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Pharmacy Program in Ponce, Puerto Rico

NSU
NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY

College of Pharmacy
Nova Southeastern University, synonymous with dynamic innovation and intellectual challenge, is the largest independent not-for-profit university in the State of Florida, and, with an enrollment of approximately 20,000, among the 20 largest in the United States. Situated on a beautiful 232-acre campus in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, the University is experiencing a sustained period of academic growth, fiscal strength, and commitment to the challenges of the 21st century.

In this environment of expansion and stability, the University is capitalizing on its strengths in such areas as academic innovation, comprehensive clinical training, and flexible educational delivery systems.

Founded in 1964 as Nova University, the institution merged with Southeastern University of the Health Sciences in 1994, creating Nova Southeastern University. To date, the institution has graduated over 55,000 alumni. Fully accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, the University awards bachelor’s, master’s, educational specialist, and doctoral degrees in a wide range of fields including, in addition to the health professions, law, business, marine sciences, psychology, social sciences, computer and information sciences, and education.

The University’s programs are administered through fifteen academic centers that offer courses at the main campus as well as at field-based locations throughout Florida, across the nation, and at selected international sites in Europe, Canada, the Pacific Rim, Central and South America, and the Caribbean.

With a budget of over $200 million a year and an upward trend in enrollment, the University will continue to maintain a solid record of academic and fiscal strength and excellence in teaching and community service, while expanding its mission in research and scholarship.
MISSION STATEMENT

Nova Southeastern University is a dynamic, not-for-profit, independent institution dedicated to providing high quality educational programs of distinction from preschool to the professional and doctoral levels, as well as service to the community.

Nova Southeastern University prepares students for lifelong learning and leadership roles in business and the professions. It offers academic programs at times convenient to students, employing innovative delivery systems and rich learning resources on campus and at distant sites. The University fosters inquiry, research, and creative professional activity by uniting faculty and students in acquiring and applying knowledge in clinical, community, and professional settings.

COLLEGE OF PHARMACY MISSION STATEMENT

The College of Pharmacy serves the public by preparing pharmacists to improve health care outcomes through pharmaceutical care. The dynamic curriculum employs new technology and other methods to promote student learning and stimulate a lifelong learning process.

Students develop competencies required to function effectively and efficiently in a changing as well as a challenging health care environment. Faculty and students contribute significantly to the body of knowledge and provide service for the profession and the public.
As a student in the Health Professions Division of Nova Southeastern University, you can anticipate a remarkable experience. You will train, study, interact and share facilities, faculty and resources with other health professions students. This interdisciplinary approach distinguishes the Health Professions Division as unique and will better prepare you to master your discipline with a sensitivity and understanding of the entire health care system.

The Health Professions Division, with a student body of more than 2,500, is home to six colleges. The College of Pharmacy offers the Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.) degree. The College of Osteopathic Medicine, the first one in the southeastern U.S., grants the Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (D.O.) degree. The College of Optometry, the only one in the state of Florida, awards the Doctor of Optometry (O.D.) degree. The College of Allied Health offers a dual degree Physician Assistant program that awards the Bachelor of Science/Master of Public Health (B.S./M.P.H.) as well as master’s level Occupational Therapy (M.O.T.) and Public Health (M.P.H.) programs and doctoral programs in Occupational Therapy (Ph.D./O.T.; O.T.D.) and Physical Therapy (Ph.D., P.T.). In addition to these programs, the College of Allied Health offers a Master of Medical Science (M.M.S.) degree open to mid-level clinicians and allied health professionals. The College of Medical Sciences grants the Master of Biomedical Sciences (M.B.S.) degree, and in the fall of 1997, the College of Dental Medicine admitted its charter class into the Doctor of Dental Medicine (D.M.D.) program.

The administration occupies the $70 million Health Professions Division complex, covering 21 acres of the university campus. The Division includes eight buildings totaling over 900,000 square feet of space for classrooms, laboratories, offices, the Health Professions Division Library, an outpatient health center, and a pharmaceutical care center. The adjacent 1,600-vehicle parking garage overlooks the Miami Dolphins Training Camp.
ACCREDITATION

The Doctor of Pharmacy program at Nova Southeastern University College of Pharmacy has been granted full accreditation status by the American Council on Pharmaceutical Education (ACPE), the national agency for the accreditation of professional programs in pharmacy. The College of Pharmacy is a member of the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy.

Nova Southeastern University is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097; telephone number 404-679-4501) to award bachelor’s, master’s, educational specialist, and doctoral degrees.

The programs of study at the Pontifical Catholic University of Puerto Rico are registered by the Council of Higher Education of Puerto Rico and by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

Policy of Non-Discrimination

Nova Southeastern University admits students of any race, color, sex, age, non-disqualifying disability, religion or creed, or national or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school, and does not discriminate in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs.

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Welcome to the exciting world of pharmacy, a dynamic profession in transition. Pharmacists have expanding opportunities to apply their knowledge of drug therapy outcomes in a variety of practice settings. Clinically trained pharmacists are in high demand not only in community pharmacy, but also hospital pharmacy practice, HMOs, ambulatory care settings, home health care, and the pharmaceutical industry as medical liaisons.

The demand for pharmacists has never been greater and our graduates are aggressively recruited. The National Association of Chain Drug Stores estimates that to meet the nationwide demand for pharmacists, all 81 colleges of pharmacy would have to double their enrollments.

Through a unique partnership between the College of Pharmacy, Nova Southeastern University and Pontifical Catholic University, Ponce, Puerto Rico, the Pharmacy Program of NSU will be provided at Pontifical University's facilities. The curriculum is very effective as evidenced by our students' success on the licensing examination. The faculty are well trained and enthusiastic about teaching. Lectures will be presented by video conferencing from the Fort Lauderdale campus with faculty on site in Ponce, P.R. to assist students. All lectures, handouts, reading materials and tests will be in English so as to prepare students for the national practice of pharmacy.

Perhaps the most important focus at NSU is upon our students. They work in groups to solve problems and complete assignments. Faculty have an open door policy and meet with students on a regular basis. The college is very technologically advanced, using communication by computer or by compressed video lecturing to the West Palm Beach site. These are some of the reasons why our students have achieved such a successful pass rate on licensing examinations, well above the Florida and national pass rates.

If you have an interest in studying disease state management and drug therapy outcomes, I encourage you to seek additional information from us.

W.D. Hardigan, R.Ph., Ph.D
Dean
The most visible pharmacy practice is in the nation's 55,000 independent and chain pharmacies, yet this accounts for only about half of the 225,000 persons employed in the profession. Many work at hospitals as directors, staff and clinical specialist pharmacists. Pharmacists can become specialists in several areas of patient care through postgraduate training. Consultant pharmacists provide services to nursing homes and home health care patients.

Pharmacists are employed as researchers in universities and in the pharmaceutical and biotechnology industries. They are also engaged in the production and quality control of pharmaceutical products. Others are employed by industry as sales representatives. Pharmacists also fill vital administrative and regulatory roles in government.

The professional responsibilities of pharmacists are expanding rapidly to meet the demands of a dynamic health care system. Prospective drug use review and the offering of consultation services are now mandatory in all states. Through the provision of pharmaceutical care an increasing number of pharmacists are involved with disease state management. As pharmacists move more directly into patient care, the technical functions of prescription dispensing are being carried out by technicians and technology, but the ultimate responsibility for what takes place at the drug-patient interface remains with the pharmacist.

The Pharm.D. Program at PCUPR

The Commonwealth of Puerto Rico provides an environment that fosters private entrepreneurship and promotes economic growth through avenues such as the development of a powerful science and technology base. The manufacturing plants of most of the leading pharmaceutical industries, as well as other hi-tech companies, center their activities on the island. However, the present shortage of pharmacists needed to meet the demand of diverse practice settings and those of the pharmaceutical industry prompted us to expand our program to Puerto Rico. Taking advantage of our advanced technology, the College of Pharmacy at NSU has facilitated the delivery of its outstanding Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.) Program to Ponce, Puerto Rico. Students will be able to take the same academic program as those at the Fort Lauderdale site without having to leave the island. The program will be housed on the premises of the Pontifical Catholic University of Puerto Rico. The students who graduate from this program will be of great service to the people of Puerto Rico and the pharmacy profession.

Andres Malavé, Reg. Ph., Ph.D.
Professor and Assistant Dean, Pharmaceutical Sciences
COURSE OF STUDY

The Doctor of Pharmacy degree is awarded after successful completion of four years of professional study in the College of Pharmacy. The curriculum stresses innovative delivery and assessment methods.

The curriculum is designed such that courses integrate information and build upon one another in order to provide students with the knowledge and skills necessary to be successful in the profession.

The first two years build a foundation in the medical and pharmaceutical sciences. Anatomy, physiology, biochemistry and microbiology courses develop the necessary background, and Pharmacaceutics, Pharmacokinetics, and Nonprescription Therapies courses provide a strong understanding of the principles of drug therapy. The business, human relation, communication, marketing and legal aspects of pharmacy and the health care system are also studied.

Third year courses focus on application of material learned, the use of drugs in the disease process, and developing skills essential to monitoring drug therapy. Students hone their analytical skills with courses in Research Design and Statistics, Pharmacoepidemiology, and Pharmacoeconomics and Drug Literature Evaluation.

Practice experiences in community, hospital, service/learning, and other pharmacy settings, which begin in the first semester and continue throughout the student’s course of study, facilitate real-life application of the material and provide opportunities to integrate information learned.

The final year of the Pharm.D. curriculum is composed of full-time clerkships where students practice drug therapy monitoring with more independence. During the final month all students return to campus for updates on new and changing drug therapy, presentations, and board exam preparation.

Since admitting its charter class in 1987, the College of Pharmacy has:

- Graduated 1,235 pharmacists.
- Led the nation in the level of enrollment of Hispanic doctoral pharmacy students.
- Developed a postgraduate Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.) program for bachelor-level pharmacists seeking to advance professionally. The program, developed in 1991, has graduated over 200 professionals, and is among the largest in the nation.
- Developed, in 1995, a nontraditional postgraduate Pharm.D. program utilizing interactive Compressed Video. Today, over 200 practicing pharmacists throughout the state of Florida and Puerto Rico who cannot afford to interrupt their careers or relocate to a college campus are enrolled in this innovative and flexible program.
- Developed residency programs in General Pharmacy Practice, Ambulatory Care, and Infectious Diseases.
- Developed a Drug Information Center to provide area health care providers with current information on pharmaceuticals.
- Brought the latest American pharmaceutical education to leading institutions of higher learning in Latin America. The program features faculty exchanges, collaboration on research projects, and seminars on advances in patient-oriented pharmacy.
- Developed two ambulatory care pharmacies for innovative teaching and testing of pharmacists’ expanding roles.
- Created a medicinal garden to serve as a repository for living medicinal plants for treating human illness and maintaining health. The purpose of the garden is to teach students the properties and roles of medicinal plants.

North American Pharmacist Licensure Examination

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ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The College of Pharmacy selects students based on pre-pharmacy academic performance, PCAT scores, personal interviews, written applications and letters of evaluation.

1. Prior to matriculation, College of Pharmacy applicants must complete a minimum of 63 semester hours of coursework at a regionally accredited college or university, including the following required courses:

- General Biology, including Laboratory: 8 semester hours
- General Chemistry, including Laboratory: 8 semester hours
- Organic Chemistry, including Laboratory: 8 semester hours
- Calculus (for science majors): 3 semester hours
- English: 6 semester hours
- Statistics: 3 semester hours
- Speech: 3 semester hours
- Macroeconomics: 3 semester hours
- Microeconomics: 3 semester hours
- Computer Literacy: 3 semester hours
- Humanities: 3 semester hours
- Social/Behavioral Sciences: 3 semester hours
- Additional Humanities and/or Social/Behavioral Sciences: 9 semester hours

2. Students must have a GPA of 2.75 or higher on a four-point scale. To assure a well-rounded background for professional studies and adequate preparation in mathematics and sciences, the College requires students to earn a grade of 2.0 or better in each required pre-pharmacy course and a minimum grade of 2.0 in all biology courses, in all chemistry courses, and in all mathematics courses. We recommend that courses taken outside these requirements be in the social and behavioral sciences or the humanities, which include history, psychology, government, anthropology, sociology, and various survey or history courses in the arts.

3. Applicants are required to submit official scores from the Pharmacy College Admission Test (PCAT). A national, standardized examination, the PCAT is designed to measure verbal ability, quantitative ability, reading comprehension, and knowledge of biology and chemistry. PCAT scores must be no more than five years old at the time of interview.

Applicants should take the PCAT no later than October or January prior to the expected date of matriculation. Candidates should schedule pre-pharmacy course work so that they complete biology and some chemistry courses before taking the PCAT.

The half-day test is offered in October, January and April at locations throughout the U.S. and Canada, including Tampa, Gainesville, Tallahassee and Nova Southeastern University. Application brochures for the PCAT may be available at your college. You can also receive the brochure from the Office of Admissions, NSU College of Pharmacy, or by forwarding a written request to:

Pharmacy College Admission Test
The Psychological Corporation
555 Academic Court
San Antonio, TX 78204
(800) 622-3231
Candidates for admission are responsible for the submission of:

1. A completed application form along with a $50 non-refundable application fee. Note: an application and forms for letters of evaluation are available on our Web site: www.nova.edu

2. A letter of evaluation from the pre-professional committee, or, if such a committee does not exist, three letters of evaluation, two from science professors and one from a liberal arts professor. A letter of reference from a registered pharmacist may substitute as one of the letters of recommendation.

3. Official PCAT scores, not more than five years old

4. Official college transcripts from all undergraduate and graduate institutions attended, sent directly from the institution

Transcripts
Official transcripts of all work attempted at all colleges and universities must be forwarded by the institutions attended to the Office of Admissions, College of Pharmacy. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that arrangements are made for these to be sent. A final transcript of all of the applicant's work must be forwarded to the Office of Admissions prior to matriculation.

Interview
Upon receipt of the completed application and required credentials, the Committee on Admissions and the Dean's office will select those applicants to be interviewed. A personal interview is a part of the admission process; however, being interviewed is not a guarantee of admission. Not all applicants will be granted an interview. Those selected for an interview will be notified of the date and time of such interview by the Office of Admissions.

Notice of acceptance or other action by the Committee on Admissions will be on a "rolling" or periodic schedule and students may be admitted as early as January. Therefore, early completion of the application is in the best interest of the student. All application documents should be received by April 1 in order for the applicant to be considered for admission in the fall of the same year. Inquiries should be directed to:

Office of Admissions
College of Pharmacy
Nova Southeastern University
Ponificia Universidad Cath6lica de Puerto Rico
2250 Avenue Las Americas
Suite #607
Ponce, Puerto Rico 00717-0777
Tel: 787-841-2000 x-2431
Fax: 787-841-2000 x-2429
Transfer Students

Circumstances may warrant that a student enrolled in one pharmacy college seeks to transfer to another institution. Any individual wishing to transfer to Nova Southeastern University College of Pharmacy must:

1. Make a formal application to the NSU College of Pharmacy Office of Admissions.

2. Meet admission requirements to NSU College of Pharmacy, which include submitting official transcripts of all college work (including pharmacy transcripts), and letters of evaluation. The applicant must be interviewed.

3. Be in good standing at the transferring institution, as documented by a letter from the Dean of the transferring institution.

4. Supply one letter of recommendation from a faculty member of the transferring institution.

5. Supply a written statement outlining reasons for request for transfer.

Decisions on transfer applications are made by the Dean. The decision will be based on factors which include, but are not limited to: academic record, circumstances leading to the transfer request, available space, and admission standards.

Students entering the College of Pharmacy with an advanced standing may be given credit for courses which are applicable to the courses outlined in the curriculum of the College of Pharmacy.

The Dean's Office will evaluate the courses and determine appropriate credits. The program, however, must be completed in seven calendar years. A minimum of 16 credit hours of didactic course work and a minimum of five clerkships must be completed at Nova Southeastern University.

Since the Pontifical Catholic University of Puerto Rico does not have sufficient housing facilities on campus for all out-of-town students, some must stay in private boarding houses. A list of registered boarding houses is distributed by the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs, located on the 2nd floor of the Student Center Manuel Gonzalez Pató. Most of them are located near the university campus and have a family atmosphere.

The University assumes no responsibility for the administration and the condition prevailing in housing not operated by the University. The norms for accreditation of boarding houses by the University are only recommendations and are not mandatory. Therefore, students themselves must verify that the boarding houses they choose will meet their needs and provide adequate safety conditions.

The University has both a Women's and Men's Residence on the Ponce campus. For information or to apply for admission, please contact:

Residence
Pontifical Catholic University of Puerto Rico
2250 Avenue Las Americas Suite 562
Ponce, Puerto Rico 00731-6382
Office of the Director of Boarding

Foreign Course Work

Undergraduate course work taken at a foreign institution must be evaluated for U.S. institution equivalence. Foreign course work must be evaluated by one of the services listed below. You should contact one of the following:

- World Education Services, Inc.
  P.O. Box 745 Old Chelsea Station
  New York, NY 10113-0745
  (212) 966-6311

- World Education Services, Inc.
  P.O. Box 01-5060
  Miami, Florida 33101
  www.wes.org

- Josef Silny & Associates, Inc.
  International Education Consultants
  P.O. Box 248233
  Coral Gables, FL 33124
  (305) 273-1616
  www.jsilny.com

- Educational Credential Evaluators, Inc.
  P.O. Box 514070
  Milwaukee, WI 53203-3470
  (414) 289-3400
  www.ece.org

It is the applicant's responsibility to have this course work evaluated, and an official evaluation must be sent to the Office of Admissions.
Tuition & Fees

1. Anticipated tuition for 2002-2003 (subject to change by the Board of Trustees without notice) is $7,250 per semester (contract rate for Puerto Rico residents) and $8,497.50 for non-Puerto Rico residents. A student activities fee of $125 each year is required from all students.

2. Acceptance Fee – $100. This fee is required to reserve the accepted applicant’s place in the entering first-year class. This advance payment will be deducted from the tuition payment due on Registration Day, but is not refundable in the event of a withdrawal. It is payable within two weeks of an applicant’s acceptance.

3. Deposit – $400. This is due March 15, under the same terms as the Acceptance Fee.

4. Pre-registration Fee – $500. This is due May 15, under the same terms as the Acceptance Fee.

5. University Technology Fee: not to exceed $100 when implemented.

The first semester’s tuition and fees, less the $1,000 previously paid, are due on or before Registration Day. Tuition for each subsequent semester is due on or before the appropriate Registration Day. Students will not be admitted until their financial obligations have been met. The financial ability of applicants to complete their training at the College is important because of the limited number of positions available in each class. Applicants should have specific plans for financing four years of professional education. This should include tuition, living expenses, books, equipment, and miscellaneous expenses.

It is required that each student carry adequate personal medical and hospital insurance. Students may avail themselves of the hospitalization insurance plan obtainable through the University.

6. Library, parking and identification badge fees will be paid by Nova Southeastern University College of Pharmacy to PCUPR.

Expenses & Financial Aid

Students should anticipate spending approximately $1,000 a year for books, equipment and supplies, and $14,000 for living expenses for a nine-month academic year.

The primary financial responsibility for a student’s education rests with the student and his or her family, but economic circumstances for some families may make it necessary for the student to obtain assistance from other sources.

The purpose of the Student Financial Aid Program at Nova Southeastern University is to help as many qualified students as possible to complete their pharmacy education. Various loans, scholarships, and grants are available to qualified students to help ease the high cost of a health professions education. These financial assistance programs are described in a separate University publication: A Guide to Student Financial Assistance. For a copy or information, contact:

Department of Student Financial Aid
Nova Southeastern University
3301 College Avenue
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33314
(954) 262-3380

Opportunity for a limited number of part-time work assignments is available. However, the demands of a program of professional study limit the number of hours a student can work.
WELCOME TO OUR CAMPUS

Pontifical Catholic University of Puerto Rico
Health Professions Division
3200 South University Drive
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33328

Office of Admissions
(954) 262-1101
(800) 356-0026, extension 1101
www.nova.edu

Pontifical Catholic University of Puerto Rico
2250 Avenida Las Americas
Ponce, Puerto Rico 00731