College of Pharmacy
Welcome to the College of Pharmacy

We are excited you are considering Chicago State University, where we’ve built an educational environment especially for you, your life, and your goals. With high academic standards, small class sizes, dedicated professors, and hands-on learning, Chicago State University will provide you with a top-notch, higher education experience to help you meet your personal and professional goals.

This is a very exciting and dynamic time for the pharmacy profession. With the emergence of new health care initiatives, expanding roles for pharmacists, and unprecedented advances in drug discovery, there is a great demand for highly prepared pharmacists.

Pharmacists have become key members of the health care profession, responsible for not only dispensing medicines, but also educating patients and promoting the effective use of drugs. Their role is expanding even more to serve as a key member of the patient care team, as well as taking a more active role in health and wellness. Our pharmacists of tomorrow must be well educated and trained to take advantage of these shifting roles.

Through early integration of experiential education, you can apply your classroom knowledge in community, hospital, ambulatory care, and public health practice settings. These experiences help “connect the dots” by solidifying the relevance and importance of the pharmacist’s role in helping patients achieve positive health outcomes through safe and effective medication use.

I urge you to become familiar with the College’s programs and take advantage of all that Chicago State University has to offer. I hope you choose to join our College and I look forward to helping you develop a rewarding career in Pharmacy.

Miriam A. Mobley Smith, PharmD, FASHP
Dean, College of Pharmacy
Chicago State University—personal, professional and academic integrity.

Chicago State University (CSU) is Chicago’s oldest, fully accredited, public university. It was founded as a teacher training school over 140 years ago. Today, the University is comprised of five colleges that offer 38 undergraduate degrees, 24 graduate degrees, and two doctoral degrees. CSU also offers an interdisciplinary Honors College for students in all areas of study, and CSU’s Continuing Education and Non-Traditional Degree Programs offer extension courses, distance learning, and not-for-credit programs.

Academics
With 38 accredited bachelor degree programs, CSU can help you get started on the path toward the career of your dreams. For working professionals who have already earned a bachelor’s degree, CSU also offers 24 accredited graduate and professional programs that provide you with a competitive edge and help you take your career to the next level.

Our internship and fellowship programs offer you the ability to jump-start your career by putting your education to work before you graduate—while also making a difference in the community.

World-Class Faculty
At CSU, we are dedicated to our students and make their success a top priority, which is why all of our classes are taught by professors—not teaching assistants.

Our world-class faculty includes both professional academics and skilled practitioners—doctors, lawyers, CEOs, published authors and renowned researchers. This helps CSU ensure that our curriculum is relevant and meets the needs of future employers.

By the Numbers
Chicago State University offers the best of both worlds—strong academic programs and a wide range of extracurricular and athletic activities.

From Division I intercollegiate and intramural athletics to student-run organizations and leadership opportunities, you can explore your interests and develop your talents both in and outside of the classroom.

4,767
Total Student Enrollment

38
Bachelor’s Degree Programs

24
Graduate Degree Programs

2
Doctoral Degree Programs

15
NCAA Division I Athletic Teams

20
Minutes from downtown Chicago
"CSU prepared me to take a residency position."

Pooja Mehta, Pharm.D., Class of 2012
Nursing Unit-based Pharmacist, Cleveland Clinic

The mission of Chicago State University’s College of Pharmacy (COP) is to create an environment that is both stimulating and supportive for its students. The College of Pharmacy also embraces the University’s mission to educate students from diverse backgrounds in order to enhance culturally competent care and reduce health care disparities. Under the guidance of professors and preceptors, student pharmacists organize health screenings, patient education and advocacy activities that help address the health care needs of people in underserved communities. Our student scholars partner with faculty researchers to advance the body of knowledge in the administrative, clinical practice and pharmaceutical sciences. As a result, both faculty mentors and future pharmacists have received state and national recognition for teaching and research excellence.
A positive interview coupled with personal interaction with faculty and staff is what peaked Pooja Mehta's desire to enroll at Chicago State University five years ago. Pooja was able to witness firsthand, dedicated individuals striving to build CSU’s newly-established Pharmacy program. “I was impressed with the emphasis on experiential education, the ability to work in public health and participate in learning communities.”

Pooja and her College of Pharmacy peers were granted opportunities unlike other pharmacy students. They are hands on in their day-to-day learning. They have a vested interest in the success of the program, so their feedback is welcomed and encouraged. Student-based committees are established allowing them to give input on the curriculum and formation of new student organizations.

“At Chicago State, I was in an environment where the College of Pharmacy faculty and staff recognized that the profession was rapidly changing. In order to prepare students to go out into the world where the pharmacy industry was heading, the curriculum and structure had to be relevant and adaptable.”

Chicago State University’s evolving Pharmacy program allowed for more experiences for students interested in residency training. Pharmacists are no longer just the dispensers of medication. Graduates like Pooja leave prepared to address public health issues and emerging medical trends in a meaningful way.

The coursework was demanding, but there is a sense of accomplishment when Dr. Mehta speaks of how well prepared she was for a Postgraduate Year One (PGY1) residency position at Detroit’s Henry Ford Hospital. “Chicago State University prepares students to enter a variety of pharmaceutical professions, and to be successful taking care of patients. I know how to effectively identify and categorize - based on priority - pharmacy-related issues and subsequently find the solution.”

**Curriculum**

Chicago State University’s College of Pharmacy (CSU-COP) offers a dynamic curriculum that embraces a student-centered learning philosophy. Student pharmacists are active participants in their learning, and COP faculty works hand-in-hand with student pharmacists to achieve their full academic and professional goals. The curriculum is further integrated across science and practice disciplines, so that student pharmacists develop a science grounded, problem-focused approach to patient care. The College of Pharmacy curriculum offers a solid foundation in core pharmacy competencies, as well as biomedical, pharmaceutical, social, behavioral, administrative, and clinical sciences. Student pharmacists are transformed into pharmacy practitioners who are committed to humanistic service, are capable of providing patient-centered care and will develop into innovative leaders that will advance the pharmaceutical profession.

**Student Engagement**

We believe our student pharmacists learn in and outside of the classroom by engaging with College faculty, staff and their University peers; preceptors; corporate sponsors; donors; and other supporters—that breath life into the mission of the College. Student pharmacists are actively engaged in a variety of professional and fraternal organizations including the Pharmacy Student Council. Other COP student organizations that offer both professional and social opportunities include:

- American Pharmacists Association (APhA-ASP)
- American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP-SSHP)
- National Pharmaceutical Association (SNPhA)
- Kappa Psi
- Phi Lambda Sigma
- Rho Chi

**Professional Practice**

The Office of Experiential Education is committed to preparing and empowering student pharmacists to become competent providers of pharmacy care in all practice settings. This is achieved through a combination of coursework, clinical practice training, mentoring, scholarship, and community service. In preparing student pharmacists, the College is dedicated to fostering the development of innovative pharmacy practice models that promote the role of the pharmacist as an integral member of the health care team. In concert with the faculty and preceptors, the College offers student training opportunities in various pharmacy settings and sectors (public, private, non-profit, for profit, etc). Overall, the College has demonstrated a major commitment to partnering with sites locally and internationally.
Program Requirements

Chicago State University's College of Pharmacy is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). Students who complete the four-year professional degree program are awarded the Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) degree.

To be considered for admission, prospective students must complete, or be in the process of completing, a minimum of 62 semester hours of non-remedial, prerequisite coursework from a regionally accredited U.S. college or university. All pre-pharmacy coursework requirements must be completed by the end of the spring semester prior to matriculation. The student must earn a grade of “C” or better in each prerequisite course. In addition to prerequisite coursework, prospective students must have a minimum overall grade point average (GPA) of 2.50 (on a 4.00 scale) as well as a cumulative GPA of 2.50 (on a 4.00 scale) in the required pre-pharmacy, math and science courses.

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Admissions and Financial Aid

Chicago State University's College of Pharmacy embraces a holistic approach when selecting candidates for admission. Factors considered when selecting candidates include the applicant's academic record, Pharmacy College Admission Test (PCAT) scores, letters of recommendation, extracurricular activities, work and volunteer experience, a written personal statement and motivation for a pharmacy career.

How to Apply

The Chicago State University College of Pharmacy utilizes the Pharmacy College Application Service (PharmCas). Applications for the entering class are available via PharmCAS June 15 of the preceding application year for which you are applying. More information about the centralized application service can be found at pharmcas.org. The CSU-COP Supplemental Applications are available for download from the CSU pharmacy website csu.edu/collegeofpharmacy/studentaffairs/application.htm.

Financial Aid and Scholarships

Chicago State University awards financial aid to more than 90% of the student body each year, including grants, scholarships, loans and work-study programs. Learn more about financial aid and scholarship opportunities at csu.edu/financialaid.

Financial Aid Deadlines

To receive maximum consideration for financial aid, submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as early as possible, but no later than March 10. There is no deadline for Stafford Loans and Pell Grants. For FAFSA and financial aid information, visit csu.edu/financialaid/applyforfafsa.
"The College of Pharmacy has greatly enhanced my ability to grasp and understand pharmaceutical theory and practice, which will allow me to provide the highest level of care to the people I will serve throughout my career."

Chelsey Imel
Pharm D. Candidate

Visit CSU
We encourage students and families to contact us for individual and/or group tours to become familiar with our campus environment.

The Office of Admissions is open daily from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm, and until 7:00 pm on Thursdays, for appointments, tours, or walk ins.

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