





#### PREREQUISITE COURSES

Organic Chemistry	8 credits	
General Chemistry	I 4 credits	
General Biology	I 4 credits	
General Physics	I 4 credits	
Precalculus or Higher Math	I 3 credits	

This graduate degree requires an undergraduate degree in Biological or Life Sciences and a minimum of 3.2 GPA.

This 36-semester hour Master of Science degree program in Pharmaceutical Sciences at Harrisburg University consists of advanced training in characterizing drug action and disposition. Courses offered in this program will give students a broad understanding of diverse topics in pharmaceutical science that range from established paradigms to emerging technology and applications.

Scientific communication and professional development are stressed in the curriculum and reinforced through coursework and independent study. Graduates will be prepared for a career in research, industry, or continuing to a doctoral program in health sciences or healthcare.

## M.S. PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENCES PROGRAM

Classes that focus on genomics and biopharmaceutics will give students perspectives on aspects of personalized medicine. This diverse curriculum will prepare graduates for careers in the expanding personalized medicine and biotechnology sectors, as well as in more traditional roles in the pharmaceutical industry. The elective options allow the student to individualize their own coursework based on their career goals.

# PROGRAM GOALS

# Graduates of the Master of Science in Pharmaceutical Sciences program will be able to:

- Analyze the role of core content areas in pharmaceutical science in the industrial, clinical, and regulatory spheres;
- Recommend and apply established models to predict drug dispositions in patients as part of a multidisciplinary team;
- Design strategies using scientific approaches to accomplish set pharmaceutical goals in an industry or regulatory setting;
- Evaluate primary literature relevant to pharmaceutical sciences and use that literature to solve diverse problems in pharmaceutical science; and,
- Effectively communicate pharmaceutical science information and issues from around the world, orally and written, to individuals with scientific and non-scientific backgrounds.



# **Pharmaceutical Sciences Requirements**

The following courses comprise the Master of Science in Pharmaceutical Sciences – 36 semester hours. The semester hour value of each course appears in parentheses ().

PHMS	CORE				
COMPLETE 18 SEMESTER HOURS FROM THE FOLLOWING CORE COURSES:		PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS			
IBTEC 625 PHAR 520 PHAR 525 PHAR 540 PHAR 635 PHAR 690	Pharmacogenomics Pharmacokinetics and Pharmacodynamics Drug Metabolism Drug Transport Clinical Pharmacology Ethics and Trends in Pharmaceutical Science	<ul><li>(3)</li><li>(3)</li><li>(3)</li><li>(3)</li><li>(3)</li><li>(3)</li></ul>	12 Semes	ter Hours Core Courses ter Hours Electives ter Hours Experiential Learr	ning
PHMS	ELECTIVES		EXPER	RIENTIAL LEARN	ING
	ELECTIVES 12 SEMESTER HOURS FROM THE FOLLOWIN	G ELECTIVES:		RIENTIAL LEARN E 6 SEMESTER HOURS	ING

## **COURSE DESCRIPTIONS**

#### BTEC 625 Pharmacogenomics | 3 Semester Hours

**Prerequisites** | Bachelor of Science degree in Biotechnology, Life Science or other relevant field or by permission of instructor

**Description** | The genetic basis of variability in drug response can contribute to drug efficacy and toxicity, adverse drug reactions and drug-drug interactions. Healthcare professionals need an understanding of the genetic component of patient variability to deliver effective individualized pharmaceutical care. This course offers an introduction to the evolution of pharmacogenetics/pharmacogenomics, the human genome and modern applications of DNA information related to diagnostics, drugs and therapeutics. Emphasis is placed on concepts and methodologies for using an individual's genetic make-up to determine that individual's predisposition towards diseases and ability to respond to drugs. Understanding of the basics of pharmacogenomics enables the student to better understand and manage the new genomics based tools and make best treatment choices.

#### PHAR 520 Pharmacokinetics and Pharmacodynamics | 3 Semester Hours

Prerequisites | A Bachelor of Science degree in Health Science

**Description** I This course introduces students to the principal factors that can impact absorption, distribution, and elimination of drugs in the body. Specifically, mathematical approaches to characterizing pharmacokinetics (PK), the study of factors influencing drug concentrations in the body, and pharmacodynamics (PD), the study of the physiologic action of drugs in the body, will be discussed with an emphasis on small molecule and protein therapeutics. The clinical and non-clinical applications of PK and PD will be discussed. Students will participate in simulations of real-world pharmacokinetic monitoring of various drugs used clinically to treat infections, control seizures, and suppress arrythmias.

#### PHAR 525 Drug Transport | 3 Semester Hours

**Prerequisites** | A Bachelor of Science degree in Life Science

**Description** I This course covers multiple aspects of drug transport, from simple diffusion to protein-mediated active transport of drugs and other xenobiotics. Specific transporters will be discussed in the context of clinical and pre-clinical effects on drug disposition. Distribution, substrates, and mechanisms of relevant drug transporters will be discussed, as well as how they can mediate potentially toxic effects of drugs.

#### PHAR 540 Drug Metabolism | 3 Semester Hours

**Prerequisites** | PHAR 520

**Description** 1 This course focuses on multiple aspects of drug metabolism. Specific content includes instruction on phase 1 and phase 2 drug metabolism. While the majority of the course will involve examining hepatic drug metabolism and extrahepatic metabolic pathways, drug metabolism in preclinical drug development will also be covered. This course will also expose students to the role drug metabolism plays in potentially toxic drug effects and interactions.

#### PHAR 635 Clinical Pharmacology | 3 Semester Hours

**Prerequisites** | Bachelor of Science degree in Biotechnology, Life Science, or other relevant field or by permission of instructor

**Description** I Clinical pharmacology deals with drug development and drug utilization in therapeutics. This course covers the advancements regarding drug action and efficacy. Concepts of pharmacokinetics, drug metabolism and transport, pharmacogenetics, assessment of drug effects, and drug therapy in special populations are explored. Expert knowledge is shared about drug development and content specialization needed to stay competitive and build opportunity for career options.

#### PHAR 690 Ethics and Trends in Pharmaceutical Science | 3 Semester Hours

**Prerequisites** | To be taken in second year of Pharmaceutical Sciences program

**Description** I Ethics and Trends in Pharmaceutical Science presents current challenges, trends, and controversies concerning pharmaceutical science. Lectures will be generally composed of presenting current (within the calendar year) articles from around the world that introduce a topic of interest. Such topics may include industry news, education trends, and regulatory controversies.

#### PHAR 699 Applied Project in PHAR | 3 Semester Hours

**Prerequisites** | GRAD 695 and permission of instructor

**Description** | This course allows the student to pursue an area of interest that is within the broad scope of Pharmaceutical Science. A faculty member will supervise this study.

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- CPT Eligible
- Offered Executive Format
- Offered Online

#### **GRADUATE COURSE DELIVERY MODEL**

**Executive Format** | 12 hours of instruction in class. Delivered over 3 Saturdays (1 day early in the beginning of the semester, 1 day in middle, and 1 day at the end of semester). Asynchronous instructions, assignments, and discussion forum. Online synchronous discussion sessions (1 hour per week).

Online for Non-International Students | No in-class sessions. Asynchronous instructions, assignments, discussion forums. Online synchronous discussion sessions (1 hour per week).

Online for International Students | In-class sessions meet once a month. Asynchronous instructions, assignments, discussion forums. Online synchronous discussion sessions (1 hour per week).

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- Transcripts
- Visa/Passport
- Resume/Vita

- Affidavit of Financial Support
- Letters of Recommendation
- TOEFL, IELTS or GRE Score

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