COVID-19 Impact on Admissions: Frequently Asked Questions

Has COVID-19 caused confusion for you about the Pharm.D. application process? Take a look at the frequently asked questions below to see how VCU School of Pharmacy is responding to COVID-19.

1. Is the Office of Admissions and Student Services open?

Yes, the Office of Admissions and Student Services is open. We are currently operating under a mandatory telework advisory. As always, we are dedicated to meeting the needs of our current, prospective, and incoming students and ensuring that our services run as seamlessly as possible.

2. Are students at VCU School of Pharmacy still in class?

Yes, our students haven’t missed a beat. That being said, we have made adaptations to support a virtual learning environment. All of our classes will be taught remotely for the remainder of the semester. We are using digital resources such as Blackboard, videoconferencing, online programs, etc.

3. Is VCU School of Pharmacy open? Can I tour the building?

VCU School of Pharmacy (Smith Building) is not currently open to the public. To secure a date for a future tour, please email vcupharm@vcu.edu.

4. Will VCU School of Pharmacy still host Information Sessions or Open Houses?

Yes, currently all Information Sessions and Open Houses are being offered virtually.

5. My University scheduled an Information Session or On-Campus Visit with VCU School of Pharmacy. Is that cancelled? Can we reschedule?

Yes, please contact vcupharm@vcu.edu to reschedule or discuss other options.
6. My PCAT date has been cancelled due to COVID-19. What should I do?

If possible, we ask that you take your PCAT prior to Aug. 1. If not, the Admissions Committee will consider each application without a PCAT on a case-by-case basis.

7. I will no longer receive letter grades for my courses this semester. My university is offering Pass/Fail courses. Will this negatively impact my application?

Our Admissions committee considers cumulative GPA, science GPA, math GPA, and prerequisite GPA when reviewing applications. These have always and will continue to serve as academic markers within our admissions process. We also acknowledge the unprecedented challenges posed by COVID-19 as colleges and universities adjust course grading in response to this pandemic. The transition of courses grading from letter grades (i.e. A, B, C, D, and F) to Pass/Fail will not negatively impact your application. Since our review process is holistic in nature, students will have ample opportunity to demonstrate their competitiveness in other areas.

8. I was planning to participate in a summer program. Will the program still be held?

If you were accepted into one of our Pipeline programs for this summer we are still planning to host our programs. There may be virtual offerings or programs could be postponed to a later date. The Health Sciences Pipeline Office will send information to registered participants as new information becomes available. You can also reach us with questions at vcupharm@vcu.edu.

9. I’d like to make an appointment to speak with someone about my application. How can I do that?

To schedule an appointment follow this link.

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