

# Early Assurance Program (EAP) Agreement

## College of Pharmacy

### Oregon State University

Oregon State University College of Pharmacy is committed to providing students, staff and faculty a welcoming environment in which to learn and work. We promote community that is founded on collegiality, mutual trust, and respect. The College has a similar commitment to the public in assuring that professional students and, upon graduation, pharmacists have the essential attributes and abilities required to provide quality patient-centered care to a diverse population.

The Oregon State University Student Conduct Regulations define several expectations of students. The College of Pharmacy professional program has defined additional academic and behavioral expectations and characteristics considered essential to being a student pharmacist and pharmacist. Individuals who choose to become student pharmacists do so with the understanding that admission, progression and graduation are dependent upon their capacity to personally demonstrate essential characteristics defined by the College and profession of pharmacy.

Students are expected to meet specific academic and professional requirements to begin the Doctor of Pharmacy program and to progress to each successive year of the professional program. Each EAP student's standing in the College of Pharmacy is reviewed at the end of every term, or at any time 'for cause'. The review includes prerequisite science GPA, cumulative GPA, and other academic or behavioral characteristics identified as being essential to student pharmacists and pharmacists in the most current Academic and Professional Standards.

The prerequisite requirements at Oregon State University are designed to be completed within four years. EAP students may request an exception from the Academic & Professional Standards Committee if they wish to complete all of the prerequisites and their bachelor's degree in three years.

The College of Pharmacy requires all pharmacy students to complete Criminal Background Checks and recommends that all pharmacy students submit to Drug Screening. Criminal Background Checks and Drug Screenings have become standard requirements for employment in pharmacy and placement in clinical rotations and early experiential rotations. Criminal Background Checks and Drug Screening may also be required for licensure. Students who cannot participate in clinical rotations and early experiential rotations due to criminal or other activities of concern that are revealed in Criminal Background Checks or Drug Screenings may be unable to fulfill the requirements of the professional Pharm.D. program. Therefore, it is in everyone's interest to conduct Criminal Background Checks and Drug Screening early to resolve any issues prior to commitment of resources by the College and by students. Criminal Background Checks and Drug screening will likely occur the summer before starting the professional program.

*EAP and Pharm.D. students must immediately disclose any criminal activity that occurs prior to or while enrolled. Students must also immediately reveal any action taken by a Board of Pharmacy, including but not limited to warning, probation and revocation of licensure. Failure to do so could result in dismissal from the EAP and Pharm.D. program.*

Each student must have complete immunization records on file with Student Health Services by mid-September before starting the professional program. Annual TB screening is required of all pharmacy students.

All pharmacy students must have an Oregon intern license. Students who do not obtain or maintain an Oregon intern license will be dismissed from the program. You will obtain your intern license during the first year of the professional program.

Health insurance is required for all Pharm.D. students. If you do not have adequate health insurance, you will be required to purchase health insurance through OHSU. More information on the minimum insurance requirements and the costs can be found on-line at

<http://www.ohsu.edu/xd/education/student-services/joseph-trainer-health-wellness-center/insurance-plan/student-insurance-plan.cfm>.

Insurance is not required for EAP students until you begin the professional program.

First and second year professional courses are taught at OSU in Corvallis, Oregon. Third year professional classes are taught in Portland, Oregon, on the Oregon Health & Science University campus. In the last professional year students are assigned to off-campus practice sites where students are supervised by licensed pharmacists who are affiliate faculty members of the college. Practice sites are located primarily throughout Oregon, although some sites are outside of Oregon. Completion of practicum courses at these off-campus practice sites generally requires at least 40 hours per week at the practice site. Practicum experience *may* include nights, evenings, and weekends. Practicum placements may require that students drive or temporarily relocate to various sites within the state.

In order to maintain good standing in the Early Assurance Program students must adhere to all of the following criteria. Failure to meet these standards can result in removal from the EAP and cancellation of admission to the Pharm.D. program.

- 1. Maintain continuous full-time enrollment at Oregon State University (OSU) or partner institution during the academic year.**  
To be considered full-time, students must be registered for at least 12 credits per quarter (36 credits per year). AP, IB, and/or transfer credits do not count toward the 36-credit total for the year. The academic year includes fall, winter, and spring quarters. Summer enrollment is optional, and not a requirement for EAP students. Students anticipating interruption of their attendance must contact the College of Pharmacy Office of Student Services.
- 2. Complete all Prerequisite Science courses at OSU or partner institution.**  
Exceptions may be granted by the College of Pharmacy Office of Student Services through a petition process. Baccalaureate core and elective courses may be taken at other institutions and transferred.
- 3. Maintain a minimum Prerequisite Science and Cumulative GPA of 3.30**  
EAP students' Prerequisite Science GPA is checked quarterly after the first year. The Prerequisite Science GPA is checked at the end of the first year (spring quarter). Failure to maintain a Prerequisite Science GPA of 3.30 or higher in any two quarters will result in removal from EAP. Letter grades of U, I, or N are not calculated into the Prerequisite Science GPA, but should be discussed with College of Pharmacy Student Services Office.  
EAP students' OSU cumulative GPA is checked at the end of the first year (spring quarter), the end of the second year (spring quarter), and after fall quarter of the fourth year (approximately one year before you enter the Pharm.D. program). An OSU cumulative GPA below 3.30 at any of these points will result in removal from EAP. Letter grades of U, I, W, or N are not calculated into the cumulative GPA.
- 4. Complete all prerequisite courses with a grade of C or higher**  
Earning a grade of C- or lower in any prerequisite course will result in removal from the EAP.
- 5. Complete at least 50 hours of documented health-care related experience.**  
EAP students are expected to engage actively in the exploration of their chosen field by accruing a minimum of 50 hours of experience in health-care settings. Experience can be paid, volunteer, job-shadowing, club-related, informational interviewing, helping with Pharm.D. student outreaches, attendance at professional meetings, and/or successfully completing PHAR 201. At least 26 hours must be spent in a patient-care setting. Students must have their supervisor submit an Experience Documentation Form to the College of Pharmacy Student Affairs Office at the conclusion of their time at that site. Qualifying experiences are those that are completed during the student's time in the EAP, and a maximum of 10 hours can be accrued in the summer prior to starting the EAP. All 50 hours must be complete and documented before the student starts winter quarter of their 4<sup>th</sup> year. Failure to accrue health-care related experience will result in removal from EAP.
- 6. Meet with a College of Pharmacy Academic Advisor every term.** EAP students are not assigned to a specific advisor, but must schedule an advising appointment once each quarter. Appointments may be in-person, phone or Skype. Appointments are made by calling the College of Pharmacy Office at (541) 737-3424.
- 7. Maintain active membership in the Pre-Pharmacy Society and/or Phi Delta Chi.**  
Hours spent in meetings, activities, and/or volunteer activities related to the aforementioned groups can be counted toward the 50 hours of required health-care related experience.
- 8. Adhere to OSU's Student Conduct and Community Standards and Academic Regulations and the College's Essential Characteristics of Student Pharmacists.**  
These policies are available on-line at <http://pharmacy.oregonstate.edu/current-student-resources>.
- 9. Begin the Pharm.D. program no later than four years after beginning prerequisite coursework.**  
EAP students are expected to complete the prerequisites and their bachelor's degree in four years. Exceptions may be granted by the College of Pharmacy Office of Student Services through a petition process.
- 10. Apply Early Decision through PharmCAS and participate in a second interview with College of Pharmacy faculty during the fall term of the fourth year prior to enrolling in the Pharm.D. program.**  
As required by AACP and ACPE, all EAP students are required to submit a complete Early Decision PharmCAS application and participate in a second interview. Enrollment in the Pharm.D. program is contingent on satisfactory completion of the PharmCAS application, satisfactory performance in the interview, satisfactory academic progress, and compliance with the other regulations described in this document.

**In accepting this offer of a place in the entering Doctor of Pharmacy Class of the College of Pharmacy for fall 2019, you are agreeing to abide by the policies of the College and University. The College Academic and Professional Standards can be found on-line at <http://pharmacy.oregonstate.edu/current-student-resources>. University Student Conduct rules and expectations can be found on the OSU website at <http://oregonstate.edu/studentconduct/home/>. Please review the information carefully.**

I have reviewed the foregoing information. This reply certifies my intent to:

- Accept a place in the Fall 2019 pharmacy class and enroll in the OSU College of Pharmacy.
- Decline this offer of admission. I do not intend to enroll in the OSU College of Pharmacy.

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Name

Signature

Date