

Students Admitted Directly from High School in Fall 2009

The Early Assurance (EA) Program is restricted to students who enter the University at Buffalo (UB) directly from high school and indicate pharmacy as their intended major either on their initial application or before the end of their last official day of their first semester at UB. For more information, visit: www.pharmacy.buffalo.edu/admissions_pharmd_ea.shtml

1. Grade Requirements

- Earn a **minimum 3.50** GPA in science and math prerequisites by the end of your third semester (fall semester of sophomore year).
- Maintain/improve a **minimum 3.50** GPA in science and math prerequisites by the end of your fourth semester (spring semester of sophomore year).
- Complete **ALL** enrolled courses with a grade equal to or greater than C.
- Do not resign from **any enrolled course**. Any "R" grade on your transcript disqualifies you from Early Assurance.
- Repeat grades will not be used in computing the Early Assurance GPA.
- Any grade change must be submitted within 10 business days after the University's first day of official posting of the grades for the semester.
- The grading system at UB is: A = 4.00 A- = 3.67 B+ = 3.33 B = 3.00 B- = 2.67 C+ = 2.33 C = 2.00
- EA students are not required to take the PCAT. Students whose GPA is between 3.5 - 3.7 however, are strongly advised to take the PCAT if unsure of fulfilling the criteria to secure a place in the class.

2. Prerequisite Courses

- Complete **ALL** pre-pharmacy courses by the end of your fourth semester (spring semester of sophomore year).

*BIO 200 (5 credits: lecture and lab)	**MTH 141 (4 credits)
*BIO 201 (4 credits: lecture and lab)	**MTH 142 (4 credits)
*CHE 101 or 105 (5 credits: lecture and lab)	**PHY 107 (4 credits: lecture; lab optional)
*CHE 102 or 106 (5 credits: lecture and lab)	NOTE: If AP Calculus was not completed, one semester of Calculus should be completed prior to PHY 107
*CHE 201 or 251 (5 credits: lecture and lab)	**STA 119 or PSY 207 (4 credits)
*CHE 202 or 252 (5 credits: lecture and lab)	***ANA 113 (Anatomy 4 credits)
***MIC 301 (Microbiology 3 credits: lecture; lab optional)	***PGY 300 (Physiology 4 credits)

- All EA students must complete science, math, writing/humanities, and social/behavioral science prerequisites by the end of the fourth semester of the catalog year in which they entered UB. Writing/humanities and social/behavioral science prerequisites may be completed outside of UB.
- *All Biology and Chemistry courses must be completed at UB.
- **A maximum of three (3) of the following prerequisite college courses may be completed outside of UB (including AP or IB credit earned while in high school or college courses completed at an accredited four year college or university only): Calculus I, Calculus II, Calculus-based Physics I, Statistics.
- ***Once you are enrolled at UB -- Anatomy, Physiology, and Microbiology may be completed at another accredited four year college or university. Students must take the equivalent of between 6 - 8 hours of Anatomy and Physiology in any combination.
- Grades from all college courses completed outside of UB WILL BE USED in computing the Early Assurance GPA. All official college transcripts must be submitted to UB's Office of Undergraduate Admissions (12 Capen Hall).

3. Other Requirements: Interview and Criminal Background Check

- All admitted PharmD students must be interviewed in accordance with the American Council for Pharmaceutical Education (ACPE) Guidelines.
 - It is critical that all students possess the ability to communicate effectively using both the oral and written English language.
 - The purpose of the interview process is to evaluate verbal communication skills, determine if the candidate has an understanding of the pharmacy profession, and commitment to patient care. Written communication skills will also be assessed in a standardized manner.
 - Interviews will be assigned on a rolling basis and applicants will be invited by e-mail.
 - UB Career Services offers outstanding resources for students considering professional school admissions including interview preparation.
- STUDENTS WHO DO NOT DEMONSTRATE THESE PROFICIENCIES AND ATTRIBUTES WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE FOR ADMISSION THROUGH THE EARLY ASSURANCE PROGRAM.**
- All admitted and enrolled PharmD students must submit and complete a yearly Criminal Background Check from a vendor approved by UB SoPPS at the student's expense. For more information about this policy, visit www.pharmacy.buffalo.edu/admissions_pharmd_policies.shtml.

4. Application Materials

UNIVERSITY APPLICATION

Indicate pharmacy as your intended major either on your initial SUNY application or before the end of your first semester at UB. UB's Office of Undergraduate Admissions is not involved with the Early Assurance (EA) Program. Therefore, you will not receive any information regarding this program with their admission decision.

SCHOOL OF PHARMACY AND PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENCES SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION

- Complete the SoPPS Supplemental Admission Application Form during your third semester (first semester of sophomore year).
- The completed application must be received or postmarked by **November 1**.
- NOTE: This is the **only required form** for EA Applicants to complete and late forms will not be considered.