



Important Notes for International Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) Applicants

Thank you for your interest in the University at Buffalo's School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences (UB SoPPS). US permanent residents, Canadian, and foreign citizens are eligible to apply to our program. Citizenship has no effect on admission into the University at Buffalo or the professional years of our PharmD program. Please note that our doctor of pharmacy (PharmD) program involves four years of professional study. We do not offer advanced standing to students who have already completed a pharmacy degree at the graduate/professional level.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

International students are expected to meet the same criteria for admission as permanent residents but are advised to submit their application materials well in advance of the deadlines due to additional internal processes.

- a. **Courses and PCAT:** You are ready to apply to the professional PharmD program when you plan to have all pre-pharmacy courses and the PCAT completed by the end of the spring semester prior to fall admission. Please be sure to carefully review all of the requirements on this website: <http://pharmacy.buffalo.edu/pages/35/PharmCAS-Admissions.html>.
- b. **English Proficiency:** The ability to communicate effectively in English is required. UB requires [TOEFL](#) or [IELTS](#) scores. A TOEFL score of 79 iBT or 550 paper-based is required. An IELTS score of 6.5 overall and with no subscore below 6.0 (on the Academic version of the test) is required. Send scores to PharmCAS – **code 8246**.

The TOEFL or IELTS score must be dated within two years of the time the application is reviewed. Students who are citizens of, and who claim to be native speakers of English, and who were educated in the English medium from Australia, Canada (except Quebec), Ireland, New Zealand, and the United Kingdom (England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland) are exempt from this requirement

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NOTE: If you are a high school student, UB freshman, or transfer student who will not have the prerequisites completed by the end of the spring semester prior to fall admission, do NOT apply through PharmCAS. Apply directly to [University at Buffalo's \(SUNY\) Office of International Admissions](#) as an undergraduate student to complete your prerequisite courses.

- a. **Transcript Evaluation:** Send a [WES](#), [ECE](#), or [Josef Silny & Associates](#) foreign transcript evaluation report to PharmCAS if your transcript is indicated as a Foreign Institution on your PharmCAS application.
- b. *If your application passes a preliminary review* by the Admissions Committee, you will be notified to supply the following documents directly to our office (address below) by **March 1st**. Please be aware of the extra time required to receive and process your documents (including immigration and financial documents) and submit your application materials well in advance of the deadline.
 - Official academic transcripts, mark sheets, exam certificates (such as 'O' levels, 'A' levels, SSC / HSC exam results), etc. for all postsecondary course work
 - Submit whether completed or not – omit nothing. If you have coursework currently in progress, submit transcripts for the work completed to date and then bring or send the final documents before enrollment.
 - Originals or copies certified by the issuing school/board are preferred; transcripts should be submitted in sealed school envelopes; copies of exam results if certified by the issuing board or your school principal/headmaster can be submitted. If you do not have the originals or certified copies, submit whatever copies you have for a preliminary/provisional review.
 - Transcripts from American and Canadian colleges must be sent directly from the school.
 - Documents that are not in English must be accompanied by an exact, certified translation.
 - Students educated in Africa, China and India must submit **ORIGINAL** Bachelor degree documents upon arrival at UB. Students from these countries/regions must submit their ORIGINAL documents/degrees (in original / native language) upon arrival at UB in order to finalize their admission. Students must submit these documents in person to 17 Capen Hall upon their arrival at UB; copies from student, department or any other source cannot be accepted.



- TOEFL / IELTS score report (original score report or a clear photocopy). See above (under Application Materials) for exemptions.
- Copy of passport biographical page
- A permanent address that is international (may email this address to pharm-admit@buffalo.edu).
- UB Financial form: All international applicants must document their ability to meet all educational and personal expenses for the entire period of intended study (for each of the two years) before the university can issue an I-20. It is essential that you read the [International Applicant Financial Form](#) carefully.
- Letter or official bank statement translated into U.S. dollars stating the funds available (liquid assets) in U.S. dollars. Photocopies will not be accepted. No certificate of eligibility will be issued without satisfactory financial documentation. Financial documentation is required for visa issuance only.
- All international students must document ability to pay for all costs incurred while studying in the U.S. All financial forms and supporting documents must be originals with original signatures, and must be dated within one year of the time the applicant intends to enroll at UB. Visit the following website for costs: <http://financialaid.buffalo.edu/graduate/pharmacycosts.php>
- Copy of your current SEVIS I-20 (showing the INS admission number). Note: Visas are not required for citizens of Canada. We will provide you with an I-20 for travel back and forth across the Canada/U.S. border. Our campus is located 30 minutes from the Rainbow, Lewiston/Queenston and Peace Bridges.

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- a. Upon successful review by the Office of International Graduate Admissions the necessary documents for your student visa will be couriered to you.
- b. You will be required to attend an International student orientation. International Graduate Admissions will inform you of the procedures to be followed, and registration will be completed at that time.
- c. There will be a departmental orientation for all new students in August.
- d. All accepted applicants and enrolled students in the PharmD program (P1 through P4) must submit and complete a criminal background check (CBC). Students will be provided with additional instructions by Certiphi Credentials if offered admission.
- e. All accepted applicants must submit a drug screening. Students will be provided with additional instructions by Certiphi Credentials if offered admission.

For more information, please visit:

- <http://www.grad.buffalo.edu/policies/international.php>
- <http://wings.buffalo.edu/intadmit/graduate.htm>
- <http://wings.buffalo.edu/intlservices/index.html>