Pharmacy Early Assurance (EA) Program

**Program Description**
The University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Pharmacy (SOP) Early Assurance Program is designed to attract academically gifted high school seniors towards a rewarding pharmacy career. High school students with a strong interest in and aptitude for science and math, who possess excellent communication and team work skills and are committed to helping improve their community’s health are a great fit for the program. Missouri residents and nonresidents are eligible to apply.

- **Why be an Early Assurance Student at UMKC?**
  - You are assured of a seat in the UMKC Doctor of Pharmacy program if you meet the EA criteria for admission from high school (Step 1) and for the Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.) program (Step 2). EA students who meet these criteria do not have to compete against the entire applicant pool when they apply for admission into the Pharm.D. program.
  - You will receive advising from Pharmacy Academic Advisors prior to admission into the School of Pharmacy.
  - You remain eligible to apply for the UMKC Metro rate and undergraduate scholarships while you complete your pre-pharmacy work.
  - You will complete your prepharmacy coursework on a vibrant urban campus, experiencing a rich and diverse student life while having access to all that a metropolitan city has to offer.
  - You can join pharmacy student organizations, allowing you to network with current students, see firsthand how pharmacy students and faculty affect the health of the community and finally learn about issues facing contemporary pharmacy practice and health care as a whole.
  - As part of your Prepharmacy curriculum, complete the Introductory Topics in Pharmacy course during your freshman year.

**Application Process**

**Step 1:** High school students should apply for admission into EA Program during the fall of their senior year. **Applications must be submitted on-line by December 15 for entry into the fall EA class. The fall 2016 EA class would be scheduled to enter the Pharm.D. program in the fall of 2018.**

**Minimum eligibility requirements:**
- High school non-weighted GPA at the end of junior year - 3.5 or higher
- ACT composite - 25 or higher or SAT Total – 1150 or higher
  - (Note: December ACT and/or SAT results. Scores must be received before February 1st).
- Meet UMKC core requirements through high school curricular units

**Application Instructions:**
- Complete and submit UMKC online Application for Admission and pay fee
- Complete and submit the online EA application form
- Submit official transcripts through the sixth semester of high school
- If dually enrolled in college coursework while in high school, submit official transcripts from all colleges where coursework was attempted and/or earned.
- Submit official report of ACT and/or SAT scores
- Submit one reference letter
Students are offered positions in the EA program on a rolling basis beginning in Fall each year. All applicants are notified whether they are offered a position or placed on the waiting list by February 1st. Final acceptance into the EA program is contingent upon full time enrollment as a UMKC pre-pharmacy student beginning Fall semester of freshmen entry.

Step 2: EA student applies for admission into the UMKC Doctor of Pharmacy program during sophomore collegiate year

Minimum eligibility requirements for admission to the Pharm.D. program from the EA program:

- Complete Pharm.D. program prerequisite courses at UMKC with grades of C or higher through full-time enrollment during freshmen and sophomore years.
  - Equivalent courses taken at another college during the summer or as dual enrollment in high school may be counted.
- CLEP and IB courses will not count for math or science Doctor of Pharmacy prerequisites.
- UMKC awards credit for specific courses and scores through achievement on Advanced Placement (AP) exams - [http://www.umkc.edu/registrar/transfer-credit/default.asp#anchor-2](http://www.umkc.edu/registrar/transfer-credit/default.asp#anchor-2).
- Earn a college cumulative GPA > 3.25 at time of application.
- Earn a math/science GPA > 3.25 at time of application.
- Achieve a PCAT Composite > 40 at time of application.
- Successfully pass a formal interview at the School of Pharmacy.
- Have no criminal sanctions.
- Applicants are also evaluated on their communication and leadership skills, health related work and/or shadowing experiences, community service and extra-curricular involvement.

Application instructions:

- Complete the UMKC Pharm.D. application steps - [http://pharmacy.umkc.edu/pharm-d/introduction-to-application-process/](http://pharmacy.umkc.edu/pharm-d/introduction-to-application-process/)
  NOTE: EA applicant academic admission standards are higher than those for regular admission.
  - In order to be considered, an EA applicant must successfully complete all prerequisites before the beginning the Pharm.D. program.

Important Notes:

- EA students can apply to the Pharm.D. program at any time prior to the admission deadline, HOWEVER a fall application is highly encouraged to maximize the chance of placement at a preferred campus site.
- Students must meet all other admission criteria in order to obtain final acceptance into the Pharm.D. program (Criminal Background Check, completion of all prerequisites before matriculation, pay seat deposit).
- An EA student denied admission into the Pharm.D. program because they don’t meet the EA criteria, can apply for admission under the regular admission criteria (M/S GPA > 2.5; Cum GPA > 2.75 and PCAT Composite > 16).
- EA students must complete Pharmacy 7100 – Introductory Topics in Pharmacy
- Membership and involvement in the UMKC Prepharmacy Club is strongly recommended.

For additional information, please contact pharmacy@umkc.edu; 816-235-1613 or see [http://pharmacy.umkc.edu](http://pharmacy.umkc.edu)