

Notice of Change form

Notice of Change for: PharmD Catalog Copy Changes

Date:

A. PROGRAM INFORMATION

1. Name of institution

University of Rhode Island

2. Name of department, division, school or college

Department: N/A

College: Pharmacy

3. Intended initiation date of program change. Include anticipated date for granting first degrees or certificates, if appropriate.

Initiation date: 9/5/2017

First degree date: 5/23/2021

4. Intended location of the program

College of Pharmacy (Kingston)

5. Summary description of proposed program (not to exceed 2 pages).

The college has proposed one modified section to the front matter of the College of Pharmacy's catalog (regarding PharmD student interviews and evening exams) and two new sections (readmission and study abroad/international experiences) to clarify existing language and to meet updated external accreditation standards (American Council for Pharmacy Education [ACPE]) and curricular needs.

6. If applicable, please include the existing URI catalog language and proposed catalog changes **indicated in Track Changes**.

Modification 1: Additional text to describe missed interviews and criteria for dismissal related to the interview in the PharmD program (end of first paragraph) and evening exams (end of third paragraph).

Requirements for Progression to the Professional Program. Pharm.D. students must request transfer from University College for Academic Success to the College of Pharmacy at the end of three semesters. During their sophomore year, all students are required to have a formal interview. The student's progression to the professional program will be contingent upon a successful interview. The interview is designed to assess students' commitment to the profession of pharmacy, knowledge of the profession, and ability to communicate with patients. Interviews will follow University policies for excused absences (University Manual Sections 8.51.11-8.51-13).

If a student fails to attend the scheduled interview for reasons outside of Sections 8.51.11-8.51.13, the student will receive an automatic failure. All students will be allowed a maximum of two interviews to successfully complete this program requirement. Students unsuccessful in completing the interview by the second attempt will be dismissed from the PharmD program.

After three semesters, only those pharmacy students having a 2.50 grade point average or better in 11 of the 15 required preprofessional courses (CMB 201 and 311; BIO 101, 121, 242, and 244; CHM 101, 102, 112, 114, 226, 227, and 228; MTH 131; and STA 307) with no grade less than C- in any of these courses, and an overall grade point average of 2.00, will be admitted at this time, provided they have successfully completed the interview. Successful candidates must maintain a grade point average of 2.50 in the remaining four prerequisite courses. Students who lose their seat at the end of three semesters will be considered for admission on a competitive basis along with other URI undergraduate students seeking transfer into the program at the end of four semesters. Applicants with a grade point average of less than 2.50 for the designated preprofessional courses will not be considered for admission to the college. For purposes of admission among transfer students (both internal and external), all of the preprofessional courses listed above (or equivalent courses) must be completed. All applicants must have a 2.50 in these courses, and successful candidates will be competitively selected from the applicant pool. They must also successfully complete a formal interview. In addition, all students must complete WRT 106, ECN 201, COM 100, and PHL 212 as a specific component of their general education prior to admission to the professional curriculum. PCAT exams, work experience, and letters of recommendation are required for all transfer applicants. Please note that it is a competitive program and seats are limited. For a more detailed description of these requirements, see the [Admission website](#).

Beginning in the professional curriculum third year (P1) students must have their own laptop computer for use in the classroom. There are lease and purchase options at the University Bookstore for interested students.

Unless otherwise indicated, courses offered within the Pharm.D. program are restricted to Pharm.D. majors. All courses within the Pharm.D. program may hold evening exams in conjunction with University policies.

Modification 2: Addition of new paragraph (within front matter) describing policies related to requests for readmissions within the College of Pharmacy.

Readmission Requirements

Students who have been dismissed, have withdrawn, or taken a Leave of Absence for longer than 2 consecutive semesters from the College of Pharmacy can seek readmission following University policies and procedures (web.uri.edu/enrollment/readmission/). All student requests for readmission will be evaluated by the Dean of the College of Pharmacy whose decision shall be final. The Dean may consult with the Scholastic Standing committee when students were dismissed for academic reasons and/or the Professionalism Committee when dismissal is related to misconduct. All students seeking readmission will be required to provide an application, all academic transcripts from other institutions since last enrollment at URI, and a personal statement outlining the reason for requesting readmission. The personal statement should address changes factors contributing to previous academic performance and/or the resolution of disciplinary actions since dismissal/withdrawal from the College. Students applying for readmission to the Pharm.D. program may be asked to provide documentation of their ability to meet program Technical Standards (<http://web.uri.edu/catalog/technical-standards/>) and eligibility for licensure as a pharmacy intern in the state of Rhode Island. Non-native English speakers must re-sit for the TOEFL or IELTS before applying (within 90 days) for readmission and meet program specific minimum requirements. International students who do not meet this requirement at the time of

readmission will be denied. Readmission is not guaranteed. Students readmitted may be conditionally readmitted and may be placed on probation for at least two consecutive semesters.

Modification 3: Addition of new paragraph (within front matter) describing policies related to study aboard and other international experiences.

Study Abroad and International Experiences

The College of Pharmacy encourages students to take advantage of academic related experiences that allow for international travel and exposure to global opportunities. These opportunities can occur during the J-term, summer sessions or during the regular academic year (fall or spring semesters). Study abroad opportunities will be limited to one semester and require careful planning by students in conjunction with academic advisors. Students may need to take summer coursework to allow for a study abroad opportunity during the academic year. In the Pharm.D. program, study abroad during the regular academic year is restricted to the pre-professional curriculum and requires all pre-requisite coursework to be successfully completed prior to the experience. J-term course experiences provide more flexibility and the 1-term limit does not apply to these course opportunities. Students requesting longer study abroad experiences (e.g. 1 year) must submit a written request to the Dean of the College of Pharmacy requesting an exemption from the 1 semester limit; waivers are not guaranteed. Further, all students wishing to study abroad or participate in a J-term experience must comply with all University policies and secure the necessary approvals before participating in such experiences. Non-native English speakers who study abroad for more than 1 semester must re-sit for the TOEFL or IELTS (within 90 days of the semester of return) and meet program specific minimum requirements.

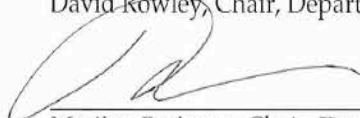
7. Signature of the President

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