



UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN

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ADMISSIONS INFORMATION NIGHT

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MONDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2025

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ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, UNDERGRADUATE AFFAIRS





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- Two undergraduate programs in the College:
 - a) Doctor of Pharmacy (4 years)
 - b) Bachelor of Science in Nutrition (4 years)
- Innovative programs; unique in Canada; all professional experiences required for SK licensure included within the degrees
- Experiential learning is a key part of the two programs and students spend a large portion of their program studying with professionals in the field.





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What is Pharmacy?

- Pharmacy is the art and science of preparing and dispensing medications, and the provision of drug and health information to the public.
- Pharmacists are highly respected as the medication management experts of the healthcare team. They collaborate with patients, their families and other healthcare providers to benefit the health of individuals and communities.





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- Doctor of Pharmacy (4 years)
- Experiential Learning is a key part of the program and students spend a large portion of their program studying with professionals in the field. Year 4 is ALL experiential learning.
- Curriculum changes driven by changing scope of practice for pharmacists = e.g., giving immunizations; prescribing for minor ailments; etc.
- Full Accreditation of PharmD by Canadian Council for Accreditation of Pharmacy Programs until June 2026.



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- Tuition fees: approximately \$20,000 to \$24,000 per year (plus student fees). This amount will fluctuate depending on year in program and credit units. Fee increase in part due to increased experiential learning hours (over 800 hours)
- Up to 90 students admitted each year:
 - a) 81 SK residents (includes up to 15% of Indigenous Seat-SK Resident spots)
 - b) 9 non-SK residents
- Typically receive 200-300 applications each year



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- 60 credit units of specific university level courses required by April 30 in the year of admission (minimum 70% admission average). Academic component is weighted at 60% of admission score
- Personal video interview = weighted at 10%
- Test of Critical Skills = weighted at 30% *CASPER*
- Application deadline January 15, 2026
- For 2026 admission, the online application went live in early September 2025



- U of R courses (60 credits required by April 30 in the year of admission)
 - a) Biology 100 and 101 (=Biol 120 and 121 at USask)
 - b) Chem 104, 140 and 241 (general chemistry, and two organic chemistry) (=Chem 112, 250, 255 USask)
 - c) Eng 100 and 110 (=two of Eng 111, 112, 113, 114 at USask)
 - d) Bioch 220 and 221 (=Bmsc 200 and 230 at USask)
 - e) Biol 110 & 111; or Kin 267 & 268; or Kin 261 & 262 (=Bmsc 207 and 208 at USask)
 - f) Math 110 or Math 103 (if grade higher than 60%) (=Math 125 or 104 at USask)
 - g) Stat 160 or Stat 100 and 200* (=Stat 246 at USask)
 - h) Biol 302 or 310 or 224 or 222 or 220 (=Bmsc 210 at USask)
 - i) Kin 275 or KHS 470 (=Nutr 120 at USask)
 - j) 6 credits from psychology or sociology or philosophy or Indigenous studies
 - k) 9 credits general (unrestricted) electives

*NOTE: Students who complete Stat 100 and 200 CANNOT use one class to meet requirement g) and one class to meet requirement k). Both Stat 100 AND 200 will meet requirement g) only.



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Pharmacy – Admissions Test

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- Test costs \$50.00 to take, and students must set up their test at least three days in advance. Students are also charged \$18.00 for each school where they wish their results sent. Students take the test on a specific date, at a specific time, to ensure test security. Scheduled dates for 2026 admission are now posted on the College website.
- Access <https://acuityinsights.app/casper/> to create an account and for more information on **important dates and requirements**, and the Acuity Insights assessments.



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Pharmacy – Admissions Test

- **Personal Video Interview** is an online test used to assess non-academic competencies of applicants (we do not offer face to face interviews).
- To prepare for the *Personal Interview*, the College encourages all applicants to investigate the profession(s) of Pharmacy. Although the specific focus of the individual *Interview* questions may shift from year to year, candidates should be prepared to discuss why they have chosen the health care profession they want to enter and how they perceive the role of the pharmacist or dietitian. Direct pharmacy experience is not a specific admission requirement.
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Career Options

- **Community Pharmacies:** Pharmacists own, manage or are employed in pharmacies, where they provide pharmaceutical care to patients.
- **Hospitals and Health Centres:** Pharmacists provide pharmaceutical care to patients and drug information services to other health-care practitioners. They can specialize in fields such as oncology, infectious disease, psychiatry and other areas.
- **Pharmaceutical Industry:** Pharmacists are involved in research, development of drug information materials and sales of pharmaceutical products.
- **Research and Education:** Pharmacy professors educate future professionals and conduct research.
- **Government or Healthcare Organizations:** Pharmacists develop policy related to drugs and deal with laws to protect the public with respect to drug products and pharmacy practices.



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What is Nutrition?

- Nutrition is the study of nutrients – carbohydrates, proteins, fats, vitamins and minerals – that are essential for life. Students in the nutrition program learn how these nutrients are ingested, digested, absorbed, metabolized, and stored. Nutrition also involves the study of food availability and how the nutrition choices we make affect us.
- Dietetics is the profession that translates the science of nutrition into practice for individuals and communities. Registered Dietitians are healthcare professionals who specialize in the science of nutrition and its application to health and disease.



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- The USask program is integrated, meaning that the academic and practical training are both included within the B.Sc. (Nutrition) degree.
- On completion of a national exam, graduates qualify for professional registration through their provincial regulatory body, membership in the national association for dietitians/nutritionists (Dietitians of Canada) and positions as dietitians.



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- New state of the art foods lab opened winter 2017.
- Tuition fees range from \$8500 to \$9000 per year (depends on number of credit units taken in each year of the program).
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- **Public health promotion:** Assess nutrition needs of populations and develop health promotion strategies and nutrition education programs.
- **Private practice:** Provide expertise to individuals, athletes, sports teams, workplaces and the media.
- **Industry and business:** Participate in food and nutrition research and product development, marketing and consumer education.
- **Research and education:** Develop food and nutrition policies, educate future dietitians and conduct research.
- **Food service management**



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Indigenous Initiatives

- Indigenous Health and Reconciliation Sessions Mandatory for all Pharmacy and Nutrition students during their orientation week.
- Indigenous content taught in courses within the curriculum for both Pharmacy and Nutrition programs.
- Our Food is our Future, is an original podcast produced with Eat Well Saskatchewan and graciously funded by the Community Initiatives Fund. It's a 20-part series that explores food as medicine and the wellness of our communities with an Indigenous perspective.





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Other

- Pharmacy and Nutrition students are among the most active students on campus and in the community. The Saskatchewan Pharmacy and Nutrition Students' Society organizes a wide range of social, athletic and professional events such as Professional Enhancement Day; Pharmacy Awareness Month; Nutrition Month; welcome barbecue; Christmas Formal
- Pre-Pharmacy and Pre-Dietetics clubs organized by our pharmacy and nutrition students. The clubs allow potential students to meet current pharmacy and nutrition students and faculty; attend special events; learn more about the professions.
- College awards and scholarships available once admitted to either program.



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