

Interested in Drug Delivery?

Graduate Studies in Pharmaceutics



Are you fascinated by the intricate physiochemical properties of drugs and how they interact with the human body?

Do you have a passion for understanding how drugs are delivered to the body, and how this knowledge can be applied to improve health through research?

Are you eager to explore cutting-edge research in pharmaceutical sciences and contribute to advancements in drug development, targeting, and delivery systems?

If so, the University of Minnesota's Graduate Program in Pharmaceutics could be the perfect opportunity for you!



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What is Pharmaceutics?

Pharmaceutics focuses on the development and evaluation of drug delivery systems. Pharmaceutical scientists engage in a variety of important work including:

- characterizing physical properties of drugs
- developing dosage forms for drugs in the context of physiochemical properties and desired route of administration
- exploring the relationship between dosage form and drug availability to the site of action
- quantitatively evaluating drug absorption, distribution, metabolism, excretion, and pharmacological activity in the living organism

What is the Difference Between Pharmaceutics and Pharmacology?

Pharmaceutics is concerned with the quantitative aspects of drug delivery, and involves the design, development, and evaluation of drugs in combination with an appropriate dosage form. Pharmacology is the study of how drugs interact with biological targets in order to exert their effects on living systems.



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Membrane transporters, CNS drug delivery, pharmacokinetics

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Polymeric drug delivery, hydrogels, intranasal delivery, mathematical modeling

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Top-Ranked Program

The University of Minnesota College of Pharmacy's PhD and MS Pharmaceutics programs are among the best in the nation. Our comprehensive combination of coursework and research gives us a reputation for preparing skilled, independent, and innovative scientists. The breadth of expertise within the department offers students abundant opportunities to pursue a course of study that fits their unique interests in areas such as physical chemistry, chemical engineering, biochemistry, pharmacology, computer sciences, and statistics. We choose our students carefully, and create a community of scholars and thinkers dedicated to pursuing new knowledge and advancing drug delivery for the benefit of humanity.

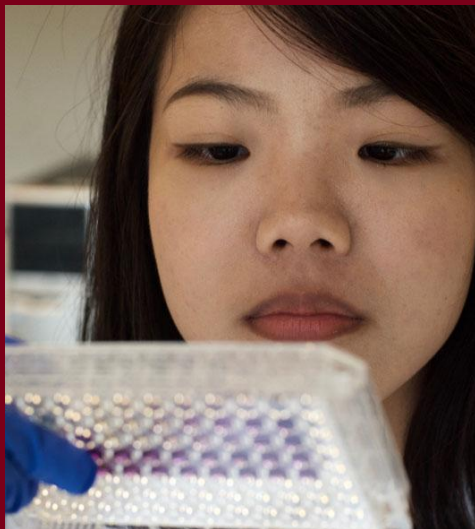
Our program is both rigorous and rewarding.

When our students complete their course of study, our highly sought-after graduates enjoy a 100 percent placement rate. Most accept positions as scientists in the pharmaceutical or biotechnology industries. Those who pursue an academic career often enter post-doctoral training in prestigious laboratories.

A Tradition of Innovation

The Department of Pharmaceutics has a rich tradition of innovation and a strong commitment to advancing health through generating new knowledge. Our faculty members have made significant contributions to enhancing understanding of drug action and delivery. As part of the University's Academic Health Sciences (AHS), the department has access to an abundance of intellectual and physical resources, including the Cancer Center, Supercomputing Institute, superb NMR facilities, and the Biomedical Imaging Process Lab. Our Bioanalytic and Pharmacokinetic Services facility provides a valuable connection with the pharmaceutical industry for clinical and preclinical trials.





The University of Minnesota College of Pharmacy, the only school of pharmacy in the state of Minnesota, offers programs on the Twin Cities and Duluth campuses. Founded in 1892, the College of Pharmacy educates pharmacists and scientists, and engages in research and practice to improve the health of the people of Minnesota and society.

The University of Minnesota is committed to the policy that all persons shall have equal access to its programs, facilities, and employment without regard to sex, age, marital status, disability, public assistance status, veteran status, or sexual orientation.

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Other Frequently Asked Questions

Do I need to have a master's degree to apply?

A bachelor's degree is sufficient. If you are admitted, any missing prerequisites will be built into your program of study.

What if I don't have a pharmacy background?

Many pharmaceuticals students have non-pharmacy backgrounds in areas such as chemistry, chemical engineering, biology, neuroscience, and mathematics.

How long will it take to earn a degree?

A PhD degree in Pharmaceuticals averages four to five years and an MS degree in Pharmaceuticals averages two years.

What is it like to live in Minnesota?

Minnesota has four truly beautiful seasons that offer enjoyable indoor and outdoor activities throughout the year. When spring arrives you will find people of every age and ability strolling, running, and biking on groomed paths. Summer brings outdoor sports, music, and free movies in the parks, and many enjoy canoeing and picnics on the connecting lakes located right in the middle of the city. It's not far to the north woods of Minnesota for camping, fishing, and viewing the abundant wildlife. Fall brings dazzling leaf colors throughout the state, and winter is celebrated with outdoor festivals, skiing, and ice skating, along with indoor activities that are available year-round.

