



Admissions Information Night University of Regina

*College of Pharmacy and Nutrition
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BE WHAT THE WORLD NEEDS

Pharmacy and Nutrition

- Two undergraduate programs:
 - a) Doctor of Pharmacy (4 years)
 - b) Bachelor of Science in Nutrition (4 years)
- Innovative programs; unique in Canada; all professional experiences required for SK licensure included within the degree
- Experiential learning (internship/practicum) is a key part of the two programs and students spend a large portion of their program studying with professionals in the field.

What is Pharmacy?

- Pharmacy is the art and science of preparing and dispensing medications, and the provision of drug and health information to the public.
- Pharmacists are vital members of health-care teams. They work with patients to determine their medication needs and the care required to best meet these needs. This is called pharmaceutical care, the goal of which is to improve an individual patient's quality of life.

Pharmacy

- Doctor of Pharmacy (4 years)
- Experiential Learning is a key part of the program and students spend a large portion of their program studying with professionals in the field. Year 4 is ALL experiential learning.
- Curriculum changes driven by changing scope of practice for pharmacists = e.g., giving immunizations; prescribing for minor ailments; etc.
- Full Accreditation of PharmD by Canadian Council for Accreditation of Pharmacy Programs for five years.

Pharmacy

- Tuition fees \$17,000 per year (plus student fees). Fee increase in part due to increased experiential learning hours (over 800 hours versus 300 hours in old BSP program)
- Up to 90 students admitted each year:
 - a) 76 SK residents (includes 4 Education Equity spots)
 - b) 14 non-SK residents
- Typically receive 250-350 applications each year

Pharmacy

- 60 credit units of specific university level courses required by April 30 in the year of admission (minimum 70% admission average). Academic component is weighted at 60% of admission score
- Personal video interview = weighted at 10%
- Test of Critical Skills = weighted at 30% **NEW TEST**
- Application deadline February 15.
- For 2022 admission, the online application is currently LIVE at <https://pharmacy-nutrition.usask.ca/students/prospective-students/admissions-information.php#TestofCriticalSkillsandPersonalInterview>

Pharmacy

- U of R equivalents (60 credits required by April 30 in the year of admission)
 - a) *Biology 100 and 101*
 - b) *Chem 104, 140 and 241 (general chemistry, and two organic chemistry)*
 - c) *Eng 100 and 101*
 - d) *Bioch 220 and 221*
 - e) *Biol 110 & 111; or Kin 267 & 268; or Kin 261 & 262*
 - f) *Math 110 or Math 103 (if grade higher than 60%)*
 - g) *Stat 160 OR Stat 100 and 200*
 - h) *Biol 302 or 310 or 224 or 222 or 220*
 - i) *Kin 275 or KHS 470*
 - j) *6 credits from psychology or sociology or philosophy or Indigenous studies*
 - k) *9 credits general (unrestricted) electives*

Pharmacy **WHAT'S NEW**

- **Test of Critical Skills** is an online situational judgement test used to assess non-academic competencies of applicants.
- Situational judgement tests present hypothetical scenarios, and ask students what they would do in a particular dilemma, or context, and attempt to assess how an individual will behave in a certain situation. The test assesses for communication, collaboration, equity, professionalism, problem solving, empathy, motivation, and ethics. There are no wrong answers.
- Test costs \$40.00 to take, and students must set up their test at least three days in advance. Students are also charged \$12.00 for each school where they wish their results sent. Students take the test on a specific date, at a specific time, to ensure test security.
- Additional information on this new test of critical skills (CASPer) is available at the following website: www.TakeAltus.com

Pharmacy

- **Personal Video Interview** is an online test used to assess non-academic competencies of applicants (we do not offer face to face interviews).
- To prepare for the *Personal Interview*, the College encourages all applicants to investigate the profession(s) of Pharmacy and/or Nutrition/Dietetics. Although the specific focus of the individual *Interview* questions may shift from year to year, candidates should be prepared to discuss why they have chosen the health care profession they want to enter and how they perceive the role of the pharmacist or dietitian. Direct pharmacy or nutrition/dietetics experience is not a specific admission requirement.

Pharmacy – Career Options

- **Community Pharmacies:** Pharmacists own, manage or are employed in pharmacies, where they provide pharmaceutical care to patients.
- **Hospitals and Medical Centres:** Pharmacists provide pharmaceutical care to patients and drug information services to other health-care practitioners. They can specialize in fields such as oncology, infectious disease, psychiatry and other areas.
- **Pharmaceutical Industry:** Pharmacists are involved in research, development of drug information materials and sales of pharmaceutical products.
- **Universities:** Pharmacy professors educate future professionals and conduct research.
- **Federal and Provincial Agencies:** Pharmacists develop policy related to drugs and deal with laws to protect the public with respect to drug products and pharmacy practices.



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What is Nutrition?

- Nutrition is the study of nutrients – carbohydrates, proteins, fats, vitamins and minerals – that are essential for life. Students in the nutrition program learn how these nutrients are ingested, digested, absorbed, metabolized, and stored. Nutrition also involves the study of food availability and how the nutrition choices we make affect us.
- Dietetics is the profession that translates the science of nutrition into practice. Dietitians play a major role in health care, industry, government, research and education. In Saskatchewan, the designation of RD (registered dietitian) is protected by law.

Nutrition

- Full Accreditation by the Partnership for Dietetic Education and Practice (PDEP) for 7 years, 2015-2022.
- New state of the art foods lab opened winter 2017.
- Tuition fees range from \$7000 to \$7900 per year (depends on number of credit units taken in each year of the program).
- Up to 28 students admitted each year:
 - a) 24 SK residents (includes 2 Education Equity spots)
 - b) 4 non-SK residents
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Nutrition – Career Options

- **Clinical dietetics in hospitals and health centres:** Assess nutritional status of patients and provide nutrition care.
- **Community health:** Assess nutrition needs of populations and develop health promotion strategies and nutrition education programs.
- **Food services in hospitals, long-term care homes and other institutions:** Manage food production and distribution systems.
- **Private practice:** Provide expertise to individuals, athletes, sports teams, workplaces and the media.
- **Industry and business:** Participate in food and nutrition research and product development, marketing and consumer education.
- **Government and universities:** Develop food and nutrition policies, educate future dietitians and conduct research.
- **Community and international agencies:** Work with social programs such as food banks and international agencies on hunger and food security issues.



Indigenous Initiatives

- Indigenous Health and Reconciliation Sessions Mandatory for all Pharmacy students during their orientation week.
- Indigenous content taught in courses within the curriculum for both Pharmacy and Nutrition programs.
- Eat Well Saskatchewan is a dietitian call centre for Saskatchewan residents. The service provides FREE, confidential, easy access to the trusted advice of a dietitian to help you make healthier food choices and answer your food and nutrition questions. Our dietitians have experience working directly with First Nation communities and offer a culturally sensitive approach while understanding the unique food environments and nutrition needs of Indigenous communities in Saskatchewan. This program is a joint collaboration with the College and Indigenous Services Canada.

Other

- Pharmacy and Nutrition students are among the most active students on campus and in the community. The Saskatchewan Pharmacy and Nutrition Students' Society organizes a wide range of social, athletic and professional events such as Professional Enhancement Day; Pharmacy Awareness Month; Nutrition Month; welcome barbecue; Christmas Formal
- Pre-Pharmacy and Pre-Nutrition clubs organized by our pharmacy and nutrition students. The clubs allow potential students to meet current pharmacy and nutrition students and faculty; attend special events; learn more about the professions.
- College awards and scholarships available once admitted to either program.

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