Impact of COVID-19 on Pharmacy Admission Policies

Please complete this brief form, so AACP may capture how pharmacy admission policies have been affected by the current COVID-19 pandemic. Unless otherwise noted, school-specific responses will be shared with members via AACP Connect, as well as with applicants and pre-health advisors via the PharmCAS website and other communication channels. If you do not wish your school-specific policies to be shared with the public via a spreadsheet on the PharmCAS website, please email cas@aacp.org.

Please arrange for one person at your institution to complete this form. If your institution has multiple campuses or pathways, submit a single response for your institution, as currently recognized by ACPE.

Please respond based on your policies as of today, recognizing they may change in the future.

Responses are due by 11:59 pm PT on Monday, April 6. Thank you!

Interviews

Prior to the COVID-19 crisis, did your institution offer virtual or online interview options?

    Yes
    Yes, but only in certain circumstances
    No

For the remainder of the current 2019-2020 cycle, will your institution conduct virtual or online interviews?

    Yes
    No
    Not sure at this time
    Not applicable (e.g., deadline has passed)

For the upcoming 2020-2021 cycle, does your institution plan to offer virtual or online interview options?

    Yes
    Yes, but only if our campus is closed to visitors at that time
    Yes, but only on a case-by-case basis
    No
    Not sure at this time

What platforms has your institution used for virtual or online interviews? Check all that apply.

    Zoom
    WebEx
    Skype
    Microsoft Teams
    GoToMeeting
    Google Hangouts
    FaceTime
    Phone (cell or landline)
    Other

What interview format will you use for virtual or online interviews? Check all that apply.

    Individual applicants with one interviewer
    Individual applicants with two or more interviewers
    Multiple applicants with one or more interviewers
    Multiple Mini Interviews (MMI)
    No sure at this time
    Other interview format

Enter any additional information about online or virtual interviews.

Online Courses

Prior to the COVID-19 crisis, could applicants use online classes to fulfill the institution's course prerequisites?

Science Courses with Labs

    Yes
    No
    Varies

Science Courses without Labs

    Yes
    No
    Varies

Non-Science Courses

Yes
No
Varies

Can applicants use online classes taken during the COVID-19 crisis to fulfill the institution's course prerequisites for fall 2020 enrollment and beyond?

Science Courses with Labs

Yes
No
Varies
Not sure at this time

Science Courses without Labs

Yes
No
Varies
Not sure at this time

Non-Science Courses

Yes
No
Varies
Not sure at this time

Enter any additional information about online course policies.

Pass/Fail Courses

Prior to the COVID-19 crisis, could applicants use pass/fail classes to fulfill the institution's course prerequisites?

Science Courses with Labs

Yes
No
Varies
Not Applicable

Science Courses without Labs

Yes
No
Varies
Not Applicable

Non-Science Courses

Yes
No
Varies
Not Applicable

Can applicants use pass/fail classes taken during COVID-19 crisis to fulfill the institution's course prerequisites for fall 2020 enrollment and beyond?

Science Courses with Labs

Yes, but only if school mandated P/F and applicant could not opt to receive a letter grade for the course
Yes
No
Varies
Not sure at this time

Science Courses without Labs

Yes, but only if school mandated P/F and applicant could not opt to receive a letter grade for the course
Yes
No
Varies
Not sure at this time

Non-Science Courses

Yes, but only if school mandated P/F and applicant could not opt to receive a letter grade for the course
Yes
No
Varies
Not sure at this time

Enter any additional information about pass/fail course policies.

Missing Course Prerequisites

Will your institution consider waiving any course prerequisites for applicants who are unable to complete them prior to enrollment?

Science Courses with Labs

Yes
No
Varies
Not sure at this time

Science Courses without Labs

Yes
No
Varies
Not sure at this time

Non-Science Courses

Yes
No
Varies
Not sure at this time

Will your institution consider allowing applicants to delay the completion of any missing course prerequisites for applicants who are unable to complete them prior to enrollment? For instance, the applicant would need to complete the missing course prerequisite(s) during the summer term between the P1 and P2 year.

Science Courses with Labs

    Yes
    No
    Varies
    Not sure at this time

Science Courses without Labs

    Yes
    No
    Varies
    Not sure at this time

Non-Science Courses

    Yes
    No
    Varies
    Not sure at this time

Will your institution consider allowing applicants to substitute other courses for any missing course prerequisites they are unable to complete prior to enrollment?

Science Courses with Labs

    Yes
    No
    Varies
    Not sure at this time

Science Courses without Labs

    Yes
    No
    Varies
    Not sure at this time

Non-Science Courses

    Yes
    No
    Varies
    Not sure at this time

Enter any additional information about policies for course prerequisites.

PCAT

Does your institution currently require the PCAT for admission for applicants applying for the fall 2020 entering class?

    Yes
    No

If yes, how will you handle applicants who were planning to take the April 2020 PCAT?

    Waive the PCAT requirement for these remaining applicants
    Allow applicants to submit July 2020 PCAT score for fall 2020 enrollment
    Not sure at this time
    Not applicable

Enter any additional information about PCAT policies for the current 2019-2020 cycle. You will have an opportunity to share 2020-2021 PCAT policies when the PharmCAS School Directory form opens in May.

Matriculating Students

Given the strain on the health care system, some matriculating students may be delayed in providing student health requirements (vaccine record, personal medical history, CPR certification, etc.). Is your institution relaxing your health requirements for matriculating students?

    Yes
    No
    Varies
    Not sure at this time

Enter any additional information about health requirements for matriculating students.

Background Checks and Drug Screenings

Do you plan to allow accepted applicants to delay their criminal background checks because courts or public records are temporarily unavailable?

    Yes
    No
    Varies
    Not sure at this time
    Not applicable

Do you plan to allow accepted applicants to delay their drug screening reports because lab collection sites are temporarily closed?

    Yes

No
Varies
Not sure at this time
Not applicable

Enter any additional information about criminal background checks or drug screenings.

Other Questions

Responses to the items below will only be shared with AACP member institutions and not with applicants or pre-health profession advisors.

What types of permanent changes, if any, do you anticipate your institution will make to its pharmacy admissions policies as a result of the COVID-19 crisis?

We have attempted to keep this survey short and focused on urgent admission items. Are there are other survey topics relative to COVID-19 and pharmacy education that you would like AACP to capture in the future?

What else can AACP and PharmCAS do to assist your admissions and student affairs teams with the COVID-19 crisis?

Contact Information

Contact information will be used by AACP staff only and will not be shared with other members or the public.

First Name

Last Name

Position

Name of Institution

If "Other" selected above, please enter the name of the institution.

Email

Direct Office Phone #

If you are ready to submit your response, please click the button below. Thank you!