



• Doctor of Pharmacy

Pharmacy today is more than dispensing medication from behind a counter. Now more than ever, pharmacists play an integral role in the health care team, helping influence the quality of patient outcomes.

At McWhorter School of Pharmacy in Birmingham, Alabama, we combine scholarship, practice and service to prepare pharmacists who transform lives. With an abundance of varied clinical experiences, our students graduate with practical advantages that will make them stand out in the job market.

Our Doctor of Pharmacy requires a minimum of six years of collegiate work consistent with the standards set by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE).

Where You Get Your Pharm.D. Matters

Unique learning environment

- Our mission-driven organization is led by supportive faculty and staff who are committed to student success.
- Experience an integrated curriculum and vibrant student life with 12 student organizations.

Remarkable interprofessional education opportunities

- Learn alongside students from the schools of nursing, health professions and public health in Samford's College of Health Sciences.
- Opportunities for simulation and experiential learning reflect today's team-based approach to health care.




Personalize your degree

- With numerous electives in areas such as research, community pharmacy, hospital pharmacy, global outreach and more, you can customize your studies to achieve your specific career goals.
- Joint degrees
 - Pharm.D./Master of Business Administration
 - Pharm.D./Master of Public Health
 - Pharm.D./Master of Studies in law, health law and policy concentration
 - Pharm.D./Master of Science in health informatics
 - Pharm.D. with a graduate business minor

93%
of graduates employed
in pharmacy, including
residences, within six months of
graduation (four-year average)

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Practice Experiences

In McWhorter School of Pharmacy, we supplement your classroom education with extensive hands-on experiences in a variety of practice settings.

- P1 students: Learning medication distribution and interacting with patients in a community pharmacy setting for three weeks.
- P2 students: Learning medication distribution and collaborating with other health care providers in an institutional setting for three weeks
- P3 students: Focusing on public health in a community pharmacy setting for approximately one week
- P4 students: All McWhorter School of Pharmacy student complete almost 1,600 hours of clinical experience in their P4 year. Your required experiences include:
 - Primary/Ambulatory Care
 - Community Pharmacy
 - General Medicine
 - Institutional/Health Care Systems Pharmacy

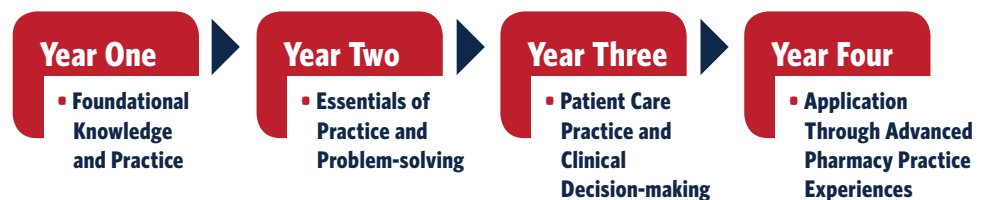
In addition, you'll have the opportunity to participate in innovative elective courses, including but not limited to:

- Pediatric Pharmacy
- Psychiatric Pharmacy
- Independent Pharmacy
- Oncology
- International Pharmacy
- Women's Health
- Managed Care
- Pharmacogenomics
- Infectious Diseases
- Toxicology

Engage, Empower and Transform

McWhorter School of Pharmacy is undergoing a transformation of its Doctor of Pharmacy curriculum to be implemented at the start of the 2021-22 academic year.

These changes build on the current high-quality curriculum and reflect the expanding role of pharmacists in our evolving health care system. It will utilize the interprofessional resources uniquely available to the school as part of Samford's College of Health Sciences, including its nationally accredited Experiential Learning and Simulation Center. At its core, the curriculum will always integrate science and practice, but this new curriculum will engage, empower and transform you into a practice- and team-ready pharmacist.



The three years of the didactic curriculum will consist of courses that prepare pharmacy students for the many opportunities within the pharmacy profession. Students will receive diverse training and education in:

- Pharmacy sciences, including pharmaceuticals, calculations, pharmacology and medicinal chemistry
- Pharmacy practice, including pharmacotherapy, nonprescription products and self-care, patient assessment, and informatics
- Social/administrative science topics, including patient communication, management, pharmacy law and health care ethics

As a part of this didactic education, the curriculum will include mid-semester skills assessments, allowing students to apply, integrate and practice the knowledge and skills they are learning in the classroom to an experiential, hands-on learning environment. The fourth year will consist of advanced pharmacy practice experience courses under the supervision of one of our preceptors and job readiness programming.

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