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Hi Randy and Katie,

I write with 2 College of Pharmacy updates to bring to CAA. If you would like a more detailed proposal for either, please let me know.

1. The Registrar has asked us to update CAA on a requested change to the degree audit for the Bachelor of Sciences in Pharmaceutical Sciences major. Currently, within the Choice Sciences requirement, students can receive credit for the following Physics courses:
 - a. PHYSICS 1200 (Mechanics, Kinematics, Fluids, Waves – the first course in the 2-part algebra-based series)
 - b. PHYSICS 1250 (Mechanics, Kinematics, Fluids, Waves – the first course in the 2-part calculus-based series)
 - c. PHYSICS 1201 (E&M, Optics, Modern Physics – the second course in the 2-part algebra-based series)
 - d. PHYSICS 1251 (E&M, Waves, Optics, Modern Physics – the second course in the 2-part calculus-based series)

In the current degree audit set-up, students can receive credit for 1200 and 1250 and 1201 and 1251. However, the intent is that students should complete PHYSICS 1200 or 1250 and/or complete 1201 or 1251, but not both. While advisors have consistently applied this interpretation, the system currently allows students to receive credit for both sequences. To address this, the Registrar is seeking CAA approval to implement a change that will enforce the “either/or” rule within the system.

2. The College of Pharmacy and Ohio University (OU) are finalizing an Early Assurance Program (EAP; see attached document) partnership. This pathway program would guarantee OU students admission to our Doctor of Pharmacy program provided that EAP requirements are satisfied. The proposal has been successfully vetted through OSU Legal (specifically Amy Golian and Steph Swiger, see attached email thread), and we hope to begin program enrollment in 2026.

Thanks to you both!

Best,
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Ohio University-The Ohio State University College of Pharmacy Early Assurance Program

Overview

Ohio University students who have an interest in becoming licensed pharmacists will have the opportunity to participate in The Ohio State University College of Pharmacy's Early Assurance Program (EAP). Acceptance to the EAP program guarantees a student's admission to Ohio State's Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) program if the EAP requirements are met by graduation.

The Partner Institution

Ohio University, established in 1804, is a public university located in Athens, Ohio. It has a total enrollment of over 28,000 students across its Athens and regional campuses. The university emphasizes intellectual and personal growth, offering a wide range of academic programs and research opportunities. Ohio University is a leading producer of health professionals, with a strong nursing program and a focus on primary care physicians at the Heritage College of Medicine. Ohio University was recently designated as an Opportunity College and University by the Carnegie Foundation.

Established in 1870 as the Ohio Agricultural and Mechanical College, The Ohio State University educates over 65,000 students on six campuses across Ohio. The university visions itself as a model 21st-century public, land grant, research, urban, community-engaged institution. As one of the university's six founding colleges, the Ohio State College of Pharmacy (COP) has worked to advance the pharmacy profession and patient-centered care across Ohio and around the globe for nearly 140 years. The college's prestigious PharmD program is ranked #4 in the country (*US World and News Report*), and the college is the only institution to have received the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy Lawrence C. Weaver Transformative Community Service Award more than once.

Eligibility

Any Ohio University student would be eligible for EAP admission, though given the PharmD program prerequisites, these students would likely be majoring in a science discipline such as Chemistry, Biological Sciences, Translational Health, or Psychology (BS). It is important to stress that EAP participation is both voluntary and non-binding. If a student chooses to forego their EAP status to pursue a different profession or even a different PharmD program than Ohio State's, that is entirely within their power.

EAP Application Process

Ohio University students are eligible to apply for the Early Assurance Program in their first or second year of study at Ohio University. If an Ohio University student is interested in the Ohio State University Doctor of Pharmacy program after their second year of study, they should be guided to apply through PharmCAS in the traditional admissions process. To ensure that target PharmD class size is not

exceeded, EAP enrollment will be limited to up to 10 Ohio University students per academic year, but this number will be revisited if demand increases. To apply to the EAP program, Ohio University students must complete an EAP application via Qualtrics. Application requirements include demographic information, two essay questions, a resume, academic advising report/transcript, and three letters of recommendation. Applications will be reviewed by the College of Pharmacy's Office of Recruitment & Admissions, and eligible applicants will be invited to a virtual interview with two members of the Admissions & Recruitment Committee. Students will be notified of their admission status by email.

EAP Program Requirements

To maintain good EAP standing, each student would need to successfully fulfill the EAP matriculation requirements, which include:

- Complete a bachelor's degree at Ohio University
- Achieve a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0
- Pass all PharmD program prerequisite coursework (see Table 1) with a grade of C- or higher
- Complete the "Introduction to Pharmacy" course (CHEM1100 or equivalent, inclusive of the free online course offered by the COP; see "Introduction to Pharmacy course" section below)

Table 1:

PharmD Program Prerequisite Description	Ohio University course(s) ¹
Introductory Biology with Lab (1 course, 1 lab)	BIOS 1700 (3 cr hrs), BIOS 1705 (1 cr hr)
General Chemistry with Lab (2 courses, 2 labs)	CHEM 1510, CHEM 1520(4 cr hrs each, includes lab)
Organic Chemistry with Lab (2 courses, 1 lab)	CHEM 3050, CHEM 3060 (3 cr hrs each) CHEM 3080, CHEM 3090 (1 and 2 cr hrs respectively)
Precalculus*	MATH 1300 (3 cr hrs)
Statistics	MATH 2500 or PSY 2110 (3 cr hrs each)
Physiology	BIOS 3450 (3 cr hrs)
Biochemistry	CHEM 4901 and CHEM 4902 (3 cr hrs each)
Microbiology	BIOS 3220 (3 cr hrs)

*Completion of Calculus 2301 will also satisfy the Precalculus requirement

Introduction to Pharmacy Course

To satisfy the program's Introduction to Pharmacy course requirement, Ohio University EAP students should enroll in the CHEM1100 course offered through Ohio University's Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry. If extraneous circumstances prevent an EAP student from enrolling in that course, they may be granted permission to enroll in Ohio State's open-access online version of the course instead.

PharmD Matriculation Process

Any Ohio University student who intends to matriculate into the Ohio State PharmD program will be required to complete a readiness interview with two members of the Admissions & Recruitment

¹ Once Ohio University courses are identified, Ohio State will need to do a course equivalency review

Committee prior to PharmD matriculation. By November 1 of the year prior to their PharmD enrollment, Ohio University students will also be required to complete the Pharmacy College Application Service (PharmCAS) application and the Ohio State supplemental application form. These applications must be completed for administrative purposes only.

Once completed, COP staff will verify that each EAP student has satisfactorily completed all EAP program requirements (as described above) and confirm the student's admission to the PharmD program for the following Autumn term. Ohio University students will then be expected to submit their acceptance fee and pay their tuition deposit to confirm their seat in the PharmD program. COP staff will schedule an online pre-matriculation meeting with Ohio University EAP students to ensure that all pre-matriculation logistics and questions are thoroughly answered.

If an Ohio University EAP student does not satisfactorily complete the program requirements, then they are still welcome to apply via Ohio State's PharmD program through the traditional competitive process.

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