UNDERGRADUATE DOCTOR OF PHARMACY PROGRAM IN FRENCH

A PharmD graduate from the University of Ottawa is a pharmacist who distinguishes himself/herself from others by:

- Communicating effectively with members of his/her francophone minority community to provide personalized care that meets local needs
- Using current scientific evidence to responsibly optimize drug therapy for their patients
- Being confident and autonomous in his/her practice
- Maintaining skills to proactively contribute to local health services and collaborate optimally with other professionals
- Sharing knowledge in the community and with other health care providers to educate the population and contribute to health promotion

Its uniqueness

This program is the only undergraduate Doctor of Pharmacy program offered in French by a university outside Quebec, which makes it an attractive option for young people from Francophone minority communities across the country.

A unique educational experience

From its inception, a one-of-a-kind pedagogical approach has shaped the development of the French undergraduate Doctor of Pharmacy program. The curriculum follows best practices and will adopt a competency-based learning approach which will make it a cutting-edge program.

This professional program stands out from other pharmacy programs in Canada and around the world with its innovative learning principles and elements, including a competency-based approach with Entrustable Professional Activities (EPAs), active and experiential learning, a spiral learning progression (concepts presented from the simplest to the most complex level), and the integration of interprofessionalism. The program also emphasizes on mentoring opportunities with senior learners allowing for a pyramid-like teaching environment. The program meets all competencies required for practice and adheres to the Canadian accreditation standards for pharmacy programs as developed by the Canadian Council for Accreditation of Pharmacy Programs.

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The program at a glance

The Doctor of Pharmacy program offered at the University of Ottawa is designed to train students who will be able to practice as pharmacists, either in community or hospital settings, or in other settings such as the pharmaceutical industry, regulatory agencies or academia, among others. They may also pursue more advanced studies. This program, offered in French, is aimed primarily at francophones from Ontario, as well as francophones from elsewhere in Canada, with the objective of meeting the needs of francophone and bilingual pharmacists in minority settings. The four-year program consists of interactive courses, practical labs, team learning sessions, workshops and 40 weeks of practical training.

Admission criteria

- Be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident
- Have completed a minimum of 2 years of full-time university studies at the time of admission
- Have a minimum overall average of 75% (B+) (according to the University of Ottawa grading scale)
- Successfully complete the required prerequisite courses with a minimum of 75% (B+) in each course
- Pass the CASPer test and successfully complete the admission interview
- Demonstrate the ability to follow a university program in French and the ability to work in a bilingual environment

Facts and figures

- Start of the program: September 2023
- Duration: 4 years
- Number of students admitted per year: 50
- Number of credits: 101 course-based credits, 40 credits for experiential rotations and 3 project-based credits
- Number of weeks of rotation: 40

Prerequisites

- 6 credits in Humanities/Social Sciences
- 6 credits in Biology
- 6 credits in Laboratory
- 6 credits in Organic Chemistry
- 3 credits in Chemistry
- 3 credits in Biochemistry
- 3 credits in Statistics

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