

Recommendations for Acceptance of International Students into the PharmD Program

Approval is being sought for the acceptance of international students into the HUCOP PharmD program. The non-limiting recommendations from the admissions committee are as follows:

A. General Recommendations – These agree with university-wide policies.

1. Persons applying to the PharmD program must have a superior academic record and must satisfy the prerequisites for admission to HUCOP. International students are advised to begin the admissions process at least six months to one year in advance of the time they wish to enter the University.
2. Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) scores are required for international applicants. Applicant scores must meet or exceed the minimum score as stipulated by HUCOP in the different categories.
3. Regulations of the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service pertaining to all Howard University students will apply. Each international student is responsible for maintaining immigration status while in the United States. This will be in accordance with HU policies with respect to international admissions.
4. Students are made aware that scholarships and/or financial aid will not be available to incoming students from other countries. Limited merit-based financial aid is available for any student after a year of study at Howard, but continued study does not guarantee scholarship funds. In agreement with university policies, international students must provide evidence of funds to cover tuition and subsistence for the duration of their studies.
5. Students who are accepted at HUCOP are not guaranteed housing. International students will have to look for housing and may liaise with the appropriate university departments to request accommodation per HU policies.

B. Specific HUCOP Admissions Recommendations

1. Utilize PharmCAS and WES for all application procedures and prerequisite equivalence to US standards respectively.
 - a. Applicants are required to send a foreign transcript evaluation report (FTE) to PharmCAS as part of the application process. Only WES reports will be accepted.
 - b. Official Foreign Transcripts required.
 - c. International applicants must provide evidence of successful completion of the required pre-pharmacy coursework.
 - d. Applicants will be required to submit a PharmD Financial Verification Form showing that they have the funds for tuition and subsistence. Applicants must also submit a copy of a bank statement showing the necessary funds for one academic year of tuition in addition to a letter of support, if the expenses will be sponsored by someone other than the student.
2. The TOEFL appears to be the most standard measure of English proficiency used for admission in the US. We propose that only the Internet-Based TOEFL (iBT)* test scores be accepted with a minimum total score of 100 or above with a minimum score of 20 or above in each section. The HUCOP Admissions Committee may consider requiring that international students fulfill additional English pre-requisite courses.
3. Students currently in a recognized international pharmacy program (list of recognized school is available from NABP) may apply for admission to HUCOP provided they have satisfied all the prerequisite requirements and will be admitted to the first year of the program at HUCOP.

* - TOEFL tests have four sections: 1) Reading, 2) Listening, 3) Speaking, and 4) Writing. The maximum total score is 120 (30 points in each section).

** - an officially recognized university in another country where English is both the language of instruction and the only officially recognized language of the country.