

PHARMACY, DOCTOR OF (PHARM.D.)/BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION, MASTER OF (M.B.A.) [DUAL DEGREE]

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Program websites: [pharmacy.vcu.edu](http://www.pharmacy.vcu.edu) (<http://www.pharmacy.vcu.edu>)
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The Pharm.D./M.B.A. program seeks to prepare pharmacists for careers that encompass pharmacy and business theories and principles. The program is designed to take advantage of efficiencies and electives in both the Pharm.D. and M.B.A. programs. Students in the dual degree program can earn both degrees and save as much as one year or more over the time required for completing the programs separately.

Students may be admitted into the program after the first year of enrollment in the Pharm.D. program. Applicants must be enrolled in the Pharm.D. program, have demonstrated a good academic record and have successfully completed the Graduate Management Admission Test.

To obtain both degrees, students will take all pharmacy courses unless waived, the seven business foundation courses, the nine M.B.A. core courses and three elective courses. The elective M.B.A. courses may be taken from pharmacy administration courses at the 600 level and a combination of a business seminar course and an elective advanced pharmacy practice experience in pharmacy management. The business foundation courses can be taken during the first two years in the pharmacy program with summer session(s). The M.B.A. core courses can be taken during the third and fourth years in the pharmacy program. The business electives can be taken during the fourth and fifth years in the dual degree program.

Apply online at graduate.admissions.vcu.edu (<http://www.graduate.admissions.vcu.edu>).

Application to Pharm.D./M.B.A. program

Students interested in pursuing the Pharm.D./M.B.A. program must first obtain admission to the Pharm.D. program. At the end of the first year of pharmacy school and after receiving permission from the dual degree committee in the School of Pharmacy, Pharm.D. students may apply to the M.B.A. program. Upon admission to the M.B.A. program, a Pharm.D. student will be considered a dual degree-seeking student. Students generally will register for a mix of School of Business courses and School of Pharmacy courses in the fourth, fifth and sixth semesters of the pharmacy program.

A student categorized as a Pharm.D. student will be charged tuition and fees from the School of Pharmacy and will be eligible to receive financial aid awards as a Pharm.D. student. Students categorized as M.B.A. students will be charged tuition and fee rates as graduate students and be eligible to receive financial awards as graduate students.

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