

DOCTORAL

## PharmD / MBA

School of Pharmacy  
School of Business

SIUE

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### PharmD/MBA Concurrent Degree at SIUE

This concurrent degree program combines business knowledge and skills with pharmacy practice. Earning these two degrees simultaneously can broaden a pharmacist's skill set and viewpoint as they navigate the contemporary healthcare environment.

### Degrees Available at SIUE

- PharmD and Master of Business Administration (MBA) concurrent degrees

### What can I do with a PharmD/MBA?

SIUE's PharmD/MBA program provides students increased business and entrepreneurial awareness, and practical development of managerial and human resource skills. Graduates gain opportunities for employment and advancement in diverse pharmacy settings and the ability to work across disciplines.

### Admission Requirements

Admission to the concurrent degree program is limited and competitive. Students who choose to pursue this option will begin to take MBA courses only after they have completed the first year of the professional pharmacy program (P1) and must have earned a minimum GPA of 3.2 during the P1 year. Additionally, students must meet all admission requirements for the Graduate School and all admission requirements for the MBA program.

### PharmD/MBA Application Procedures

- No later than March 15 of the P1 year, pharmacy students must submit an application available from the School of Pharmacy Office of Professional and Student Affairs
- All applicants to the PharmD/MBA program must request that official transcripts be forwarded to Graduate Admission from all postsecondary institutions that the applicant has attended.

- Students who took pre-pharmacy courses at SIUE and have a complete set of transcripts on file with the University need not submit transcripts.
- Applicants will be notified of their admission status no later than April of the P1 year.

For more information on the PharmD/MBA, contact the School of Pharmacy at [pharmacy@siue.edu](mailto:pharmacy@siue.edu) or 618-650-5150.

### Additional Admission Information

Students currently pursuing a PharmD at SIUE who wish to apply to the MBA program may submit an application to the Graduate School for review during their second semester in the professional program.

A currently enrolled PharmD student, upon approval of the MBA program director, will be fully admitted after completion of the first professional year.

### Graduation Requirements

In addition to completing the coursework, students must also satisfy a comprehensive examination requirement by earning a grade of B or above in MBA 534. Students who earn a grade below B will be given a second opportunity to complete the course in a satisfactory manner. Performance of individuals who fail to earn a B or above in the second attempt will be reviewed by two additional members of the School of Business MBA Committee, who may recommend that the student be dropped from the program or, in rare instances, be permitted a third attempt to earn a grade of B or above under another instructor.

Students must obtain 3.0 GPA (on a 4.0 scale) in MBA coursework to fulfill PharmD/MBA graduation requirements.

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## Curriculum

In order to meet the scheduling needs of busy students, business courses are offered in eight-week flexible formats that include:

- Evening/hybrid: Classes meet one evening per week. This format combines traditional classroom instruction with online assignments.
- Online: Coursework is delivered online and may include synchronous online meetings.

Concurrently enrolled PharmD/MBA students will be allowed to use some pharmacy courses toward completion of MBA electives and some MBA courses toward completion of PharmD electives. Only those pharmacy students who are admitted to the MBA will be allowed to use MBA courses to meet PharmD elective requirements.

## MBA Degree Requirements

The concurrent degree student will take 24 credits of required MBA courses. In addition to these 24 hours of required courses, the MBA requires 12 hours of elective credits. Students will meet these MBA elective requirements with the following **required PharmD courses**:

- PHAS 708 Health Care Systems (3)
- PHAS 709 Health Care and Financial Management (2)
- PHAS 728N Pharmacy Management I (2)
- PHAS 733N Pharmacy Law (2)
- PHAS 754 Pharmacy Management II (2)
- PHAS 756 Pharmacy and Population Health (2)

Students are encouraged to take PHEP 784, Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experience – Leadership Elective, to enhance their learning.

## PharmD Degree Requirements

The School of Pharmacy (SOP) will accept the following required MBA courses as external electives towards the elective requirement of the PharmD program:

- MBA 522 Decision Making (3 hours)
- MKTG 525 Marketing Analysis & Applications (3 hours)
- MBA 534 Strategic Management (3 hours)

In addition, students have the option to take an SOP approved elective, an independent study, MBA 523 Negotiation & Interpersonal Skills (3 hours), or PROD 529 Operations Management (3 hours) in order to fulfill the 10 credit hours of elective requirement for the PharmD program. Students will have to meet expectations of the APPEs and the MBA courses. Depending on the geographic placement for the APPEs, a student may not be able to take a concurrent MBA course.

Instead of 154 credit hours in the PharmD program and 36 credit hours in MBA program for a total of 190 credit hours, students in concurrent programs would take 145 credit hours in the PharmD program and 24 credit hours in MBA program for a total of 169 credit hours, a saving of 21 credit hours toward both degrees.

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