2021-2022 Temporary Admission Requirement Modifications

College of Pharmacy – PharmD Program

Due to the impacts of COVID-19 the College of Pharmacy has made temporary modifications to the admissions requirements that are specific to the Fall 2021 intake to the PharmD program.

It is important to remember that these modifications are temporary and apply to the 2021 intake, only, to address difficulties arising from the COVID-19 pandemic. It is important to review this document in conjunction with the Applicant Information Bulletin to ensure that you have understood all admission requirements and policies for the intake for which you apply.  http://umanitoba.ca/student/admissions/media/pharmacy_bulletin.pdf

Fall 2021-2022

Minimum grade in required courses
(Section 2: Eligibility Requirements, A. Academic Requirements, 1. Required Courses)

Original Requirement

Applicants must complete 60 credit hours of required courses as listed in the table on page 2 of the Applicant Information Bulletin (core courses and elective courses) with no grade less than a “C” by April of the year of application.

Temporary Requirement

Applicants must complete 60 credit hours of required courses as listed in the table on page 2 of the Applicant Information Bulletin (core courses and elective courses).  Applicants will be permitted to have one course grade only of ‘D’ within the 60 credit hours of required courses.

Where pass/fail assessment may be the only grade option available to applicants, a pass grade will be accepted to meet subject requirements.

Full Time Academic Years
(Section 2: Eligibility Requirements, A. Academic Requirements, 2. Full Time Academic Years)

Original Requirement

Applicants must complete a minimum of 2 Regular Fall/Winter sessions (Sept-April) where each Regular Fall/Winter session contains a minimum of 24 new credit hours of university level degree-credit courses.

Temporary Requirement

Applicants will not be required to complete the minimum 2 Regular (24 credit hour) Fall/Winter session (Sept-April) requirement.
Minimum Adjusted Grade Point Average (AGPA)
(Section 2: Eligibility Requirements, A. Academic Requirements, 3. Minimum Adjusted Grade Point Average (AGPA))

Original Requirement

Applicants must achieve an AGPA of 3.50 or higher (see Section 4: Selection Process, B. Calculation of the Adjusted Grade Point Average (AGPA)).

Temporary Requirement

Applicants must achieve an AGPA of 3.00 or higher.

Required Courses
(Section 2: Eligibility Requirements, B. Required Courses)

Original Requirement

Please note that courses taken external to the University of Manitoba are reviewed each year and subject to change. Applicants should check the Transfer Credit Equivalency Database to ensure the course work they have taken is acceptable for direct equivalence to the required University of Manitoba courses listed below. https://aurora.umanitoba.ca/banprod/ksstransequiv.p_trans_eq_main

Temporary Requirement

In the online Application form, all applicants will list the course work that they believe would meet the required course work indicated in Section 2: Eligibility Requirements, B. Required Courses of the Applicant Information Bulletin. If an applicant presents coursework that they believe addresses similar content and outcomes to the listed required courses, their application may be reviewed under a Special Consideration Category. Applications under the Special Consideration Category will only be assessed following consideration of those applications meeting the direct equivalence requirement. For ranking purposes, applications under the Special Consideration Category will have their Overall Score calculated using a cumulative grade point average (CGPA) in the place of the adjusted grade point average (AGPA).

University Written Requirement (W)
(Section 2: Eligibility Requirements, B. Required Courses, University Written Requirement (W))

Original Requirement

All applicants must have completed a 3 credit hour course that meets the University of Manitoba’s Written English (W) requirement.

Temporary Requirement

Applicants external to the University of Manitoba will not be required to present a course that fulfills the University’s Written English (W) requirement.
Pharmacy College Admissions Test (PCAT®) and Critical Skills Essay

Original Requirement

The completion of the PCAT and the Critical Skill Essay will be required for admission to Fall 2021.

Temporary Requirement

The completion of the PCAT will **NOT** be required for admission to Fall 2021.

Calculation of the Overall Score

Original Requirement

All eligible applicants are ranked for selection using an overall score according to the following criteria (subject to eligibility provisions):

a) Adjusted Grade Point Average (AGPA)       60%
b) Critical skills essay                   10%
c) PCAT®                              30%

Temporary Requirement

All eligible applicants will be ranked for selection using an overall score according to the following criteria (subject to eligibility provisions):

a) Adjusted Grade Point Average (AGPA)       80%
b) A Critical Skills Assessment              20%