**1 Research**

36–18 months before starting pharmacy school

- Find a local pharmacist in a private practice, retail, hospital, etc. to shadow to discover what pharmacy is all about.
- Meet with a pre-pharm or pre-health advisor to obtain information to keep you on track with pharmacy school requirements & review your current transcript.
- Review pharmacy school prerequisite classes for admissions.
- Research which pharmacy schools accept in-state vs. out-of-state students on pharmacy school websites (http://www.pharmcas.org/collegesschools/directoryalphastate.htm)
- Think about geographic and location preferences
- Consider other factors: cost, class size, fit, lab space, ease of getting patients, access to specialists, public/private, rotations, etc.
- Obtain information from the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACP) (www.aacp.org)
- Join a Pre-Pharm Club at your college/university - if it doesn’t exist, start one!
- Talk to current pharmacy students, family & friends for their perspective.
- Develop an initial list of pharmacy schools and visit school websites.
- Start researching pharmacy school scholarships & grants.

**2 Prepare for the PCAT®**

24–16 months before starting pharmacy school

- Visit www.pcatweb.info for available PCAT test dates.
- Register Early! Visit http://pcatweb.info/Register-and-Schedule.php to register!
- There are two deadlines:
  - Meeting the Register and Schedule by deadline means that you will likely receive your preferred testing date, time and location.
  - The Late Registration and Schedule by deadline will result in additional fees and no assurances that you will receive your preferred testing date, time and location.
- Take a free Practice PCAT with Kaplan.
- Take a free PCAT Strategy Session with Kaplan.
- Enroll with Kaplan to get a higher PCAT score

**3 The Application Process—Part I**

- Create a schedule of deadlines, including test registration dates, application deadlines (you’ll have primary and secondary application deadlines) and financial aid deadlines.
- Think about appropriate people to write recommendations and contact each with the deadline for submitting references.
- Begin writing your personal statement.
- Follow the application directions explicitly and have someone familiar with you review your application before submission.
- Request transcripts from undergraduate/graduate schools sent to PharmCAS.
- Complete and submit your PharmCAS online application.
- Check on status of application: test score reports, transcripts and letters of recommendation.
- Submit secondary applications as requested/necessary.
- Wait for pharmacy schools to contact you about interviews (interviews start in Aug/Sept).

**4 The Application Process—Part II**

- Prepare for your interview by further researching each school and considering your response to potential questions.
- Investigate financial aid and scholarship opportunities.
- Wait for acceptance letters!
- If you are waitlisted, be patient; seek the advice of your advisor and continue to engage in activities that enhance your application (shadowing, research etc).
How Do I Register for the PCAT?
Visit www.pcatweb.info to find a Test Date that works for you. There are limited dates and seats so apply early! Register and schedule your PCAT through Pearson VUE link on pcatweb.info.

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Important Links:
For more information on pharmacy schools, admissions, applications and programs for pre-pharm students, visit the websites below:
Pharmacy College Admissions Test: www.pcatweb.info
American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy: www.aacp.org
Pharmacy College Application Service: www.pharmcas.org

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