



Western
University
OF HEALTH SCIENCES

College of
Pharmacy

Interview Day Guidebook

PharmD 2028

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About the College of Pharmacy (COP)

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College Mission

To develop leaders in patient care and research within a culture of excellence and inclusivity, who will advance health care through innovative pharmacy education and practice, advocacy, interprofessional collaboration, scholarship, and service.

Our Vision

To be leaders in pharmacy education, practice, and research.

Our Motto: Create. Care. Connect.

CREATE: Develop and deliver curricular innovations to prepare leaders who will excel in a dynamic profession.

Engage in research and scholarship that advances the practice and science of pharmacy.

CARE: Produce graduates to abide by the highest ethical and professional standards of pharmacy practice and pharmaceutical sciences.

Support an inclusive environment and community that establishes a culture of well-being and commitment to service.

CONNECT: Recruit and retain students, postdoctoral trainees, staff, and faculty from diverse backgrounds and provide opportunities for advancement and professional success.

Enhance strategic partnerships and promote external recognition of accomplishments to strengthen the local and global impact of the college.

We care about our patients
as much as we care for them.
We know that compassion is
a compelling motivation for
healing.



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The Interview Process

Interviews at Western University of Health Sciences (WesternU) are meant to be an exchange of information in a warm and welcoming environment. It is an experience that is both positive and enjoyable for the student applicants. Applicants have been selected by the individual college admissions committees because they exemplify those qualities that we feel are important in the health care professionals whom we educate.

We understand that the applicants are also making choices regarding the professional school that they will attend. Our goal is to inform the applicants of the educational programs provided to assist them, the state-of-the-art facilities that are available to the applicants, and demonstrate to potential students that we are “living our values,” that we are here for our students and for each other. This is what makes WesternU a special place to learn.

General Applicant Information

- » Approximately 400 applications will be received and approximately 400 (subject to change) interviews will be scheduled to fill a class of 100 students.
- » Interviews are tentatively scheduled September 2024 to June 2025. Acceptances may be offered throughout the interview process.

Orientation

- » The interview day has been organized to allow candidates to obtain information on our programs and support services; therefore, we encourage you to **ASK QUESTIONS!**

Tour of the Campus

- » A tour of our campus will take place on the day of your interview (weather permitting). Our Pharmacy Students are active in many campus activities and have volunteered to share their experiences with you and answer your questions regarding campus life.

Interview

- » Candidates are asked to review the **Interview Day Agenda** and be in the interview waiting area 15 minutes prior to the interview.
- » The average interview is approximately 30 minutes in duration.
- » The interview panel may be comprised of the following: admissions committee member, faculty member, Pharmacist and/or current student/alumni of Western University.

We embody humanism through caring, respect, empathy, trust, and inclusion.

Writing Skills Evaluation

- » This section of the interview process is to determine how efficient your writing skills are. You will be given three sheets of paper to write an essay on a topic chosen by the College of Pharmacy Admissions Committee. You will have 40 minutes to complete the essay to the best of your ability. You are not required to fill all three sheets of paper. Topics may range from questions regarding your application (for clarification) to current issues in pharmacy. Essay topics will be general in nature, not necessarily pharmacy related.

Admissions Committee Decisions

- » Candidates are notified by email of the committee's decision.
- » Following the interview, applicants are placed in one of three categories: Accept, Alternate, or Non-Accept.
- » Official transcripts, History & Physical information, and proof of immunity through serum blood titers are required of all accepted students.
- » Applicants selected as Alternates may be offered a seat in the class as late as the first week of school. (August)
- » **Questions:** If you have questions regarding your application, please contact your Admissions Counselor by phone or email (please refer to page W-28 for contact information).

Admissions

Accept Status Information

For all applicants accepted to WesternU, there will be 2 deposits. The first deposit of \$250 will be due within two weeks after notification and the second deposit of \$250 will be due on March 1, 2025. **These payments are non-refundable.**

Your prerequisite courses were evaluated based on the information submitted in your application before your interview. Any changes in prerequisite courses made after your interview must be approved by the admissions office. Failure to do so may jeopardize your eligibility for admission.

ALL prerequisite course work in progress must be completed by the end of the Spring 2025 semester or quarter. Summer 2025 courses are not accepted.


If you have prerequisite course work in progress and are accepted to the Pharmacy program, your acceptance will be contingent upon successful completion of ALL prerequisite courses.

A complete health history and physical examination is required prior to registration. It cannot be more than 6 months old from your first day of matriculation. Your physician must indicate if you are current with your vaccination for tetanus/diphtheria/pertussis and that you have received tuberculosis clearance (must be valid throughout the entire academic year).

Proof of current immunity through **serum blood titers** to the following communicable diseases: measles, mumps, rubella, varicella and Hepatitis B.

You will find a copy of the Provisional offer of Admission on the next page. Please keep in mind; failure to complete the admissions requirements will result in the delay of your financial aid and/or rescindment of your acceptance.

If you have any questions, please check with the Admissions office.



#WesternUWay
#WesternUProud

Provisional Offer of Admission


Your admission to Western University of Health Sciences (WesternU) is based upon the information reported on your application, during the interview process and/or otherwise shared through written/verbal communication with the University. Consequently, we expect that you will comply with each of the following terms and conditions as outlined below:

Please carefully review this document and submit within the required timeframes. Contingent Offer of Admission: Your acceptance is contingent upon the submission of the following admissions requirements by June 1st:

1. Official transcript(s) showing the satisfactory completion of all prerequisite coursework and degree(s).
2. Completed Immunization, Health History and Physical Examination forms.
3. Completed background check from PreCheck (if required by your program).
4. Completed Technical Standards form (if required by your program).
5. Proof of legal U.S. residency (International Students only).
6. Failure to submit any of the above listed items by the deadline may result in the delay of your registration and/or financial aid or the rescindment of WesternU's offer of admission.

Acceptance Deposit: If you intend on enrolling at WesternU, you must accept our offer of admission online as outlined in your admissions packet under What's Next? Accept your Admissions Offer; and submit a nonrefundable acceptance deposit for \$250 followed by a second deposit of \$250 for all PharmD applicants, by the date indicated in your offer of admission letter. In the event you must withdraw your acceptance of WesternU's offer of admission prior to or after the start of classes, or if the offer of admission is rescinded for any reason, your acceptance deposit will be automatically forfeited. Non-payment of the required acceptance deposit by the date shown above will lead to the automatic rescindment of WesternU's offer of admission.

Background Check(s): Due to the nature of our graduate and professional programs, you may be required to submit to a background check prior to and/or during your enrollment at WesternU in accordance with the policy/procedures of the specific College. You are responsible for any associated costs of the first background check. Certain findings/information on a background check may impact your ability to begin and/or continue your education at WesternU, in addition to interfering with WesternU's ability to procure internships/clerkships/rotations sites and impacting your ability to obtain appropriate licensure to practice in your desired profession. Consequently, any findings and/or results of the background check(s) is your sole responsibility to address and/or ameliorate the possible impact of such information. Students are encouraged to ensure they are effectively aware of and/or avoid any infractions/convictions or other aspects that could negatively impact their career progression while at WesternU.



**WesternU is home to over
170 student led clubs and
organizations.**

Standards of Academic Integrity, Professionalism and Student Conduct:

If WesternU receives information from any source, prior to your enrollment, regarding a history of conduct by you that is inconsistent with, or would violate our student conduct policies and/or procedures; your offer of acceptance may be withdrawn immediately. Please review the relevant student conduct policies, located in the General Section of the University Catalog for further information.

Alternate Status Information

Alternate candidates may be offered a seat from the time the alternate letter is received until August 2025 (subject to change).

A response from you, when you first learn of your alternate status, is all that is required for you to remain in consideration. If you should accept a seat elsewhere, please notify us in writing so that we can remove you from the alternate list. Be advised that second interviews are not granted.

Applicants placed as alternates may or may not be offered a seat for the upcoming entering class. The alternate status remains unchanged until notified in writing by WesternU admissions office. Please do not call the Admissions Office to check on an alternate status.

Candidates who are unsuccessful in gaining admission will be notified, in writing, by the first week of September.

If You Are Not Offered An Acceptance

If you are not offered an acceptance and you would like suggestions on how to improve your application for the next application cycle, you may call the admissions office and make an appointment for phone counseling to discuss your application (see page W-28 for contact information). Due to the volume of work during the interview period, appointments are only available July, August and September. Suggestions on how to improve your application will not guarantee an interview and/or acceptance to the Pharmacy Program.

Remember to check our website for new application deadline dates and any changes in program requirements.



PharmD Curriculum Overview

The curriculum encompasses both academic and experiential learning. Academic course work in the PharmD program is delivered in two ways. The first year integrates the science foundation blocks with laboratory and practice components. When students enter the College, they are divided into groups for the purpose of participation in the College's Introductory Pharmacy Practice Experience (IPPE) Program. Each group is assigned to community and independent pharmacies for the fall and spring semesters. The experiential learning component (IPPE) gives you an opportunity to put into practice what you are learning in the classroom

FIRST YEAR - FALL

| COURSE NO. | COURSE TITLE |
|------------|---|
| IPE 5000 | Patient Centered Cases I |
| PHRM 5110 | Introduction to Pharmacy and Healthcare Systems |
| PHRM 5111 | Foundations of Pharmacy Practice & Self Care Therapeutics I |
| PHRM 5221 | Pharmacological Basis of Therapeutics I |
| PHRM 5222 | Pharmacological Basis of Therapeutics II |
| PHRM 5301 | Pharmaceutics/Biopharmaceutics I |
| PHRM 5401 | Immunology |
| PHRM 5998 | Introductory Pharmacy Practice Experience 1A |
| PHRM ELEC | Elective Courses |

FIRST YEAR - SPRING

| COURSE NO. | COURSE TITLE |
|------------|--|
| IPE 5100 | Patient Centered Cases II |
| PHRM 5112 | Foundations of Pharmacy Practice & Self Care Therapeutics II |
| PHRM 5113 | Research Methods and Biostatistics |
| PHRM 5114 | Pharmacy Calculations (online course) |
| PHRM 5223 | Pharmacological Basis of Therapeutics III |
| PHRM 5224 | Pharmacological Basis of Therapeutics IV |
| PHRM 5302 | Pharmacogenomics and Pharmaceutics |
| PHRM 5501 | Pharmacokinetics |
| PHRM 5999 | Introductory Pharmacy Practice Experience IB |
| PHRM ELEC | Elective Courses |

WesternU has four academic medical centers in four cities.

| SECOND YEAR - FALL | |
|--------------------|---|
| COURSE NO. | COURSE TITLE |
| IPE 6000 | Team Training in Healthcare I |
| PHRM 6201 | Pharmacy Practice I: Evidence-Based Medicine |
| PHRM 6202 | Pharmacy Practice II: Intro to Pharmacotherapy/Renal Diseases |
| PHRM 6203 | Pharmacy Practice III: Metabolic Syndromes |
| PHRM 6204 | Pharmacy Practice IV: Cardiovascular Diseases |
| PHRM 6205 | Pharmacy Practice V: Integration Block |
| PHRM ELEC | Elective Courses |

| SECOND YEAR - SPRING | |
|----------------------|--|
| COURSE NO. | COURSE TITLE |
| IPE 6100 | Team Training in Healthcare II |
| PHRM 6206 | Pharmacy Practice VI: GI and Liver Diseases |
| PHRM 6207 | Pharmacy Practice VII: Respiratory Diseases, Inflammatory Diseases, Endocrine Diseases, and Women's Health |
| PHRM 6208 | Pharmacy Practice VIII: Men's Health and Psychiatric Diseases |
| PHRM 6209 | Pharmacy Practice IX: Neurological Diseases |
| PHRM 6210 | Pharmacy Practice X: Integration Block |
| PHRM 6999 | Introductory Pharmacy Practice Experience II |
| PHRM ELEC | Elective Courses |

| THIRD YEAR - FALL | |
|-------------------|--|
| COURSE NO. | COURSE TITLE |
| PHRM 6301 | Pharmacy Practice XI: Infectious Diseases (Bacterial) |
| PHRM 6302 | Pharmacy Practice XII: Infectious Diseases (Viral and Fungal), Travel Medicine, and Organ Transplant |
| PHRM 6303 | Pharmacy Practice XIII: Oncology |
| PHRM 6304 | Pharmacy Practice XIV: Pharmacy Administration |
| PHRM 6305 | Pharmacy Practice XV: Pharmacoeconomics and Pharmacoepidemiology |

| THIRD YEAR - SPRING | |
|---------------------|--|
| COURSE NO. | COURSE TITLE |
| PHRM 6306 | Pharmacy Practice XVI (Integration Course) |
| PHRM 7110 | Community Practice (CP) |
| PHRM 7210 | Ambulatory Care (AC) |

| FOURTH YEAR – FALL | |
|--------------------|--|
| COURSE NO. | COURSE TITLE |
| PHRM 7220 | General Medicine (GM) |
| PHRM 7330 | Health-systems Practice (HP) |
| PHRM 7340 | Elective Pharmacy Practice Experience I |
| PHRM 7350 | Elective Pharmacy Practice Experience II |

| FOURTH YEAR – SPRING | |
|----------------------|------------------------|
| COURSE NO. | COURSE TITLE |
| PHRM 8400 | Advanced Elective (AE) |

Note: In the Spring Term of Third Year, students enroll in PHRM 6306 and two APPEs. In the Fall Term of the Fourth Year, their remaining four APPEs. The sequence of the APPEs are variable, and the above sequence is an example.

*SUBJECT TO CHANGE

<https://www.westernu.edu/ire/outcomes/pharmacy/>

Please see COP's catalog for more details regarding the College's curriculum and educational programs: <https://www.westernu.edu/registrar/registrar-about/university-catalog/>

At WesternU, we
integrate research
with education and
humanism.

Interprofessional Practice & Education

WHAT IS INTERPROFESSIONAL PRACTICE & EDUCATION (IPE) AT WESTERNU?

Collaboration and teamwork among healthcare professionals are important aspects to the delivery of high-quality patient care. A landmark report by the Institute of Medicine suggests healthcare workforce preparation should include IPE.

“Interprofessional education occurs when students from two or more professions learn about, from and with each other to enable effective collaboration and improve health outcomes. Interprofessional education is a necessary step in preparing a ‘collaborative practice-ready’ health workforce that is better prepared to respond to local health needs.”

SOURCE: WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION (2010): FRAMEWORK FOR ACTION ON INTERPROFESSIONAL EDUCATION & COLLABORATIVE PRACTICE

WesternU’s IPE curriculum places students from multiple professions together in large and small team classrooms. The goal is for WesternU graduates to demonstrate an understanding of other health professions and to provide and promote a team approach to patient care and healthcare management, ultimately leading to improved safety and quality of care.

This collaboration of professions directly reflects the “one health, one medicine, one vision” idea, employing a curriculum designed to do no less than revolutionize health professions education in this country - breaking down the silos that characterize so many university campuses today. Improved service to patients and enhanced student-centered learning were primary reasons for establishing WesternU’s IPE curriculum.

As national healthcare organizations and employers emphasize the importance of a team-based approach to healthcare, developing skills as part of an interprofessional team becomes essential to graduates. As ambassadors for WesternU’s broad interprofessional approach, our graduates will simultaneously cement WesternU’s reputation as a leader in graduate health-sciences education and raise the bar for patient care throughout the United States.

WesternU is a major institution to develop a comprehensive program helping students from many health professions learn how to work as a cohesive health care team. Why are we doing this? Because:

- » As national healthcare organizations and employers emphasize the importance of a team-based approach to healthcare, it is likely that education as part of an interprofessional health care team will enhance graduates’ expertise and increase their employment opportunities.

WesternU is one of the most comprehensive graduate schools for the health professions in the U.S.

- » Graduates will be better prepared to work in patient-centered team-based care at the onset of their careers reinforcing their effectiveness and improving patient outcomes.
- » As populations grow larger and older, provider shortages are increasing. Thus, coordinated care is even more essential and valued.
- » Learning to take an interprofessional approach to population-based challenges such as global pandemics will benefit society during critical times.
- » Patients will receive timely care from the most appropriate healthcare providers—minimizing cost and maximizing patients' potential for improvement and recovery—thanks to the collaborative care that can be created as the result of interprofessional practice.

Our future graduates will have distinctive collaboration and communication outlooks and skills, which will ultimately benefit patients. Learn more at <http://www.westernu.edu/interprofessional/home-page/>



About Western University of Health Sciences





Overview of WesternU Financial Aid Processes

Welcome! The information below is to provide you with a quick overview on how financial aid is processed at our office. Please visit our website at <https://www.westernu.edu/financial/>, which has a lot of useful information.

If you have any questions or feedback, please contact our office at (909) 469-5353 or via email at finaid@westernu.edu. We look forward to assisting you!

Applying for Aid

THE PROCESS

1 COMPLETE THE FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID (FAFSA)

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is open for submission annually each October 1st.

- » Create a Federal Student Aid (FSA) ID
- » This FSA ID is used to sign your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online. If you have an existing FSA ID, you are not required to create another one.
- » Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) <https://studentaid.gov/>
- » Western University of Health Sciences (WesternU) school code is 024827
- » When completing the FAFSA application, transfer your federal tax information from two years ago (Prior-Prior Year).

2 REVIEW STUDENT BUDGET/ COST OF ATTENDANCE

Student Budgets/Cost of Attendance are subject to change and costs vary each year. See below for details.

3 REQUIREMENTS

In early spring the Financial Aid Office will email your WesternU email account. This email will instruct you to login to your Student Portal to complete the listed requirements prior to disbursement of loan funds. Once requirements are completed, your financial College Finance Plan will be emailed to your WesternU email account. Awards typically are awarded by the beginning of June.

WesternU offers 4 Pathways to the top 10 jobs in the U.S., as ranked by U.S. News and World Report 2024-2025

4 FINANCIAL AID OFFER

Packaging and Award Policy

- » Students at WesternU are packaged and awarded as independent graduate students. There are no Grants available to graduate students. Resources such as gift aid, scholarships, Military and the National Health Service Corps will be taken into consideration first when packaging and awarding students.
- » All eligible students are awarded the unsubsidized loan based on the length of your academic year <https://www.westernu.edu/financial/loan-counseling/financial-loans-department-education/> and the balance in the Grad PLUS loan to meet the maximum budget.
- » Outside scholarships are available! Please visit <https://www.westernu.edu/financial/scholarships/> for more details.

Loans

- » Graduate professional students are eligible to borrow federal loans up to the cost of attendance minus other financial aid from the Department of Education (ED) and/or non-Department of Education lenders referred to as an Alternative loan.
- » ED Loans and Interest Rates are as follows:
- » Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan 7.05% (T-Bill + 3.60%)
- » Grad PLUS Loan 8.05% (T-Bill + 4.6%)
- » The Federal Graduate PLUS loan requires a credit check. If loan is declined, student will need an Endorser.
- » Please remember that the interest rates for each academic year may vary based on what the 10-Year T-Bill will be by the end of May of each year. In addition, there is an origination fee, which is assessed at the time of disbursement. For additional information visit our website <https://www.westernu.edu/financial/loan-counseling/>. Repayment begins 6 months after the student graduates or drops below half time enrollment. Limited deferments and forbearances are available to students upon graduation based on economic hardship.

Alternative Loan

- » Eligible students are International, DACA, and those eligible to borrow ED loans.
- » International and DACA students must secure a U.S. Citizen co-signer to obtain funding.
- » Requires a credit check and is based on credit worthiness. Unlike ED's Loan program, approval is not guaranteed. The lending institutions determine interest rates of which there is no cap. Some lenders may charge an origination fee. Alternative loans may not have deferment/forbearance as an option.

5 DISBURSEMENTS SCHEDULE

- » Disbursement schedules are based on the student's program enrollment terms (fall and spring or fall, spring, and summer terms).
- » The financial aid amount you've accepted will be disbursed to your Student Account. Loan funds will first be used to pay for tuition and fees and then the remainder of it will be deposited to your checking account.
- » To view your disbursement schedule, please Login to your Student Portal.

6 MEET WITH A FINANCIAL AID COUNSELOR

- » Students who are borrowing ED loans for the first time at Western University of Health Sciences will receive an email with instructions to schedule their 30-45-minute mandatory New Student Information (NSI) Financial Aid group meeting.

Student Budgets

- » The budget is for the student only and for educational expenses during the period of enrollment.
- » Information is updated annually at the end of March.
- » All budgets are estimated costs and are subject to change
- » Please visit <https://www.westernu.edu/financial/financial-budgets/> for details.

| TUITION & FEES | FIRST YEAR 12 MONTHS | SECOND YEAR 12 MONTHS | THIRD YEAR 9 MONTHS | FOURTH YEAR 12 MONTHS |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| Tuition | \$58,400.00 | \$58,400.00 | \$58,400.00 | \$58,400.00 |
| Student Body Fees | \$40.00 | \$40.00 | \$40.00 | \$40.00 |
| Graduation Fees | N/A | N/A | N/A | \$350 |
| Top Hat | \$27.00 | \$27.00 | \$27.00 | N/A |
| Student Health Record Fee | \$50.00 | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Total Tuition & Fees | \$58,517.00 | \$58,467.00 | \$58,467.00 | \$58,790.00 |

| BUDGET ITEMS/ ESTIMATED COSTS | FIRST YEAR 12 MONTHS | SECOND YEAR 12 MONTHS | THIRD YEAR 9 MONTHS | FOURTH YEAR 12 MONTHS |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| Books & Supplies | \$1,356.00 | \$250.00 | \$250.00 | \$250.00 |
| Living Expenses (room + food) | \$23,216.00 | \$23,216.00 | \$17,241.00 | \$23,216.00 |
| Misc. Personal Expenses | \$7,469.00 | \$7,469.00 | \$5,598.00 | \$7,469.00 |
| Transportation | \$4,068.00 | \$4,319.00 | \$5,169.00 | \$10,165.00 |
| Background Check | \$94.00 | \$94.00 | \$94.00 | \$94.00 |
| CPR | \$90.00 | N/A | \$90.00 | N/A |

| LOAN FEES | FIRST YEAR 12 MONTHS | SECOND YEAR 12 MONTHS | THIRD YEAR 9 MONTHS | FOURTH YEAR 12 MONTHS |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| Direct Unsubsidized Loan Fees | \$393.00 | \$393.00 | \$349.00 | \$393.00 |
| Grad PLUS Loan Fees | \$2,454.00 | \$2,417.00 | \$2,294.00 | \$2,673.00 |
| Total Estimated Budget | \$97,657.00 | \$96,625.00 | \$89,552.00 | \$103,050.00 |

THE AVERAGE INDEBTEDNESS FOR THE WESTERNU DOCTOR OF PHARMACY PROGRAM FOR THE LAST 4 YEARS:

| | |
|----------------|--------------|
| 2019 Graduates | \$241,750.00 |
| 2020 Graduates | \$250,709.00 |
| 2021 Graduates | \$243,961.00 |
| 2022 Graduates | \$246,016.00 |

This was based on graduates that had WesternU debt.

The Pharmacy program has two disbursements per academic year. One in the fall before school starts and one in the spring.

To see a sample of what your loan repayment schedule may look like, please visit the [Federal Student Aid Repayment Estimator Calculator](#).



Policies and Procedures

WesternU Accreditation

Western University of Health Sciences is accredited by the Senior College and University Commission of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC). WASC's statement of accreditation status can be found at <http://www.wascsenior.org/institutions/western-university-health-sciences>. You may contact WASC at 985 Atlantic Avenue, Suite 100, Alameda, CA 94501. Phone: (310) 748-9001, Fax: (310) 748-9797, E-mail: wascsr@wascsenior.org. WASC is a non-profit organization that evaluates the quality and educational effectiveness of schools, colleges, and universities. WASC is one of six regional accreditation agencies in the United States. While it is not officially regulated by the government, it is regularly reviewed by the U.S. Department of Education and the Council for Higher Education Accreditation

COP Accreditation

The WesternU College of Pharmacy is fully accredited through June 2029 by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE) to offer the Doctor of Pharmacy degree program. ACPE is the sole accreditation agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education to accredit professional degree programs in pharmacy and is located at 135 S. LaSalle Street, Suite 4100, Chicago, IL 60603-4810. They can be contacted at (312) 664-3575, Fax (312) 664-4652, or at their website: www.acpe-accredit.org.

The WesternU student body for fall 2023-24 is 3,625.

Catalog Overview

The University Catalog is now available online. To ease download times for viewing, we have broken up the catalogue into major sections, academic program by academic program. In addition, the information contained in the Student Handbooks has been incorporated into the catalog. University Academic Policies and Procedures are contained as a section within each program component.

- » Student Employment
- » Harris Family Center for Disability and Health Policy
- » Psychological Counseling Services
- » Sexual Harassment
- » Drug Free Environment
- » Dress Code
- » Standards of Academic and Professional Conduct
- » Attendance and Absences
- » Background Investigation

Diversity Statement

The students, faculty, administration, and staff of Western University of Health Sciences place great value on diversity. For us, it is a philosophy of inclusion, with pluralism and academic freedom as its foundation. WesternU is committed to an open environment that promotes, accepts, and celebrates different points of view. WesternU is a community of individuals in which diversity is recognized as being the core of our intellectual, social, cultural, physical, emotional, and moral lives. We are enriched by our encounters with one another, and we strive to learn from each other in an atmosphere of positive engagement and mutual respect. Our understanding and acceptance of one another in the campus environment contributes to our ability to care for our patients, who live in a diverse society.

We acknowledge our guaranteed rights of free expression under the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States. However, we also hold unique responsibilities as individuals, answerable for our own behavior and fully accountable for our actions. Seeking balance between rights and responsibilities makes us keenly aware of the dangers of defamatory, libelous, or obscene behavior, the value of community and the importance of respecting our differences and commonalities. As individuals committed to health professions education in the osteopathic tradition, we embrace the important principle of caring for the whole person-in body, mind, and spirit.

Non-Discrimination, Anti-Harassment and Anti-Retaliation Policy

Western University of Health Sciences (WesternU) recognizes that unlawful treatment and harassment, on the basis of an individual's protected characteristic (or status), is a form of discrimination. Discrimination and harassment are contrary to WesternU's mission to provide a campus community that educates and teaches with excellence, humanism, and compassion.

Accordingly, WesternU's Nondiscrimination, Anti-Harassment, and Anti-Retaliation Policy strictly prohibits discrimination and harassment in its programs and activities, on the basis of race, color, national, ancestry, citizenship, ethnicity, creed, religion or religious creed (sex or gender (including gender identity or expression), marital status, sexual orientation, disability (both physical and mental) including HIV and AIDS, medical condition (cancer and genetic characteristics), pregnancy (which includes childbirth, breastfeeding and medical conditions related to pregnancy, childbirth or breastfeeding), age, genetic information, military and veteran status, or any other characteristic protected under applicable law. WesternU also prohibits any form of retaliation against a person, who under good faith, reported a violation under the policy or who participated in any investigation or proceeding under the policy. Violations of the policy will lead to prompt and appropriate administrative action, including and up to termination of employment or expulsion from the University.

Interview Day Evaluation Survey

Approximately one to two days after your interview, a link to the Interview Day Evaluation Survey will be emailed to you. The information that you provide will remain confidential. Your comments are important to us, and we hope that you will take a few minutes to complete it. We consider your comments when planning our future interviews and will help us to provide constructive feedback to faculty, staff, and students. If you do not receive the survey link, please contact the admissions office to request it.

Like Hippocrates, the Father of Medicine, we teach that the focus of treatment is on the patient, not the disease.

University Student Affairs

Support Services Academic Year 2024-2025

Learning Enhancement and Academic Development (LEAD)

<https://www.westernu.edu/lead/lead-about/>

LEAD MISSION

We provide supportive education and well-being services to the WesternU community to foster and promote the university's humanistic values and traditions

LEAD specializes in five main topics that support students through their academic journey here at WesternU. The five main areas include: a) one-on-one academic counseling; b) tutoring; c) the annual Summer Preparedness and Readiness Course (SPaRC); d) the Wellbeing Initiative; and e) various workshops relevant to student life. All LEAD services are free of charge to the WesternU community and all services are completely confidential.

Academic Counseling In one-on-one academic counseling sessions, students can improve their competencies in a range of areas, including study strategies, test taking; focus and retention, time management, stress management, academic and professional writing skills, and more. Each 50-minute session is designed to address the student's unique needs. Appointments are confidential and free to all WesternU students. Students can schedule as many sessions as needed.

Appointments are conducted online via Zoom, and when students return to campus, appointments can be done in person in the LEAD Office and via Zoom.

Tutorial Assistance Program (TAP) This program offers peer-based, small group content review sessions. To receive TAP support, students must first meet with a LEAD academic counselor and then students must request a tutor. Our LEAD tutors are current and alumni students who have successfully completed the coursework students are requesting.

Wellbeing Initiative The initiative consists of Wellbeing workshops with topics that focus on student wellness. These activities aim to teach students skill sets to stay healthy and well while going through their rigorous programs. The office connects academic guidance with the mission of caring for students in a humanistic way.

LEAD's goal is to be an academic success partner as students transition into professional school.

- » Academic Counseling
- » Summer Preparedness & Readiness Course (SPaRC)
- » Academic & Professional Writing
- » Time Management
- » Test Taking Skills

WesternU is a nonprofit institution of higher education, founded in 1977, that exclusively focuses on graduate health professions education.

» Board Exam Preparation

» Wellness

» Tutoring Services

Hours: 8:00am-5:00pm

Virtual appointments: Mon-Fri

In-person appointments: Tues-Thurs

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Harris Family Center for Disability and Health Policy (CDHP)

We're on your side! HFCDHP is an advocate for students with permanent or temporary disabilities. Our goal is to ensure that all university programs and activities are accessible – by providing accommodations and services so students with disabilities can successfully complete their academic goals.

To learn additional information about the services we offer or to start the interactive process, which may take up to six weeks, please view our webpage at <https://www.westernu.edu/cdhp/>. Here you will find information on how to register for accommodations, required documentation, and other helpful information about our center. To contact our center, you may call (909) 469-5441 or email disabilityaccommodations@westernu.edu.

Please keep in mind, there are no charges to you for services that are needed to support your educational program. We are here to help you succeed!

Fitness Benefits

<https://www.westernu.edu/students/fitness>

We want you to stay mentally and physically fit while you are a student, so we offer several great opportunities to stay healthy:

One Pass Select — One Pass Select is a new addition to our benefits list and gives you multi-gym access within your tier along with other perks like free grocery delivery from Shipt and Walmart+ (with select tiers). One Pass Select membership are purchased directly from Optum via a WesternU portal and members can submit for a reimbursement (up to \$100).

Behavioral Health Services

<https://www.westernu.edu/students/students-services/students-services-counseling/>

We are pleased to provide all full-time students access to an Emotional Wellbeing Solutions (EWS) for students through OptumHealth. Under the EWS for students, you and any member of your immediate household are eligible for up to six free counseling sessions for each “incident” or situation. Counseling includes but is not limited to emotional well-being; financial planning; work; and school issues. Counseling services may be accessed by telephone, via the web, or face-to-face. On-campus counselors are also available.

Identification Badges

Student identification badges must be worn at all times while on campus. Replacement badges may be obtained by emailing StudentAffairsOR@westernu.edu

Health Insurance

<https://www.westernu.edu/registrar/registrar-about/registration-information/student-health-insurance/>

As a full-time WesternU student, you must show during registration EACH academic year that you have a current health insurance policy. We encourage you to “shop around” for a health insurance plan that meets your specific needs. Many students are enrolled in plans offered by Blue Cross, Kaiser Permanente, HealthNet, PacifiCare, Aetna, US Healthcare, and United Healthcare. Many companies out there can give you the coverage you need for your specific health concerns. If you are unfamiliar with insurance terminology, HealthCare.gov provides a glossary of health insurance terms that may be helpful as you review and compare your insurance options. Coverage requirements for all students seeking to waive out of the school sponsored insurance plan are as follows:

- » ACA compliant domestic health insurance plan for the entire academic year, including summer and holidays.
- » Deductible of no more than \$1,000 per policy year (\$2,000 for family plan)
- » Plan must utilize a provider network in the area of the campus you are attending for primary care, specialty, hospital, and diagnostic care

Should you choose not to go with another health insurance plan or if you do not show proof of insurance by the deadline, you will automatically be enrolled in the Aetna Student Health insurance plan which includes basic dental and vision coverage. This plan is designed to cover you for routine care and in the event of a major medical emergency. Under this plan, students have access to a network of healthcare providers. Listed below are some of the additional main highlights of this insurance plan. For complete details visit our health insurance page at www.westernu.edu/registrar/registrar-about/registrationinformation/student-health-insurance/ or call WesternU's insurance broker, HSA Consulting at (888) 978-8355 or by email at westernu@hsac.com. NOTE: There is a University-owned medical center (Patient Care Center) located on the WesternU Campus in Pomona, California and students are welcome to use this medical facility. There are no free services to students. Students may want to call in advance to verify that the wait time will be minimal. The Patient Care Center accepts many types of insurance including the insurance plan described above.

Student Parking

<https://www.westernu.edu/security/parking-overview/>

All WesternU Students MUST purchase a WesternU parking permit to park a vehicle in WesternU designated parking lots, the university parking structure and designated street parking.

- » Permits are required in all WesternU Parking Lots.
- » You can purchase a Daily pass for \$3.50 at the Campus Store, Health Professions Center, 1st Floor, Monday-Friday, 7:30 am to 4:00 pm.
- » You can purchase a one day City Parking permit \$2.00 to park in Lot #12.
- » Motorcycles must park in designated motorcycle parking locations. Permits are required in both Staff and Student lots.
- » Persons with disabled placards may park in any WesternU lot with a valid WesternU parking permit.
- » There are reserved parking spots (with signage). Only the designated person may park there. These spaces are located in employee lots and the University Parking Structure.
- » Invalid permits are subject to ticket or tow by the city. Blank parking permits will not be provided to anyone.
- » Parking regulations are enforced 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- » No overnight parking.
- » Evening and Weekend Parking: You may park in the University parking structure, student lot #27 and employee lot #'s 19, 21, and 24 in the evenings and weekends. The remaining lots are pay parking in the evenings (7:00 p.m. +) and on the weekends. You are free to park in any space, except "Reserved" marked spaces. This may change to limited parking hours in the near future.

If your pass is lost or stolen, you must repurchase a WesternU parking pass. Parking fees are non-refundable and placard/stickers will not be replaced if lost or stolen.

Housing

<https://www.westernu.edu/students-or/students-housing-moving-or/>

All of our on-campus students live in the surrounding communities many of which are within walking and biking distances. Some students choose to live within a 10 to 30-minute driving radius. The University Student Affairs office provides as many resources as possible to assist students in finding housing. This includes online housing and profiles of available rentals and roommate referral service for students wishing to share housing. Upon acceptance to WesternU, you will be able to access these online services through the U portal. It is the student's responsibility to secure his or her own housing. For the Lebanon area, a list of local apartment complexes is available to view at local apartment complexes . It is recommended that you secure housing at least two weeks before the first day of orientation.

Student Government Association, Community Service & Clubs

<https://www.westernu.edu/students/clubs>

WesternU has a very active Student Government Association (SGA) on campus that serves as the voice of our students. In addition, we have over 160 different clubs between the Lebanon and Pomona campuses comprising of such diverse groups that include, but are limited to, nationally affiliated professional organizations, cultural/religious groups, and interest-based groups. Our clubs and classes take part in a variety of community service events each year including offering free health screenings at numerous health fairs, youth mentoring, senior center activities, and community nutrition education.

Every year in August, we host a Club Day where you have an opportunity to visit various club booths to discuss their mission and join as a member.

In addition, if you are interested in journalism, we encourage you to get involved in the publication of the WesternU Humanism Magazine. The magazine is written and edited by students under the direction of faculty advisors.

The Office of Humanism, Equity, and Anti-Racism (HEAR)

Room-126

Daumier Building

(909) 469-8839

hearoffice@westernu.edu

<https://www.westernu.edu/hear/>

Leads University-wide initiatives and actions to actualize WesternU's commitment to Humanism. Provides diversity, equity, inclusion, anti-racist education, training, professional development; offers a range of services for WesternU students, faculty, staff, administrators, and various communities. Responsible for University-wide cultural programming, advocacy, and support for diversity, equity and inclusion. Works collaboratively with multiple stakeholders and leaders from all the colleges, administrative and support departments on the Pomona and Lebanon campuses to make WesternU an inclusive community where people of all identities and backgrounds belong and thrive.

Need Help?

The following links will assist you as you prepare to register for classes.

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| Acceptance Deposit | admissions@westernu.edu |
| Award Letters and Check Disbursements | finaid@westernu.edu |
| Counseling: Employee Assistance Program (EAP) | www.westernu.edu/students/students-services-counseling |
| Documents Status | admissions@westernu.edu |
| Financial Aid | finaid@westernu.edu |
| Harris Family Ctr. For Disability & Health Policy | www.westernu.edu/cdhp/ |
| Health Insurance | www.westernu.edu/students/students-services-insurance |
| Housing | |
| Laptop Set-up | helpdesk@westernu.edu |
| Learning Enhancement and Academic Development | www.westernu.edu/lead/ |
| Registration | registrar@westernu.edu |
| Status Page Password Instructions and Issues | admissions@westernu.edu |
| Student Lead Ambassadors | leadambassador@westernu.edu |
| WesternU Email Access Issues | helpdesk@westernu.edu |

ADMISSIONS OFFICE:

For all questions regarding applications

Alberto Espejo, Admissions Counselor II
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FOR SPECIFIC QUESTIONS

RELATING TO PHARMACY PROGRAM CURRICULUM:

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WesternU's more than 21,000 alumni generate a combined annual economic impact of nearly \$5.7 billion throughout the United States and support nearly 134,000 jobs.

Important Dates to Remember

OCT 1 FAFSA

If you intend to request financial aid, you should plan to file your FAFSA after October 1. Our school code is 024827. The school code is the same for the Pomona and Lebanon campus.

OCT 1 WICHE

If you are a legal resident of Arizona, Montana, New Mexico, Washington, and Wyoming, you may be eligible for a scholarship. Contact your state WICHE Office.

JULY 1 ONLINE REGISTRATION

Registration information and instructions will be emailed by late June, and you may register online at your convenience between July 1 and July 31. Registration must be completed by July 31.

NEW STUDENT ACTIVITIES

August 4 -
August 8

New Student Orientation: Attendance is mandatory.

AUGUST 9

White Coat Ceremony: Immediately follows Convocation attendance is mandatory.

AUGUST 11

First Day of Class: Attendance is mandatory.

Note: Dates subject to change.