

Early Assurance Program Requirements

Early Assurance @ UB is 2+4=6

This program gives talented freshmen the heightened advantage of securing a seat in our four-year PharmD degree after completing two years of prescribed undergraduate course work and an interview. This outstanding opportunity, available since 1998, has consistently provided a comprehensive curriculum in preparation for our PharmD program. EA @ UB is restricted to students who enter directly from high school.

How to Apply for EA @ UB

- Indicate pharmacy major on your freshman application or before December 31 in your first semester freshman year at UB.
- Complete the simplified PharmCAS process by November 1 of sophomore year.

EA Program Grade Requirements

Grading Scale: A = 4.00, A- = 3.67, B+ = 3.33, B = 3.00, B- = 2.67, C+ = 2.33, C = 2.00

- All science and math prerequisites are included in the EA GPA, including college courses permitted outside UB. Send official college transcripts to UB's Undergraduate Admissions office (12 Capen Hall).
- Earn a minimum 3.30 cumulative GPA in all science and math prerequisites by the end of your second, third and fourth semesters (spring of first year, fall and spring of second year).
- Complete all enrolled courses with a grade equal to or greater than C. Repeat grades will not be computed in the EA GPA.
- Do not resign from any enrolled course. An R grade on your transcript disqualifies you from EA.
- Grade changes must be submitted within 10 business days after the University's first day of posted grades for the semester.
- Appeals may be considered.

EA Program Prerequisites

- EA students are expected to complete a minimum of 15 credits per semester for both fall and spring.
- The following prerequisite courses may be completed prior to high school graduation through AP or IB exam credit articulation: Biology, Chemistry, Calculus, Statistics, and/or UB Curriculum Requirements.
- Courses may be completed at another SUNY campus or other four-year college or university once enrolled at UB. Non-UB courses must be articulated through UB's Course Equivalencies Guide: taurus.buffalo.edu.
- Complete prerequisite courses by the end of the spring semester prior to fall entry into the PharmD program.
- Complete UB Curriculum by end of summer prior to fall entry into PharmD. There is no spring PharmD entry.

EA Program Prerequisite Courses

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| • Introductory Biology I and II | BIO 200 and BIO 201 |
| • General Chemistry I and II | CHE 101 and CHE 102 OR CHE 105 and CHE 106 |
| • Organic Chemistry I and II | CHE 201 and CHE 202 OR CHE 251 and CHE 252 |
| • Calculus I and II | MTH 121 and MTH 122 OR MTH 141 and MTH 142 |
| • Anatomy | PAS 113 OR ES 207 |
| • Biochemistry | BIO 305 OR BCH 403 |
| • Microbiology | MIC 401 OR MIC 301 |
| • Physiology | PGY 300 OR PGY 451 and PGY 452 |
| • Statistics | STA 119 OR PSY 207 OR SOC 294 OR NSG 295 |

UB Curriculum

- UB Seminar
- Communication Literacy
- Math & Quantitative Reasoning
- Scientific Literacy & Inquiry
- Diversity Learning
- Thematic Pathway
- Global Pathway
- Capstone

EA Program Additional Requirements

- It is critical all students possess the ability to communicate effectively using both the oral and written English language.
- UB SPPS faculty have established Personal Attributes and Capabilities Essential for Admission, Progression, and Graduation for our doctor of pharmacy Degree: pharmacy.buffalo.edu/academic-programs/pharmd/Technical_Standards.
- See important information on student intern permits and pharmacy practice licensing requirements: pharmacy.buffalo.edu/academic-programs/pharmd/intern-permits-and-licensing-requirements.html
- Qualified candidates will be invited to interview spring of freshman year in accordance with the American Council for Pharmaceutical Education Guidelines. The purpose is to evaluate verbal and written communication skills while determining understanding of the pharmacy profession as well as commitment to patient care.
- In preparation for the interview, professional program and career positioning, candidates are advised to pursue activities beyond the classroom and prerequisite coursework. Pharmacy-specific exposure is encouraged, though not required.

Students who do not demonstrate these proficiencies and attributes will not be eligible for admission through the EA Program.

All admissions requirements are subject to revision and review by the SPPS Admissions Committee and may be revised without extensive notice. For updates, visit pharmacy.buffalo.edu/admissions. See Non-Discrimination Policy: pharmacy.buffalo.edu/non-discrimination.html

As a competitive program, admission can be on a space available basis.