

**VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY**  
**SCHOOL OF PHARMACY**  
**APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO THE COMBINED DEGREE PROGRAMS**

The VCU School of Pharmacy offers combined degree programs for highly motivated and qualified pharmacy students. These programs offer formal training in research in pharmaceutical sciences or in areas such as business administration, public health, and aging. The combined degree programs take advantage of efficiencies in both the professional and graduate programs while maintaining sufficient rigor, scope, and depth. These efficiencies typically allow students to graduate in a shorter period of time when compared to completing each program separately. Currently, there are four combined degree options available:

- PharmD/PhD
- PharmD/MBA
- PharmD/MPH
- PharmD/Certificate in Aging Studies

Application process

Students are strongly encouraged to contact the appropriate faculty representative of the combined degree programs *before* submitting a formal application. The list of faculty representatives is provided on the next page. The application deadlines are provided below; however, students are encouraged to apply as early as possible. A list of admissions requirements is provided on the next page.

	<b>Required components CHECKLIST</b>	<b>Original to</b>
<p><b>Application to Graduate School</b></p> <p><i>(Box 843051, Richmond VA 23284)</i></p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Online application – *be sure to indicate on the application which Combined Program you are applying. This will allow Graduate School to send us your application.	Graduate School
	<input type="checkbox"/> \$65 nonrefundable application fee	Graduate School
	<input type="checkbox"/> Test score (see Admission Requirements below)	Graduate School
	<input type="checkbox"/> Statement of purpose - Please be sure to discuss which combined program you are applying for, previous research or other relevant experience, and why you are interested in the particular program.	Graduate School
	<input type="checkbox"/> Transcripts – an original VCU transcript is needed	Graduate School
	<input type="checkbox"/> 3 letters of reference	Graduate School
<p><b>Application to Combined Degree Program</b></p> <p><i>(Shakim Jackson, 5<sup>th</sup> floor or Box 980581 Richmond VA 23298)</i></p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Combined degree application form – see below	School of Pharmacy
	<input type="checkbox"/> A current version of your résumé or CV	School of Pharmacy
	<input type="checkbox"/> Letter of support from your prospective advisor - The letter should indicate whether the advisor or department will provide financial support if funding from the Dean's Office is not available. ( <i>only required for PhD applicants</i> )	School of Pharmacy

All completed application packets consisting of BOTH a completed Combined Degree Program Application and photocopies of required components from the Graduate School application should be submitted directly to Shakim Jackson, Graduate Education Coordinator. Remember that applications must be reviewed first by the School of Pharmacy and then by the respective graduate programs (e.g., business, public health or gerontology), therefore the review process and the final admissions decision may take up to three (3) months. Applications should **not** be submitted directly to the external degree program.

### Program Admission Deadlines

	<u>For Fall Semester admission</u>	<u>For Spring Semester admission</u>
PharmD/PhD	August 1	N/A*
PharmD/MBA	June 1	November 1
PharmD/MPH	January 15	N/A*
PharmD/Cert. Aging Studies	May 15	October 15

\*The MPH and PharmD/PhD programs accept students only in the fall semester.

### Combined Degree Program Subcommittee Chairs

The chairs of the individual combined degree subcommittees are provided below. Please contact these individuals with any questions related to a specific program.

PharmD/PhD	Dr. Jürgen Venitz Professor of Pharmaceutics	<a href="mailto:jvenitz@vcu.edu">jvenitz@vcu.edu</a>
PharmD/MBA	Dr. David Holdford Professor of Pharmacotherapy and Outcomes Science	<a href="mailto:daholdfo@vcu.edu">daholdfo@vcu.edu</a>
PharmD/MPH	Dr. Amy Pakyz Associate Professor of Pharmacotherapy and Outcomes Science	<a href="mailto:apakyz@vcu.edu">apakyz@vcu.edu</a>
PharmD/Cert. in Aging Studies	Dr. Krista Donohoe Assistant Professor of Pharmacotherapy and Outcomes Science	<a href="mailto:kldonohoe@vcu.edu">kldonohoe@vcu.edu</a>

### Combined Degree Program Admission Requirements

	<b>GPA</b>	<b>Test Scores</b>	<b>Other</b>
PharmD/PhD	>3.0	GRE	BS or equivalent <sup>a</sup> ; Research experience; Personal interview with two (2) subcommittee members; Letter of support and statement about financial support from prospective advisor
PharmD/MBA	>3.0	GMAT	BS or equivalent <sup>a</sup> ; Pre-requisite courses (refer to MBA program information)
PharmD/MPH	>3.0	GRE	BS or equivalent <sup>a</sup>
PharmD/Cert. Aging Studies	>3.0	N/A	BS or equivalent <sup>a</sup>

<sup>a</sup>BS equivalency can be certified by the VCU School of Pharmacy when a student has earned at least 120 cumulative credit hours at the time of application.

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Instructions:

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The application deadline dates and subcommittee chairs are provided in the instruction packet. Upon approval by the appropriate Combined Degree Program Subcommittee the VCU Graduate School application will be forwarded to the appropriate program.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ V# \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_ Term of Entry \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street address or PO Box

\_\_\_\_\_  
 City, State, ZIP code

Contact number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please select the desired combined degree program (Check only one):

	Ph.D.	MBA	MPH	Cert. of Aging Studies
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	Degree	Area	Institution
Do you have a previous degree? (If yes, describe in the area provided.)	Yes	_____	_____
	No	_____	_____

What is your current year in pharmacy school?	P-1	P-2	P-3
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_____ Student signature	_____ Student name (printed)	_____ Date
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=====TO BE COMPLETED BY CDSC COMMITTEE ONLY=====

GPA: _____	Action: [ ] Forward [ ] Reject	Date: _____
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