Start your Doctor of Pharmacy Career at

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### Admissions Requirements

- Complete a preferred minimum of 72 semester credits or 108 quarter units of prerequisite coursework from an accredited college or university in the United States or an equivalent foreign university (Baccalaureate degree is preferred, but not required for admission).

- Satisfactory completion with grade “C-” or better of the prerequisite courses.

- Preferred cumulative GPA of 2.7 or higher on a 4.0 scale.

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- Completion of a PharmCAS application including three letters of reference, a personal statement, and official transcripts from each college or university attended.

### Course Requirements

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**Average Cumulative GPA of Accepted Students:**

3.0
Is a Pharmacy Career for you?

95% Job Satisfaction

#3 of 25 Highest Paying Jobs in U.S.

29,860 Pharmacists Employed in CA

309,330 Estimated Number of Pharmacists Employed in the U.S.

$136,730 Average Annual Mean Wage of Pharmacists in CA

Diverse Career Opportunities

Altruism

Pharmacy Jobs in the Central Valley

Central California includes several top paying metro areas for pharmacists

Twelve hospitals in the region

Central Valley has the greatest shortage of pharmacists in CA

Community, national chains, hospital, rural & specialty pharmacy jobs available
**Academic Support**
Includes personalized academic advising, free tutoring services, and coaching to improve study skills.

**Wellness Services**
Assists students in coping with stress, provides resources related to pharmacy student needs, fosters an awareness of how health and wellness influences academic and personal development.

**Leadership Development**
By participating in a variety of co-curricular activities, student organizations and an elective leadership course, leadership seminars or by serving as a CHSU Ambassador.

**Career Services**
To connect students with career information, resources, and job/internship opportunities.

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**STUDENT SUCCESS**
is our highest priority!

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**COST OF ATTENDANCE COMPARISON**
Below is the average annual cost of tuition and housing for a Doctor of Pharmacy program in California.
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### Cost of Housing Comparison

To track average monthly rental costs, we used the Zillow Rent Index (ZRI). The ZRI is the midpoint of estimated rents in a given region. Half the estimated rental prices are above this number and half are below.

- **Northern California**
  - Southern California
  - **CHSU** California Health Sciences University
    - $61,212
  - **Cost of Housing Comparison**
    - Fresno: $1,301
    - Average apartment rental range is $600 - $1600
    - San Francisco: $4,219
    - Los Angeles: $2,881
    - San Diego: $2,569
    - Stockton: $1,485
CHSU’s curriculum is delivered via Team-Based Learning (TBL). TBL is a teaching method that is rapidly growing in higher education, especially in pharmacy and medical schools.

With TBL, the in-class activities engage students in solving a variety of “problems” by collaboratively working together in teams to analyze and evaluate information, as they jointly determine the best solution to a problem. This learning method helps students to:

- Improve their critical thinking and problem-solving skills
- Gain the application of knowledge to solve real world problems
- Develop strong communication skills
- Enhance their abilities to function effectively as part of a team
- Increase their retention of knowledge
- Enjoy a high energy, interactive learning environment instead of boring lectures!

Details of the CHSU curriculum, program learning outcomes and global outcomes can be accessed at chsu.edu/admissions
Experiential Education

The Office of Experiential Education at CHSU offers pharmacy students practical hands-on experiences under the supervision of a trained pharmacist in various practice settings in the Central Valley. Students will gain experience in problem-solving, provide patient care services and apply concepts learned in the classroom and practice laboratories.

Introductory Pharmacy Practice Experiences (IPPE)
- Internships during P1-P3 years
- Based in community and institutional pharmacies
- IPPE rotations consist of 336 total hours

Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experiences (APPE)
- Begins in the summer immediately following the completion of the third academic year.
- Offered in community pharmacies, hospitals, outpatient clinics, with prescribers, and a variety of other practice settings.
- Consists of seven rotations of no less than 240 hours each, over six weeks for 12 months.
  ◊ Community
  ◊ Institutional/Hospital
  ◊ Ambulatory Care
  ◊ Electives (2)
  ◊ Acute Care
  ◊ Prescriber or Physician Led
Denny Biju – College of Pharmacy, Class of 2022

“One of the reasons why I decided to come to CHSU is because the cost of living in Central California is very affordable. Unlike some of the big cities where rent is really expensive, you can live comfortably here and there are plenty of housing options within a short distance from campus.”

Amanda Key
College of Pharmacy, Class of 2020

“I received the honors scholarship, a four year scholarship that was earned for my undergraduate grades. It came at the perfect time because in 2015, actually right before I started applying for pharmacy schools, my Dad very suddenly passed away in a car accident and receiving that scholarship, I felt like it was God’s way of saying, “Stay here… be here for your sister, be here for your mom” because it made me decide to go to CHSU.”

Renzio Apostol - College of Pharmacy, Class of 2020

“I decided to come to CHSU because I really enjoy learning through the Team-Based Learning approach instead of listening to a Professor lecture. It is helpful for me to read materials prior to class and then come and talk about it with my teammates, I find this a lot more interactive and a better way to understand the material.”
Megan Ragsdale – College of Pharmacy, Class of 2021

“I chose CHSU because I am very passionate about student involvement and I believe it is important to give back to your community. This is why I am so grateful to be part of Kappa Psi fraternity because I met such amazing people and it has allowed me to network in the pharmacist community. I look forward to building my leadership skills through further development in student organizations.”

Raymond Alcarez
College of Pharmacy, Class of 2021

“I came to CHSU through the Early Decision program and was grateful to qualify for a scholarship. I knew that CHSU was the right school for me and wanted to make sure I was admitted early so I didn’t have to worry about having to apply to multiple pharmacy schools.”

Carrie Vue - College of Pharmacy, Class of 2019

“Having a family and being a pharmacy student is definitely challenging. When I had my daughter, the CHSU faculty and staff were really supportive and encouraged me to balance my time so I could manage my school work and family time. My classmates were also very helpful and I appreciate the feeling of having a support system that cares about me.”
The Office of Financial Aid

- Helps each individual student/family prepare an affordability analysis.
- Ensures that CHSU students make informed financial choices.
- Assists our students in understanding, applying for, and securing financing for a professional education.
- Continues from the beginning of their academic career at California Health Sciences University to their post-graduate entry into the workplace and beyond.
- Financial planning courses and workshops.

CHSU Scholarship Fund

- Assists students with up to $10,000 of their educational expenses annually. Based on merit and need.
- $40,000 High Honors and $20,000 Honors scholarships available to qualified students
- A private fund that is funded through the generosity of our supporters.
- Administered by the Central Valley Community Foundation.

Loans

- CHSU currently offers three competitive, private educational loan financing options:
  
  **iHELP Select Student Loan**  

  **Sallie Mae Health Professions Loan**  

  **The Sallie Mae Parent Loan**  
  [https://www.salliemae.com/ParentOptions](https://www.salliemae.com/ParentOptions)

- Low APR’s available.
- Based on credit score.
- Option for co-signers.

For more Financial Aid information, please contact:

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Clovis, CA 93612  
(559) 325-3600  
khoover@chsu.edu
Western Association of Schools and Colleges
Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC)

California Health Sciences University is accredited by the WASC Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC), 985 Atlantic Avenue, Suite 100, Alameda, CA 94501, 510.748.9001.

Bureau of Private Postsecondary Education (BPPE)

The California Health Sciences University College of Pharmacy is a private institution that is approved to operate as such by the California Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education. “Approval to Operate” means that California Health Sciences University is in compliance with state standards as set forth in CEC94897 (1).

Any questions a student may have regarding the catalog that have not been satisfactorily answered by the institution may be directed to the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education at 2535 Capitol Oaks Drive, Suite 400, Sacramento, California, 95833, http://www.bppe.ca.gov/, Phone: (888) 370-7589 or (916) 431-6959 or Fax: (916)263-1897.

Visit chsu.edu/accreditation for full details.

Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE)

California Health Sciences University College of Pharmacy program has applied for accreditation status by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education for its PharmD program. The following reflects the current status and process for gaining accreditation.

California Health Sciences University College of Pharmacy's Doctor of Pharmacy Program was determined to remain in Candidate status by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education, 135 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, IL, 60603, 312/664-3575; FAX 866/228-2631, website www.acpe-accredit.org

The Doctor of Pharmacy program of the California Health Sciences University College of Pharmacy was awarded continued Candidate accreditation status during the June 20-23, 2018, meeting of the ACPE Board of Directors based upon an on-site evaluation conducted February 14-16, 2018, and discussion with University and School officials. If the program continues to develop as planned, full accreditation of the Doctor of Pharmacy program will be considered by the Board at its June 2019 meeting following an on-site evaluation scheduled March 5-6, 2019.

Candidate Status

With respect to clarification of the meaning of Candidate accreditation status, graduates of a program so designed would, in the opinion of ACPE, have the same rights and privileges of those graduates from a fully accredited program. The Candidate accreditation status denotes a developmental program that is expected to mature in accord with stated plans within a defined time period. It should be underscored, however, that decisions concerning eligibility for licensure by examination or reciprocity reside with the respective state boards of pharmacy in accordance with their state statutes and administrative rules. Should Candidate accreditation status be awarded to a program, ACPE would, however, make its position known and make recommendations consistent with that position.

What ACPE Candidate Accreditation Status Means

“We're proud to achieve this critical milestone with ACPE, which grants our students the same rights as full accreditation allowing them to take the pharmacy board exams upon graduation,” said Florence Dunn, founding President at CHSU. “This achievement also gives incoming students the reassurance they need to select our new, innovative pharmacy program right here in the Valley.”
21 different languages spoken by our students

26 is the average age of our students attending CHSU

42% have received scholarships

WHERE ARE OUR STUDENTS FROM?

CHSU students are from all over the country, as represented by the states in maroon

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FEMALE

57%

MALE

43%

STUDENT ETHNICITY

22%

Other Asian

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Located in Clovis, CA

Affordable Cost of Living

288 Days Sunshine per Year

76° Average high temperature

50° Average low temperature

Local International Airport

Local, College, Professional and Semi-Professional Sports Teams

Clovis Unified School District (CUSD): One of the Top Districts in California
National Blue Ribbon Schools Program 100+ times as California Distinguished Schools. Over 600 League, Valley, State and National Athletic Championships in last 15 years.

Art & Culture
Art Hop, symphony orchestra, opera, ballet, theatre groups, museums, etc.

2-3 Hours from World-Class Central Coast Region
Monterey, Morro Bay, Carmel, Pismo Beach, etc.

Dozens of Annual Public Festivals
Armenian, Greek, Scottish, Hmong, Mexican, Chinese, East Indian, American Indian… to name a few

National Parks Within 1-2 Hours
Yosemite, Sequoia, Kings Canyon

14 Large Farmers’ Markets
Probably the best in all the nation

100’s of Religious Establishments

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Outdoor Enthusiasts Welcome
Walking, Running, Biking, Skateboarding, Fishing, Snowboarding, Skiing, Surfing, Camping, River Rafting, Kayaking, Water Skiing, Hiking, Rock Climbing, Gardening, Bird Watching

Choose from hundreds of nearby Neighborhood & Regional Parks, Trails, Rivers, Lakes, Mountains, Beaches & Gardens
Careers as a Pharmacist

A Doctorate of Pharmacy degree can provide many opportunities to work in a variety of health care environments. From academicians to veterinary pharmacists, there is more to this profession than simply counting pills! Contact our admissions team to find out more information and how you can get started on your path to pharmacy today!

- Hospital Pharmacists
- Generalists and Specialists
- Critical Care and Nutrition Support
- Neurology and Psychiatry
- Trauma and Infectious Disease
- Internal Medicine

**Acutely Ill Patients**
(Patients unable to survive without immediate, specialized care)

- Long-term and Intermediate Care
- Medical Home Models
- Home Health Care
- Tele-health and e-Medicine
- Chronic Disease Management

**Ambulatory Patients**
(Patients needing constant follow-up, but not ill enough to enter a hospital for immediate care)

- Community Pharmacy
- Preventative Education
- Clinic Visits for Routine Care
- Compounding Specialty
- Nuclear Medicine
- Mental Health

**Healthier Patients**
(Patients who are not ill, and would benefit from preventative services so current conditions do not worsen)

Contact us today to schedule a personal visit for you and your family!

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