The Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.) is the most commonly pursued degree for the profession of pharmacy. Before applying to one of the U.S.’s more than 100 pharmacy schools, students must take prerequisite course work (pre-pharmacy).

While most pharmacy schools state that an undergraduate degree is not required for entry into their PharmD programs, we strongly recommend students complete a degree for several reasons. First, if pharmacy school does not work out, or you end up not enjoying the program, you will still have earned a college degree. Secondly, most students in pharmacy school, likely more than 80 percent in some cases, already have a degree. There is a certain degree of rigor that it takes to complete an undergraduate degree, and those skills will translate well to Pharmacy School. All in all, while you may complete most prerequisites in three years, you are strongly encouraged to finish your undergraduate degree; we predict that you will not regret doing so in the future.

Recommended Majors

- Biochemistry (BS)
- Chemistry (BS)

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Outcomes

Many of our students go on to attend one of North Carolina’s four pharmacy schools: The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Campbell University, High Point University, and Wingate University.

Participants have entered careers including:

- Pharmacist, Duke University
- Pharmacy technologist, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
- Pharmacist manager, Maple Hill Pharmacy
- Pharmacy assistant, Lane Drugs
- Pharmacy technician, Revco Drug Stores Inc.

The Student Experience

Most UNCG pre-pharmacy students are pursuing a degree in Biochemistry, Chemistry, Biology, and/or Psychology. Regardless of your degree track, make sure you are taking extra courses that will specifically prepare you for admission into pharmacy school. These courses depend on the degree track you are pursuing.

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**PRE-PHARMACY**

**The Student Experience (continued)**

- Receive expert advising in planning your academic program and navigating the application process to pharmacy school.
- Get help identifying available opportunities to obtain health career experience required for application to pharmacy school, including work in local retail pharmacies, hospitals, nursing homes, and other clinical settings.

**Additional Requirements**

Admission into pharmacy school requires an excellent academic record and strong scores on the Pharmacy College Admission Test (usually taken in the sophomore year). Completion of the doctor of pharmacy degree typically requires three to four additional years of study. For more information, visit chem.uncg.edu/undergraduate/pre-pharmacy.