patients!

6. What is the IA exam?

The internal assessment (IA) is a test that is written and graded by the Pharmaceutical Sciences faculty at Western University. See web site for details.

7. Is anyone exempt from taking the IA?

No, it is mandatory for all candidates applying for the IPBP program to take the IA exam.

8. Is there a fee for the IA?

Yes. The fee structure is as follows:

1. **IA Examination Study Guide Access Fee: \$250.** All new applicants must submit this mandatory fee to purchase the IA examination study guide. Once this fee is received, electronic access to the study guide will be provided. Re-applicants who are considering applying into the program again may choose to waive the above fee option if they decide to use their old study guides (provided at the time of previous application). However, study guides are updated on a yearly basis by the faculty. Thus, if a re-applicant decides to waive the study guide access fee and take the IA exam based on old study materials, he/she runs the risk of losing out on new materials that may be posted in the study guide.

2. **IA Examination Fee: \$250.** All applicants (new and re-applicant) selected for an interview must pay this fee on the day of the interview or prior to this day without exception. Non-payment of these fees will delay your scores and reduce your chances of admission into the program

3. All checks must be payable to the College of Pharmacy Western University of Health Sciences. **The IA Examination Study Guide Access Fee is due at the time of application submission.** Please submit a separate check for the IA exam.

For a comprehensive list of FAQs please visit our website at www.westernu.edu/pharmacy/mcpp_about.xml