

Guidelines for Student Admission to the Graduate Program in Pharmaceutical Sciences

1. Applicants are evaluated for admission to the Graduate Program in Pharmaceutical Sciences based on an Admission Score consisting of a Weighted Composite Score AND an Applicant Profile Score.
2. The Weighted Composite Score consists of the sum of the following components:

Verbal GRE divided by 42.5 (maximum weight = 4)
Quantitative GRE divided by 42.5 (maximum weight = 4)
Undergraduate GPA (maximum weight = 4)
Required Course GPA (maximum weight = 4)

The highest total composite score an applicant can receive with this formula is 16. It weights the GRE equally with undergraduate and graduate performance, so that a poor performance in either can be mitigated by an outstanding performance in the other. Credit for completed prior Graduate Studies is also considered.

3. Applications are then submitted to Graduate Program Committee members for review of the applicant's individual profile. Members rank the applications with a maximum score of 10.0. Committee members' profile scores will be averaged and added to the Weighted Composite Score, giving the applicant's Admission Score. The highest Admission Score an applicant can receive with this formula is 26. Criteria considered in determining the Applicant Profile Score:

TOEFL Score	Universities attended
Applicant's essay	Personal references from associates
Applicant's letters of reference	Prior work history (if any)

Following this method, the GPC has carefully weighted the components of the application; 30 % for the applicant's GRE, 30% for prior undergraduate and graduate scholastic performance, and 40% for the committee evaluation of the applicant's individual profile.

4. Following discussion in Graduate Program Committee meeting, during which the prior scores for individual profiles may be adjusted by GPC members, applications will be ranked. The minimum Admission Score for acceptance into the Graduate Program of the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences is 18.
5. Applications are listed in the order of their scores and admitted to the program in descending order (highest score first) for positions available for the specified term.
6. Qualifying applications will remain active for the term being filled to be considered for admission should an opening become available at a later date. Applicants will need to keep their application current for the full year in order to remain on this list.
7. Faculty members paying for students from extramural or start-up funds will be allowed to choose an applicant, providing the applicant meets the minimum admission score of 18 established by the Graduate Program Committee and admitted according to 1- 4 above. No permanent assignments to a lab will be finalized until completion of the Research Methods (lab rotation) course.
8. An applicant who is accepted in the program, issued an offer, and then declines the offer must re-apply and go through the admissions process again should s/he wish to be considered for admission in a later term.
9. Graduate Student Stipends, whether funded by the State or through alternative sources, are provided on a yearly basis and no stipend is guaranteed for the full period of studies.

10. Applicant Admission Ranking Chart EXAMPLE:

Applicant Admission Ranking Scores for Spring 2017																						
Student			Last Degree Earned	Current Residence	Area of Interest	Term Applied For	Program	GRE			*TOEFL >550 - PB >213 - CB > 79 - IB IELTS >6.5	Max Scores		Weighted Composite Score	Applicant Profile Score	Admission Score	GPC Member A	GPC Member B	GPC Member C	GPC Member D	GPC Member E	GPC Member F
R Number	Last	First						Verbal / 42.5	Quant. / 42.5	Anal. Writ.		Combined	GPA									
Ph.D. Applicants																						
	Student A				DD	Spring	PhD	3	4	3	79	2	3	12	6.7	18.7	7	8	8	5	5	7
	Student B				Med Chem	Spring	PhD	3	4	4	Waived - US Degree	4	4	15	5.8	20.5	4	6	8	6	6	5
	Student C				Pharm/Neuro	Spring	PhD	3	4	3	6.5 (IELTS)	3	3	13	7.0	19.9	7	8	8	6	6	8
														Minimum Score	12							
								3.4	3.7	3.0		3.0	3.1	13.2	6.5	19.7						
* TOEFL scores are not part of the Weighted Composite Score. Listed to validate international students have met the required min of 79 -Internet based, 213 Computer based or 550 written.																						
					Abbreviations for Areas of Interest																	
					DD	Drug Delivery			142.7	156.7	(Raw Scores)											
					DDD	Drug Design & Discovery																
					BBB	Blood Brain Barrier																
					PK	Pharmacokinetics																
					Med Chem	Medicinal Chemistry																
					Pharm./Neuro.	Pharmacology & Neuroscience																