

## REQUEST FOR DECISION

**Committee Name:** Academic Programs Committee, University Council

**Date:** June 11, 2026

**Presented by:** Paul Jones, Chair, Academic Programs Committee

**Subject: Doctor of Pharmacy- Admission Qualification Changes**

### MOTION

It is recommended by the Academic Programs Committee that Council approve the admission qualification changes to the Doctor of Pharmacy program effective for the 2028-2029 application cycle.

### CONTEXT AND BACKGROUND

The College of Pharmacy and Nutrition is proposing several changes to the prerequisite courses for admission requirements to the Doctor of Pharmacy program. The College feels these changes will better align with other Canadian PharmD programs and will be easier for non USask students to be eligible for admission into the program. Additionally, the changes also aim to better meet the needs of the program as it moves forward.

### CONSULTATION

The College of Pharmacy and Nutrition submitted a proposal to the Academic Programs Committee (APC) on May 27, 2026. APC had the opportunity to review the proposal and ask questions. APC voted in favour of these admission requirements. Senate confirmation of the decision is required before the changes can take effect, which will take place in Fall of 2026.

### ATTACHMENTS

1. **Doctor of Pharmacy Admission Qualification Changes**

## SUBMISSION INFORMATION

Degree(s) Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD)	
Fields of study	
Concentration (i.e. option, specialization within a major, themes, streams, focus, etc.):	
Academic Unit (unit offering the program): College of Pharmacy and Nutrition	Proposed date for implementation: 2028-29 admission
Contact person name Charity Evans	Email charity.evans@usask.ca
Motion Carried at the College Faculty Council Approval or equivalent:  <b>MOTION:</b> <i>That Faculty Council approve the proposed changes to the PharmD prerequisite course requirements and forward the proposed changes to Academic Programs Committee (APC) for review and approval. [Evans/Blackburn]. May 11, 2026</i>	

Admission requirements are made up of several factors including admission qualifications and selection criteria which are governed under the **Policy on Admission to Degree Programs**.

Select the area in which you are proposing to change/create:

**Admission Qualifications**

These are the credentials that an applicant must present in order to establish eligibility for admission. They include but are not restricted to objective qualifications such as high school subjects, secondary or post-secondary standing, minimum averages, English proficiency, and minimum scores on standardized tests. Qualifications may vary for some admission categories. Admission Qualifications become part of your "Admission Requirements" for applicants.

**Admission category**

Admission categories are approved at a university wide level and are a way to differentiate and compare applicants with similar qualifications (i.e. Regular Admission, Special Admission, Indigenous Specific Seats, etc.).

**Enrolment Management**

Changes to the capacity of seats available for new admits if different from the college/school strategic enrolment plan.

**Selection Criteria**

The means by which a college assesses and ranks its applicants for admission. They include but are not restricted to admission test scores, cut-off averages, interview scores, departmental recommendations, auditions, portfolios, letters of reference, admission essays, definitions of essential abilities for professional practice, and the relative weighting to be given to the various requirements. Selection criteria may vary for some admission categories.

**Learner Pathway**

Different routes that individuals choose to progress into, within, and out of the post-secondary education system.

Note: If the learner pathway requires individuals to adhere to a **different set of admission qualifications** this would then require Council level approval.

## RATIONALE

Describe the rationale for the admission change and provide a statement from College/School leadership recommending the change and how it relates to the strategic mission and enrolment plan of the College.

The proposed changes to the PharmD prerequisites are based on Faculty review and recommendations, and to better align our prerequisites with those of other Canadian PharmD programs. We anticipate more students, especially non-USask students, being eligible for admission with these changes. Additional rationale/details provided in the individual consultation forms (attached).

These changes have full support from the College leadership and faculty and would be implemented for the 2028-29 admission year.

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Statistics	3	STAT 246.3 STAT 244.3 (or equivalent) or STAT 245.3 (or equivalent)
Microbiology	3	BMSC 210.3
Nutrition	3	NUTR 120.3
Indigenous learning <sup>1</sup>	3	INDG 107.3 or equivalent
Electives	12	3 credit units from psychology, sociology, or philosophy; 9 unrestricted credit units

## CONSULTATIONS

Checklist of consultations to be completed before a submission can be reviewed by the Academic Programs Committee of Council:

Required Consultation/Office	Required Documentation Submission
<b>1. Undergraduate Programs Admission Consultation</b> (See appendix I) <b>Contact:</b> Karen Gauthier, Director, Admissions and Transfer Credit	Memo of completed consultation from Admissions  <b>ATTACHED</b>
<b>2. Provost (Financial Implications)</b> <b>Strategic Finance Office Review (Tuition and Fees)</b> Contact: Kyla Shea	Memo of approval from Provost Office  <b>ATTACHED</b>
<b>3. Consultation with Registrar</b> Contact: Seanine Warrington	Consultation with the Registrar Form and CWR Cover Sheet (completed by the Registrar's Office)  <b>ATTACHED</b>
<b>4. Internal USask Consultations</b>	Memo from impacted Department/College or School supporting the change.  <i>Note: Only required if the change impacts another College/School</i>  <b>ATTACHED</b>
<b>4. Consultation with Space Planning</b> (Teaching Space and Administrative Space) <b>Contact:</b> <a href="mailto:space.management@usask.ca">space.management@usask.ca</a>	Memo from Space Planning  <i>Note: This consultation is only required if the change impacts enrolment management.</i>
<b>Approvals</b>	
College Faculty Council Approval or equivalent	<b>Faculty Council approved – May 11, 2026</b>
Governance Approval (APC, Council; possibly Senate)	

**Note:** The Academic Programs Committee is responsible for evaluating academic implications of admission requirements. Approval at APC, Council and Senate (where applicable) does not imply approval of required resources (faculty complement, additional space requirements, etc.). Academic units are responsible for implementing these changes within the resources available including any incremental tuition generated.

## APPENDIX I

### Admissions Consultation (Undergraduate Programs Only)

**Contact:** Karen Gauthier (karen.gauthier@usask.ca), Director, Admissions and Transfer Credit

The Admission Framework document must be reviewed to determine how an applicant will be considered for admission. There are several factors to consider when creating a new program. The Director, Admissions and Transfer Credit, can assist in the development of the criteria. Information determined here should then be used to inform the completion of an Admission Template as found on <https://programs.usask.ca/programs/2026-27-admission-requirements.php>

- a. **What are the admissions requirements of this program** – high school subjects, secondary or post-secondary standing, minimum averages, English proficiency, and minimum scores on standardized tests?
- b. **What are the selection criteria** – how will you rank and select applicants? For example, ranking by admission average, admission test scores, interview scores, departmental recommendations, auditions, portfolios, letters of reference, admission essays, and definition of essential abilities for professional practice?
- c. **What are admission categories** – regular admission, special admission, and Indigenous equity admission?
- d. **What are the admission models** – direct entry, non-direct entry, ranked competitive or cut-off average? Is a confirmation of admission required?
- e. **Intake** - how many seats are required to be filled – for first year and transfer students, reserved for Indigenous, Saskatchewan, out-of-province, and international students?
- f. **What are the application process and timelines** – September or January intakes, online application, application and document deadlines, and scholarship deadlines to consider?
- g. **Which office will manage the admission process** – TLSE, college, department, or a combination?
- h. **Marketing and Promotion of New Program** – consideration needs to be given to a communications plan and marketing of the new program.
- i. **Admissions Appeal** – what will this process be.
- j. **Transfer Credit** – when will this be assessed and by which office?
- k. **Admission Change Timeline** -what timeline is needed to implement these changes to allow students enough time to complete new requirements (if change is an addition of a subject).

## PROVOST & SFO CONSULTATION

To: Academic Programs Committee of Council

From: Kyla Shea, Academic Programs and Planning Specialist

Date: April 14, 2026

Re: PharmD Pre-requisite Changes

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### SUMMARY

The Provost and Strategic Finance Offices have reviewed and endorsed the proposal as proposed. The purpose of the review was twofold:

- 1) to understand the potential impact of the change on the program enrolment and alignment to the college/school strategic enrolment plan.
- 2) To understand the financial implications of the proposed change and the impact on the college / school financial situation.

Date: April 10, 2026	Reviewed By: Loleen Berdahl, Acting Deputy Provost	Communicated By: Kyla Shea
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## ADMISSIONS CONSULTATION

To: Academic Programs Committee of Council

From: Karen Gauthier, Director of Admission and Transfer Credit

Date: April 24, 2026

Re: PharmD Prerequisite Change

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### SUMMARY

The Admissions Office has reviewed the proposal and see no issues moving forward with the changes to the required prerequisite courses required for admission consideration effective 2028-29.


Date	Reviewed By: Karen Gauthier	Communicated By: Karen Gauthier
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Proposer Information (name and email):	
College of Proposer:	Challenge Contact:
College being Consulted: <b>ARTS AND SCIENCE</b>	Challenge Contact: Alexis Dahl
Subject of consultation:	
Summary (rationale, academic implications, projected enrollment, and financial implications.) Please attach completed catalogue entry when submitting this form.	

**Department Approval**

Department/Program	
Department Head Signature 	Date

**Arts and Science College Approval**

Vice Dean Academic Signature ( <a href="mailto:asvicedean.academic@usask.ca">asvicedean.academic@usask.ca</a> ) 	Date
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Please submit the completed form with your completed curricular proposal.  
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Department/Program	
Department Head Signature	Date
	March 27, 2026

**Arts and Science College Approval**

Vice Dean Academic Signature ( <a href="mailto:asvicedean.academic@usask.ca">asvicedean.academic@usask.ca</a> )	Date
	April 6, 2026


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### Department Approval

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Department Head Signature 	Date

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## Consultation with the Registrar (CWR) – Proposal Highlights

**Title of Proposal:** Admission Requirements – Revisions to Admission Prerequisites for Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.) program

**General Description:**

To better align with other Pharm.D.-granting universities in the country and to improve enrolment opportunities at USask, the College of Pharmacy and Nutrition proposes some changes to the courses required for admission to the Pharm.D. program. The changes apply to Biomedical Sciences, Chemistry, Statistics, and English courses as detailed in the proposal.

**College Approval:** Pending the approval of the College of Pharmacy and Nutrition Faculty Council on May 11, 2026.

**Provost’s Office Review:** The Provost’s Office supports the proposal.

**Effective Term:** 2028-2029 application cycle

**Course implications**

- N/A

**Registration and classes**

- N/A

**Convocation**

- N/A

**Financial and Budget**

- N/A

**Student Mobility**

- N/A

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