



Clark Atlanta University-The Ohio State University College of Pharmacy Early Assurance Program

Overview

Clark Atlanta University students who have interest in becoming licensed pharmacists will now 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 provided that EAP requirements are met by graduation.

The Partner Institutions

Clark Atlanta University (CAU) was formed with the consolidation of Atlanta University and Clark College, both of which hold unique places in the annals of African-American history. Atlanta University, established in 1865 by the American Missionary Association, was the nation's first institution to award graduate degrees to African-Americans. CAU is also the largest of the 37-member UNCF institutions. Clark College, established four years later in 1869, was the nation's first four-year liberal arts college to serve a primarily African-American student population. Today, with over 4,000 students, CAU is the largest of the four institutions (CAU, Morehouse College, Spelman College, and Morehouse School of Medicine) that comprise the Atlanta University Center Consortium.

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 CAU 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 Biology and Chemistry. 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

To apply to the EAP program, CAU students would 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 CAU
- 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” online course offered for free from the COP

Table 1:

PharmD Program Prerequisite Description	CAU course(s) ^{1,2}
Introductory Biology with Lab (1 course, 1 lab)	CBIO111 (4 cr hrs)
General Chemistry with Lab (2 courses, 2 labs)	CCHE111 and CCHE112 (4 cr hrs each)
Organic Chemistry with Lab (2 courses, 1 lab)	CCHE231 and CCHE232 (4 cr hrs each)
Precalculus*	CMAT105 and 106 (3 cr hrs each) or CMAT107 (4 cr hrs)
Statistics	CMAT204 (3 cr hrs) or CPSY313 (3 cr hrs)
Physiology	CBIO476 (4 cr hrs) or CBIO230 and 231 (4 cr hrs each)
Biochemistry	CBIO390 (3 cr hrs) or CBIO491 and 492 (3 cr hrs each)
Microbiology	CBIO233 (4 cr hrs)

*Completion of Calculus (CMAT111) will also satisfy the Precalculus requirement

PharmD Matriculation Process for CAU EAP Students

Any CAU 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 Committee prior to PharmD matriculation. By November 1 the year prior to their PharmD enrollment, CAU 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. CAU 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 CAU EAP students to ensure that all pre-matriculation logistics and questions are thoroughly answered.

If a CAU 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.

¹ CAU to sign off on these course suggestions

² Once CAU courses are identified, Ohio State will need to do a course equivalency review