

Pharmacy

Qualifications for registration as a licensed pharmacist for most provinces in Canada include a bachelor's or Doctor of Pharmacy degree from an accredited program, completion of the national board exam through the Pharmacy Examining Board of Canada, and completion of structured practical experience through an apprenticeship or internship program. See the appropriate university calendar or website for more information about the profession and requirements. As a profession, pharmacy is changing, so visit the Canadian Pharmacists Association for additional details: <https://www.pharmacists.ca/>

University of Alberta (U of A) Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) Degree

Contact: uab.ca/portal

Or visit their website: <https://www.ualberta.ca/pharmacy/index.html> or uab.ca/transfer

The Pharm D will be a four-year program consisting of coursework and practice experiences. The minimum requirements for admission to the PharmD program are the satisfactory completion of 60 credits of university transferable work. Students can complete 30 of 60 credits at Lakeland; however, please see note 2 below for another option.

- 6 credits of General Chemistry (CHEM 101/102)
- 6 credits in Organic Chemistry (CHEM 161/263)¹
- 6 credits of English (ENGL 112)
- 3 credits of Cell Biology (BIOL 107)
- 3 credits in Biochemistry (BIOCH 200)¹
- 3 credits in Mathematics (MATH 113)
- 3 credits in Statistics (STAT 151)
- 3 credits in Microbiology (MICRB 265)¹
- 6 credits in Human Physiology (Not applicable)¹²
- Electives³

There are close to 140 seats each year. Students are ranked based on a combination of the following:

- Overall GPA rank score (75% weighting), which is a combination of the following:
 - Overall recent GPA — calculated using your most recent two full-time years (defined as at least 18 credits or more during Fall and Winter only). This applies to students applying after more than two years of study. However, students applying in their second year of study will need to complete all 60 credits including prerequisites by the June 15 transcript deadline.
 - GPA in the foundational Biological Science prerequisite courses — these include Cell Biology, Biochemistry, Microbiology, and Human Physiology.
 - GPA in your highest credit weight year (Fall and Winter only).
- Web-based interview score (20% weighting)
- Letter of intent score (5% weighting)

Find more details on the [admission requirements](#) page.

The Faculty of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences may reserve ten places each year for applicants from rural communities who meet the minimum admission requirements. Rural students are those who have lived in a community at least 50 kilometers from Edmonton or Calgary for at least three years (consecutively or non-consecutively) between the ages of 12 and 18. Proof of rural status, to be provided as part of the application for admission, is required for consideration for these places.

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Year One Course Options

Semester 1	Courses	Semester 2	Courses
ENGL 112		ENGL 112	
CHEM 101		CHEM 102	
STAT 151 or MATH 113		STAT 151 or MATH 113	
Elective ³ or BIOL 107		Elective ³ or BIOL 107	
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¹ Courses that would be completed in second year

² Course equivalent is not offered at Lakeland. Have had students successfully take the course online through U of A in their second year and complete remaining courses through us. Otherwise, students would need to transfer to sciences at U of A for second year to complete remaining credits. For more information on the online PHYSL 210 course, check out this website. <https://www.ualberta.ca/pharmacy/media-library/programs/documents/pharmd-undergrad/physl210-online-splash-page.pdf>. Note, this is an older resource, but should give basic steps.

³ Electives may be determined by the student's back up plan or second choice program.

University of Saskatchewan (USask) Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) Degree

Email: pharmacy-nutrition@usask.ca

Or visit their website: <https://pharmacy-nutrition.usask.ca/>

The Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) program will require 60 credits of specific pre-pharmacy coursework by April 30 of the year admission is desired. The minimum requirements are the satisfactory completion of 60 credits. Students can complete 30 of 60 credits at Lakeland.

- 6 credits in Biology (BIOL 107/108)
- 3 credits in General Chemistry (CHEM 101)
- 6 credits in Organic Chemistry (CHEM 161/263)¹
- 6 credits in English (ENGL 112)
- 3 credits in Biochemistry (BIOCH 200)¹
- 3 credits in Metabolism Biochemistry (Not applicable)¹
- 6 credits in Physiology (ANPH 210)¹
- 3 credits in Mathematics (MATH 113)³
- 3 credits in Statistics (STAT 151)
- 3 credits in Microbiology (MICRB 265)¹
- 3 credits in Nutrition (NUTR 110)
- 6 credits in Social Sciences (PSYCO 104/105, SOC 100/102/225/282, NS 110/111)
- 9 credits in Electives²

Applicants must have a **minimum average of 70%** to be considered for admission. Acceptance into the PharmD program is based on the calculated post-secondary *Admission Average* (60% of admission decision), a *Test of Critical Skills* (30%) and the *Personal Video Interview* (10%). Currently, up to 90 candidates are admitted; up to 9 may be non-residents of Saskatchewan (including both out-of-province and international students). Up to 15% of the Saskatchewan seats are reserved for Saskatchewan Indigenous students who self-declare and complete verification of Indigenous membership/citizenship (see specific information on their website). One Saskatchewan resident may be admitted under special circumstances or for compassionate reasons. Applicants applying for admission under special circumstances or compassionate reasons must provide appropriate documentation by January 15 for review, and these applicants are considered on a case-by-case basis. This position may not be filled every year.

New Residency effective May 2024 -Individuals who have lived and worked full-time in Saskatchewan for at least 12 consecutive months prior to the admission deadline without being a full-time student. To qualify, you must pay income taxes in Saskatchewan and have a Saskatchewan health card for the year prior to the admission deadline. You cannot qualify for residency by attending school if your home is elsewhere. Applicants from border communities (e.g., Lloydminster, AB or Flin Flon, MB) are considered Saskatchewan residents for the purpose of their admission application to Pharmacy or Nutrition

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New Conditional Acceptance

For fall 2026 admission - effective May 1, 2025

- Application goes live in early September
- Application deadline: January 15
- Preliminary transcript(s) due February 1
- Casper test dates are scheduled between July and January
- Personal video interview invitations sent out in late January
 - Deadline for completing the personal video interview: February 15
- Conditional offers sent out end of April
- Final transcript deadline: June 1
 - Offers will be confirmed once a decision is made by the Admissions Committee in early June.
 - Candidates accepting a final offer of admission will be required to submit a tuition deposit to secure their spot in the program.

The coursework must include 24 credits taken in at least one academic year (September to April).

Year One Course Options

Semester 1	Courses	Semester 2	Courses
ENGL 112		ENGL 112	
BIOL 108		BIOL 107	
CHEM 101		NUTR 110 or Elective ²	
Social Science Electiv ^{e2}		Social Science Elective ²	
MATH 113 or STAT 151		MATH 113 or STAT 151	

¹ Courses that would be completed in second year

² Electives may be determined by the student's back up plan or second choice program.

³ The requirement is MATH 125 or Math 104. Our course transfers as MATH 110, but there is a do not rule where students can take MATH 110 and MATH 104 or MATH 125

Roles and Responsibilities

The college experience works best when we communicate and work together. Here are some tips on how to do that:

Academic Advising is a partnership and shared responsibility between students and advisors. Academic Advisors at Lakeland College provide information and resources that help students make informed decisions about their course selection and transfer options. However, students are ultimately responsible for ensuring that their course registration is complete and appropriate for their desired program of study and that they meet individual course pre-requisites and graduation requirements. Students who change their routes should be aware that there may not be room in the new program for all previously completed courses.

Students intending to transfer to another post-secondary institution should be aware of the following:

- Admission to Lakeland College and completion of courses does not guarantee admission to programs at other institutions. Students must also meet the entrance requirements of the post-secondary institution which may include specific high school pre-requisites, as well as minimum and/or competitive GPAs.
- Students must also follow the admission procedures of the receiving institution which includes submission of transcripts (high school, post-secondary, and Advanced Placement marks); adherence to deadlines; and payment of fees.
- There may be quotas on the number of students admitted to the program at the receiving institution. For example, some programs may admit a limited number of out-of-province or international students.
- Some receiving institutions specify a minimum grade for transfer credit.
- Courses may be "too old" to transfer as—depending upon the area—they may have a "shelf life" (a time limit on the granting of transfer credit).

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- When applying to a post-secondary institution, students need to carefully read and follow all information supplied by that institution. All students are strongly advised to refer to the Academic Calendar of the receiving institution and should contact appropriate departments regarding specific requirements.

If students encounter problems with transferring, they are encouraged to bring all documentation and contact names from the receiving institution to the Lakeland College Registrar or Academic Advisor for review.