

West Coast University's

Hybrid PharmD Doctor of Pharmacy

WCU Center for Graduate Studies

Why Become a Pharmacist?

- » Educate patients and healthcare providers on medication decisions
- » Improve the health of patients
- » Promote public health
- » A trusted and rewarding profession
- » A vital part of the healthcare system

Typical Practice Environments

- » Community practice
- » Institutional practice
- » Acute care
- » Ambulatory care
- » Academia
- » Pharmaceutical science/industry

What is the Application Process?

- » Complete specific prerequisite coursework from a regionally accredited US college or university*
- » Provide three letters of recommendation
- » Submit a Personal Statement
- » For detailed information and to apply, visit our PharmCAS webpage
<http://schoolpages.pharmacas.org/publishedsurvey/1750>

Program Overview

- » Program Length: Less than 3 years
- » Total Credit Hours: 144
- » Accreditation: ACPE



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*Foreign coursework must be evaluated by World Education Services (WES) and submitted via PharmCAS. West Coast University School of Pharmacy's Doctor of Pharmacy program is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education, 190 South LaSalle Street, Suite 2850, Chicago, IL 60603-4810, 312-644-3575; fax: 866-228-2643; website www.acpe-accredit.org. The Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE) accredits Doctor of Pharmacy programs offered by Colleges and Schools of Pharmacy in the United States and selected non-US sites. For a Doctor of Pharmacy program offered by a new College or School of Pharmacy, ACPE accreditation generally involves three steps: Precandidate status, Candidate status and Accredited status. Precandidate status denotes a developmental program that is expected to mature in accord with stated plans and within a defined time period. Precandidate status is awarded to a new program of a College or School of Pharmacy that has not yet enrolled students in the professional program and authorizes the School to admit its first class. Candidate status is awarded to a Doctor of Pharmacy program that has students enrolled but has not yet had a graduating class. Accredited status is awarded to a program that has met all ACPE standards for accreditation and has graduated its first class. Graduates of a class designated as having Candidate status have the same rights and privileges of those graduates from a fully accredited program. ACPE conveys its decisions to the various boards of pharmacy and makes recommendations in accord with its decisions. It should be noted, however, that decisions concerning eligibility for licensure by examination or reciprocity reside with the respective state boards of pharmacy in accordance with their state statutes and administrative rules. The Doctor of Pharmacy program of the West Coast School of Pharmacy was awarded Accredited status during the June 20-24, 2018, meeting of the ACPE Board of Directors based upon an on-site evaluation conducted April 3-5, 2018, and discussion with University and School officials. PLEASE NOTE THAT LICENSURE TO PRACTICE AS A PHARMACIST IS REQUIRED IN EVERY STATE. HOWEVER, THE EXAM AND LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS VARY BY STATE. IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO RESEARCH THE REQUIREMENTS IN THE STATE IN WHICH YOU PLAN TO PRACTICE. The West Coast University School of Pharmacy has submitted a formal request to the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE) for an accelerated hybrid program. The request is currently pending ACPE approval, and it is our hope that ACPE will take the necessary actions to enable a Fall 2023 launch of the program. If approved, the accelerated hybrid Doctor of Pharmacy program will be the only available program version being offered at WCU starting with the Fall 2023 trimesters (August 14, 2023). West Coast University is accredited by WASC Senior College of University Commission (WSCUC), a regional accreditation body recognized by the U.S. Department of Education (USDOE) and the Council on Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA), 1001 Marina Village Parkway, Suite 402 Alameda, CA 94501, (510) 748-9001, <https://www.wscuc.org>. With the COVID-19 epidemic, the University is currently offering some on-ground courses in the distance education modality, as needed. As the situation changes, students may be expected to return on-campus to complete their program onsite in the regular learning modality as outlined in the university catalog. Financial aid and scholarships available for those who qualify. WCU provides career guidance and assistance but cannot guarantee employment.

School of Pharmacy Scholarships



Presidential Academic Excellence Award

- » \$16,875 per academic year — up to \$67,500
- » 3.50 and above cumulative GPA
- » Must have a Bachelor's degree
- » Continued eligibility requires a GPA of 3.25 or higher throughout the program
- » Student must have accepted admission offer at the time of the offer

Mark Hacken Trustee Award

- » \$11,250 per academic year — up to \$45,000
- » Undergraduate cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher for the initial year offer
- » Member of an under-represented minority (African-American, Hispanic, and Native American)
- » Continued eligibility requires student to maintain a CGPA of 3.0 or higher throughout the program
- » Student must have accepted admission offer at the time of the scholarship offer

Dean's Scholarship

- » Up to \$5,000 per academic year, not to exceed \$20,000 for the eight trimester program
- » 2.75 and above cumulative undergraduate GPA for the initial year offer
- » Demonstrate excellence in service engagement
- » Continued eligibility requires a:
 - GPA of 3.0 or higher throughout the program; and
 - Excellence in service engagement
- » Student must have accepted admission offer at the time of the offer

For more information, please email:
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For additional information and eligibility requirements, please visit <https://westcoastuniversity.smartcatalogia.com/Current/West-Coast-University-Catalog/Financial-Policies-and-Information/Financial-Aid-Programs/Private-Loans-Scholarships/School-of-Pharmacy-Scholarships-and-Grants>
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