

Program Overview



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BYU–Hawaii & Pacific University School of Pharmacy Bridge Program



Objective:

For eligible BYU–Hawaii students, this BYU–Hawaii & Pacific pharmacy track aims to nurture career interests, provide enriching preprofessional development, and pave a way for success in Pacific University’s 3-year Doctor of Pharmacy degree program.

There are three key phases of the Bridge Program:

1. Applying to the Bridge Program
2. Completing Bridge Program requirements
3. Transitioning to PharmD

Students also benefit from having the opportunity to complete their education more quickly through a 2+3, or 3+3 degree option, which allows them to utilize their 1st year of Pacific University’s Pharmacy program toward earning their degree from BYU–Hawaii.

BYU–Hawaii students may apply to the program at any time after receiving 30 semester units (typically after their 2nd year’s fall term grades). This timing allows students to complete sufficient coursework to assess their interest in the PharmD program and whether they meet initial qualifications for entering the Bridge Program.



School of Pharmacy:

Courses are offered in a modified block design, allowing students to study one topic at a time before moving on to another content area. Experiential components are integrated into the first two didactic years of study, and the third year is devoted entirely to advanced clinical experience.

At Pacific, we emphasize the integration of concepts, as well as teamwork and collaboration among students. As one of several health professions programs offered at Pacific’s Hillsboro Campus, we also emphasize interprofessional cooperation among the healthcare team.

The School of Pharmacy is fully accredited by the ACPE. We admitted our first class in Fall 2006. Today, our average class size is about 98 students.

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**Earn your undergraduate
degree from BYU–Hawaii &
a doctorate in pharmacy from
Pacific University Oregon
in 5-6 years!**

Applying to the Bridge Program



To be admitted to the Bridge Program, students must meet the following requirements:

I. Complete at least 30 semester credit hours, typically including at least:

General Chemistry – CHEM 105/L and CHEM 106/L	- 8 credits
English/Writing – ENGL 101	- 3 credits
Calculus – MATH 212	- 5 credits
General Biology – BIOL 112/L and 113	- 7 credits
Organic Chemistry – CHEM 351/L	- 4 credits
One additional course from the prerequisite list	- 3 credits

II. Complete a graduation plan that includes:

- all major, minor, core, and religion courses required for completion of a B.S. degree, for the 3+3 program, or an AAS degree for the 2+3 program.
- courses that will complete prerequisite admissions requirements for the Doctor of Pharmacy Program *The graduation plan must be approved by their academic advisor.*
- Graduation timeline can be flexible

III. Maintain minimum grades in coursework, including:

- Grade of C or higher in all prerequisite courses
- Cumulative GPA & Science GPA of 3.0 or higher

IV. Remain in good academic standing as certified by the Office of the Registrar.

V. Live the Honor Code* and maintain a current ecclesiastical endorsement as certified by the Office of Honor.

*This is a requirement for graduation from BYU–Hawaii.

Completing the Program Requirements

To continue as Bridge participants, students must remain in good standing and meet the following conditions:

I. Maintain minimum grades in coursework, including:

- Cumulative GPA and Science GPA of 3.0 or higher
- Grade of C or higher in all prerequisite courses

II. Meet with their academic advisor to discuss academic progress and evidence of engagement that support Pacific’s PharmD co-curricular goals:

- Strong commitment to service/empathy
- Exposure and commitment to diversity
- Leadership development
- Academic enrichment

III. With guidance of their BYU–H advisor, Bridge participants complete annual self-assessments that summarize their preprofessional activities and academic achievements, demonstrating their preparation or readiness for entering Pacific’s PharmD program.

IV. Bridge participants meet with a Pacific faculty member annually, typically in May, to evaluate status in meeting expectations for entering PharmD, and receive guidance on enhancing their portfolios.

V. Information about BYUH students possessed by BYUH may be shared with Pacific University to the extent such information sharing is allowed by the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act.



Transitioning to PharmD

- I. Pacific representatives will facilitate workshops annually at Pacific University School of Pharmacy in Hillsboro and Brigham Young University–Hawaii.
- II. To apply as a Bridge student to PharmD, students must complete a PharmCAS application, which requires (2) reference forms, and a personal statement. Utilizing the Early Decision program is suggested.
- III. Bridge Program students who meet the criteria listed under Completing Bridge Program Requirements and submit a complete PharmCAS application as required by PharmD are guaranteed conditional admission when applying to the program.
- IV. During the overlap year (between the last year at BYU–Hawaii and the first year at the PU Pharmacy School), students are expected to live by the principles of the BYU–Hawai’i Honor Code and hold a current ecclesiastical endorsement.

(for information on PharmD prerequisites, see www.pacificu.edu/pharmacy/admissions/prerequisites)

