The University of Arizona: PharmD / MBA Program

WHY ELLER?

- **Innovation.** Center for Management Innovations in Health Care offers industry-specific elective courses, speaker series, and networking opportunities
- **Application.** Real-world team consulting projects with clients such as Tucson Medical Center offer the opportunity to work at the intersection of business and medicine
- **Communication.** Through a semester-long business communication course, students develop the skills necessary to be competitive and distinguish themselves in the marketplace

WHY EARN YOUR MBA NOW?

- Start your career with the management skills you need to be competitive in the marketplace
- Learn how to save on costs and improve the quality of health care
- Identify new opportunities and influence change in the health care industry

Today, PharmDs are also businesspeople.

Whether you plan to begin your career in pharmaceutical or biotechnology companies, chain or independent drugstores, or to take on a leadership role in hospital or healthcare administration, the University of Arizona’s joint, five-year PharmD / MBA program will give you the skills you need to launch your successful career.

An MBA will enhance your pharmaceutical skills with administrative expertise in: Leadership • Organizational Structure • Negotiation • Decision Making • Finance and Accounting • Operations Management • Innovation • Data Management • Business Communications

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PharmD / MBA Program Overview

The PharmD / MBA dual-degree program is sequential and concurrent. College of Pharmacy students may apply to the Eller College of Management during their first or second year of study.

**PROGRAM OVERVIEW**

**Years One and Two**
Exclusively focused on PharmD education

**Year Three**
MBA core curriculum courses focusing on finance, marketing, leadership development, etc.

**Year Four**
PharmD-focused, suggested time to complete MBA elective course work before Year Five*

**Year Five**
Complete PharmD clerkships

*The availability of MBA elective offerings will depend on fit with the PharmD curriculum, recognizing the resident interview travel requirements, during this final year of the program. Students may seek faculty support to optimize independent study opportunities during the summer between Year Three and Year Four.

**PharmD / MBA ADMISSIONS**

**QUALIFICATIONS:**
Must be a College of Pharmacy student in good academic standing.

**ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:**
- Application and application fee ($100.00)
- Essay discussing interest in pursuing MBA
- GMAT scores
- In-person interview by invitation

The following supplemental application materials will be provided by the College of Pharmacy:
- Copy of letters of recommendation
- Copy of personal statement
- Copy of official transcripts

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