

## Highland Community College

The KU School of Pharmacy is a world-class research institution and one of the country's premier pharmacy schools. We train the pharmacists who serve the people of Kansas and the researchers who help solve the world's most pressing medical problems. The KU School of Pharmacy consists of four departments: Medicinal Chemistry, Pharmaceutical Chemistry, Pharmacology & Toxicology, and Pharmacy Practice. Whether our students pursue careers in pharmacy practice, research, industry, or academia, they study under some of the world's most respected and accomplished pharmaceutical scientists.

Our Doctor of Pharmacy (**PharmD**) degree program is designed for students seeking a career as a pharmacy practitioner. The KU School of Pharmacy offers the PharmD program on the Lawrence campus and in Wichita. We accept approximately 150 students annually for each fall-semester cohort start, of which approximately 20 students attend synchronously via the Wichita satellite. While the minimum pre-pharmacy GPA requirement for admission is 2.50, admission is competitive. The average admitted GPA is historically between 3.40 and 3.60. Completion of the pre-pharmacy curriculum does not guarantee admission to the KU PharmD program.

This transfer guide provides important information and a sample four-semester plan for a student starting at Highland Community College and transferring to KU for the remaining coursework. Community colleges and KU each provide additional courses a student may choose as well. Each student's background and academic goals are unique. Thus, **we strongly recommend early and continuous communication with an academic advisor** in the KU School of Pharmacy. See contact information at the bottom of

## KU School of Pharmacy Admission Requirements

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### Step One: Admission to the University of Kansas

All incoming students must first apply to the University of Kansas. Admission applications to the University of Kansas may be completed online at [admissions.ku.edu](https://admissions.ku.edu). Gaining admission to the University of Kansas requires the submission of official college transcripts from all previously attended colleges/universities. Please note that indicating "Pharmacy" on your application to KU does not grant you entry to the KU School of Pharmacy. For scholarship consideration, we encourage you to apply to KU by February 1<sup>st</sup>.

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### Step Two: Admission to the KU School of Pharmacy

Details regarding admission to the KU School of Pharmacy can be found at [Pharmacy.ku.edu](https://Pharmacy.ku.edu). Transfer students are encouraged to apply during the fall semester prior to the year they plan to begin at KU. A complete application includes full navigation of the PharmCAS application process via [PharmCAS.org](https://PharmCAS.org); which includes three recommendations, some writing prompts, and all official postsecondary transcripts sent to PharmCAS. Our preliminary review of these materials may result in one's receipt of an application checklist and/or an invitation to interview. If so, these items must be completed in order to fully navigate the application process. **Admission is competitive and is not guaranteed.**

### Minimum Requirements to Apply to the KU School of Pharmacy:

1. Completion of the pre-pharmacy 67 credit hours, from a regionally-accredited college/university and with a grade of C or higher, prior to entering the KU PharmD program. Students should apply for admission to KU during the academic year in which they will have completed the specified 67 pre-pharmacy credit hours, including the 12 credit hours unspecified/ designated for KU Core (general education requirement) options in categories GE3H, GE3S, AE4I, and AE42 (one course each, per category).
2. Work with your advisor on how community college credits are applicable within your individual situation.
3. A minimum 2.50 GPA overall and 2.50 GPA within pre-pharmacy science and math courses is required, but admission is competitive. The average GPA for successful applicants is much higher, typically between 3.00 and 4.00.
4. All chemistry and biology laboratory components in the pre-pharmacy curriculum must be completed in a live, traditional classroom-based lab environment. No simulated, online, nor otherwise off-site lab components are accepted. No online labs will be accepted. **(Please note this requirement was waived Spring 2020-Summer 2022 for COVID-19 restrictions).**
5. Required courses include:

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| • CHEM 130       | • BIOL 150       | • MATH 115 | • ENGL 101 | • KU Core Goal GE3H |
| • CHEM 135       | • BIOL 240       | • MATH 365 | • ENGL 102 | • KU Core Goal GE3S |
| • CHEM 330 & 331 | • BIOL 400 & 402 | • PHSX 114 | • COMS 130 | • KU Core Goal AE4I |
| • CHEM 335 & 336 | • BIOL 546 & 547 |            |            | • KU Core Goal AE42 |

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## First Semester

Composition, ENGL 101 (GE2I)	ENG 101	<input type="checkbox"/>
Calculus I, MATH 115 or MATH 125 (GE12)	MAT 107	<input type="checkbox"/>
Princ. of Molecular & Cellular Biology, BIOL 150 (GE3N)	BS 101	<input type="checkbox"/>
General Chemistry I with Lab, CHEM 130 (GE3N)	PS 111	<input type="checkbox"/>
GE3H KU Core Requirement	Select Approved GE3H Course	<input type="checkbox"/>

## Second Semester

Critical Reading and Writing, ENGL 102 (GE2I)	ENG 102	<input type="checkbox"/>
Statistics, MATH 365 (GE12) <sup>3</sup>	MAT 203	<input type="checkbox"/>
Microbiology and Lab, BIOL 200 & 203	BS 203	<input type="checkbox"/>
General Chemistry 2 with Lab, CHEM 135 (GE3N)	PS 112	<input type="checkbox"/>
College Physics I with Lab, PHSX 114 (GE1I)	PS 203	<input type="checkbox"/>

## Third Semester

Speaker-Audience Communication, COMS 130 (GE22)	SP 106	<input type="checkbox"/>
Organic Chemistry I and Lab, CHEM 330 & 331 <sup>3</sup>	PS 210	<input type="checkbox"/>
Human Anatomy, BIOL 240 <sup>1</sup>	BS 104	<input type="checkbox"/>
GE3S KU Core Requirement	Select Approved GE3S Course	<input type="checkbox"/>

## Fourth Semester

Organic Chemistry 2 and Lab, CHEM 335 & 336 <sup>3</sup>	PS 212	<input type="checkbox"/>
Physiology and Lab, BIOL 246 & 247 <sup>1,2</sup>	BS 105	<input type="checkbox"/>
AE4I KU Core Requirement	Select Approved AE4I Course	<input type="checkbox"/>
AE42 KU Core Requirement	Select Approved AE42 Course	<input type="checkbox"/>

## Additional Notes for Transfer Students

- <sup>1</sup>If your school teaches a combined Anatomy and Physiology I and 2, both courses must be completed to consider the Anatomy and Physiology requirement met. Visit with the School of Pharmacy to discuss options available if your institution offers only one Anatomy and Physiology course.
- <sup>2</sup>The School of Pharmacy accepts courses equivalent to BIOL 200 & 203 and BIOL 246 & 247 in lieu of BIOL 400 & 402 and BIOL 546 & 547 when taken at a community college prior to initial enrollment at the University of Kansas.
- <sup>3</sup>Transfer courses may be matched to a course of opposite level at KU, but the level of credit is defined by the originating institution. (All community college courses are lower level.)
- Transfer credits with earned grades of D+ and below will not satisfy degree requirements, but are included in the transfer GPA.
- View the most up-to-date listings of transferable courses at: [credittransfer.ku.edu](http://credittransfer.ku.edu). You can search by specific KU Core goal or view many of the courses that transfer to KU. If a class is not listed contact [transfercredit@ku.edu](mailto:transfercredit@ku.edu) to inquire about transferability.

It is the STUDENT'S RESPONSIBILITY to check for updates to all transfer information. This transfer program is provided as a service and is updated annually. Degree requirements are subject to change.