

Prerequisite Policy

Background

Undergraduate prerequisite coursework establishes the foundation for study within the Doctor of Pharmacy program at the UNC Eshelman School of Pharmacy. The School recognizes that its students come from many different colleges and universities, so this policy has been established to ensure each student is fully equipped to successfully begin the PharmD course of study upon enrollment. Furthermore, this policy intends to allow students to carefully monitor the fulfillment of required pre-requisites, as this process is ultimately a responsibility of the student. As always, if questions arise, students are encouraged to contact the Admissions office for assistance.

Pre-Requisites for Degreed and Non-Degreed Students

Students who have completed a bachelor's degree (degreed students) upon entry into the PharmD program are required to complete all math and science prerequisite courses. Students who have not completed a bachelor's degree (non-degreed students) upon entry into the PharmD program must complete all math and science prerequisite courses as well as all general education prerequisite courses. All prerequisite courses can be found on the UNC Eshelman School of Pharmacy website: <https://pharmacy.unc.edu/>

Determining Remaining Prerequisites

Students are encouraged to use the transfer equivalency resources provided through the Admissions website to determine if they have taken the correct courses. Students should review the prerequisite course list and determine if any prerequisite courses are incomplete. Students will be informed at their interview if they are missing prerequisite courses. If a student is missing prerequisite courses, the student should contact the Admissions office and provide a detailed plan explaining how they will fulfill those prerequisite courses. The student should provide this plan in writing via email to pharmacy_admissions@unc.edu two weeks post-interview. The plan should provide information regarding the institution where they will take the remaining prerequisite(s), the class course number, and which semester the coursework will be completed. Upon completion of the course, the student should provide an official transcript to the Admissions Office.

Prerequisite Timeline Requirements

- For students who are entering the program **with a completed bachelor's degree**, all math and science prerequisite courses must be completed by the **spring semester before entry** into the program.
- For students who are entering the program **without a completed bachelor's degree**, all math and science prerequisite courses and general education courses should be completed by the **spring semester before entry into the program**. At the latest, all general education prerequisites must be complete by August 1 before the PY2 year. No more than 2 general education prerequisite courses may be unfulfilled at the start of PY1 year.
- No prerequisite courses may be taken in the second summer session before PY1 year.
- Both degreed and non-degreed students who do not complete all math and science prerequisite courses before August 1 of the PY1 year will not be allowed to enroll in the program.
- Non-degreed students who do not complete all general education prerequisite courses by August 1 before the PY2 year will not be allowed to continue in the PharmD program until all prerequisite courses are complete.