

PharmD Early Assurance Application PLANNING DOCUMENT - Fall 2026

Please use this planning document as a tool to help you prepare for the submission of your [official online application](#). You are advised to submit your online application in a single step, as some answers may be lost if you try to save and return to your application at a later time. Before starting your application, you should have the following items prepared:

- Electronic copies of your high school transcript, ACT/SAT scores, AP/IB transcripts, and college dual enrollment transcripts (if applicable).
 - A resume that summarizes your work history, volunteer and leadership experience, skills, activities, and other achievements.
 - Documentation of your fulfillment of the minimum math proficiency requirement.
 - Prepared responses to both essay questions.
 - Contact information for two individuals who have agreed to write letters of recommendation.
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The Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) Early Assurance Application is available to students who have been admitted to the University of Arizona (UA) as degree-seeking first-time freshmen for the Fall 2026 semester. Students who are selected for this program receive provisional admission to the PharmD program for the Fall 2028 semester, pending successful completion of all prerequisite coursework and other admission conditions. Early Assurance students receive additional benefits, including mentoring and other opportunities to connect with the College of Pharmacy.

Admission to the Early Assurance program is selective. The following factors will be considered in the application review process:

- Math proficiency at the calculus level required, as demonstrated by a minimum SAT MATH score of 660 or ACT MATH score of 28, OR completion of a college calculus course (AP/IB or dual enrollment) OR score of 75 or higher on UA's PPL Math placement assessment. Documentation is required.
- 6th-semester core high school GPA of 3.5 or higher STRONGLY preferred.
- Submission of your high school transcript is required.
- Academic preparation, as demonstrated by high school record (especially science and math coursework), and general rigor of high school courses.
- Evidence of your passion and commitment to the field of pharmacy, as demonstrated by your essay responses.
- Evidence of your skills, character, determination, and fit with the field of pharmacy, as demonstrated by your letters of recommendation and resume.

Applications are considered on a rolling basis, so students are encouraged to apply early. The priority application deadline is April 15th, 2026. The final deadline is July 1st, 2026.

Applicant Information:

- ☐ First Name _____
- ☐ Last Name _____
- ☐ 8-digit UA Student ID Number _____
- ☐ UA Email Address - **ending in @arizona.edu.** (You must [create your UA NetID](#) in order to receive your email address.) _____
- ☐ Current High School Name _____
- ☐ Current High School State _____
- ☐ Current High School City _____

Upload your resume as a PDF or Word document. Your resume should include your work history, volunteer and leadership experience, skills, activities, and other achievements.



SECTION 1: Academic History

Upload a current copy of your high school transcript as a PDF document. Be sure that your name, the name of the school, and your complete high school course history can be clearly viewed. Please make sure the document is not password protected.



At the end of your 6th semester of high school, did you have a GPA of 3.5 or higher in your core classes? Core classes include English (4 years), math (4 years), laboratory science (3 years), social sciences (2 years), second language (2 years), and fine arts OR technical education (1 year).

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Unsure
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Students must meet a minimum math proficiency requirement in order to be considered for the Early Assurance program. Documentation of proficiency must be submitted at the time of application. Students have three options for meeting the math proficiency requirement. Please indicate which option applies to you:

- ☐ I have a minimum SAT MATH score of 660 or ACT MATH score of 28 that was earned on August 1, 2024 or later.
- ☐ I have already earned college credit for calculus, either through AP, IB, or dual enrollment. (In the case of dual enrollment, grade of A or B required.)
- ☐ I have taken the UA PPL math placement exam and earned a score of 75 or higher.
- ☐ I do not currently meet any of these criteria.*

** The Early Assurance application is available only to students who can demonstrate math proficiency at the calculus level. If you do not currently meet this requirement but believe you could qualify via the UA PPL placement exam, you should contact Rebecca Field at rmitch@arizona.edu to discuss your next steps. You can restart your Early Assurance application once you have met the math requirement.*

The following questions about ACT and SAT scores will only appear if you indicate that you've fulfilled your math proficiency requirement via one of these standardized exams.

Which college entrance exam did you take?

- ☐ ACT
- ☐ SAT
- ☐ Both ACT and SAT
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For applicants who completed the ACT only:

Please report your math and composite scores for the ACT exam. If you have taken the ACT multiple times since August 1st 2024, only report the scores from the attempt in which you earned the highest math score.

- ☐ ACT Math Score _____
- ☐ ACT Composite Score _____
- ☐ Test date (month/year) _____
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For applicants who completed the SAT only:

Please report your math section score and total score for the SAT exam. If you have taken the SAT multiple times since August 1st, 2024, only report the scores from the attempt in which you earned the highest math score.

- ☐ SAT Math Section Score _____
- ☐ SAT Total Score _____
- ☐ Test date (month/year) _____
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For applicants who completed both the ACT and SAT:

Please report your math and composite scores for the ACT and SAT exams. If you took either of the exams multiple times since August 1st, 2024, only report the scores from the attempt in which you earned the highest math score.

☐ ACT Math Score _____

☐ ACT Composite Score _____

☐ ACT test date (month/year) _____

☐ SAT Math Section Score _____

☐ SAT Total Score _____

☐ SAT test date (month/year) _____

Upload a copy of your ACT/SAT score report(s). Be sure that your name, the test date, and all scores/sub-scores are clearly visible.



The following questions about AP/IB and dual enrollment credit will only appear if you indicate that you've fulfilled your math proficiency requirement via exam or college credit.

How did you earn your calculus credit?

- ☐ Completed AP Calculus AB or BC exam, with a score of 3 or higher
 - ☐ Completed other college credit exam (IB high-level, CLEP, etc.) with an acceptable score
 - ☐ Completed a college or university calculus course with a grade of A or B
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For applicants with AP calculus credit:

Provide details about your AP calculus experience. If you took multiple exams, please report the attempt on which you earned the highest score.

- ☐ Which exam did you take? (AB or BC) _____
 - ☐ What was your score? _____
 - ☐ What year did you take the exam? _____
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Upload a copy of your AP score report here. Be sure that your name, exam date, test name, and scores are clearly visible.



For applicants with IB HL, CLEP, or other credit-by-exam calculus credit:

Provide details about the college credit exam you took in order to earn calculus credit.

- ☐ Which exam did you take? (IB HL, CLEP, etc. _____)
- ☐ What score did you earn? _____
- ☐ What year did you take the exam? _____

Upload a copy of your exam score report here. Be sure that your name, the exam date, exam name, and score are all clearly visible.



For applicants with college credit for calculus:

Provide details about your college-level calculus course.

- ☐ Name of college/university through which you completed course. _____
- ☐ City and state of that college _____
- ☐ Term and Year of completion (ex: Spring 2024) _____
- ☐ Course prefix and number (ex: MAT 250) _____
- ☐ Grade earned _____

Upload a copy of your unofficial college transcript, showing completion of your calculus course with a grade of A or B. The transcript must be from the college/university through which you earned the credit. In the case of dual enrollment credit, we cannot accept your high school transcript as documentation. Make sure that your name, the college name, term, course name, and grade are all clearly visible. PDF document preferred.



The following question will only appear if you indicate that you fulfilled your math proficiency requirement by taking the PPL math placement assessment.

Provide details about your UA PPL math placement assessment. If you took the assessment multiple times, please report on the attempt on which you earned the highest score.

☐ Date of PPL exam completion _____

☐ Score _____

Have you taken any AP, IB, CLEP, or other credit-by-exam courses?

☐ Yes

☐ No

If yes: Please upload a copy of your AP, IB, and/or credit-by-exam score report(s). (Your high school transcript cannot be used for this purpose.)



Are you currently enrolled in any AP, IB, and/or CLEP courses that you're planning to take the exam for at the end of the year?

☐ Yes

☐ No

If yes: Please list any AP, IB, or other credit-by-exam courses in which you are currently enrolled.

Have you completed, or are you currently taking, any courses at another college or university? This includes high school dual enrollment credit.

☐ Yes

☐ No

If yes: Please upload unofficial transcript(s) from all colleges you've attended. (Your high school transcript cannot be used for this purpose.)



Are you currently enrolled in any college courses (including dual enrollment) that do not appear on your uploaded transcript(s).

☐ No

☐ Yes

If yes: Please provide details for any in-progress college courses you're currently enrolled in, including course title, prefix, number, and the name of the college at which you're enrolled.

SECTION 2: References

You are required to provide contact information for two individuals who will write letters of recommendation to support your application. These individuals will receive an email from the Early Assurance admission coordinator, and they will be instructed to upload their letters directly to our admissions committee reference form. You may not submit the letters yourself; we can only accept them directly from your reviewers. You will not have access to letters or any supplemental information submitted by your reviewers.

Your reviewers may include teachers and other academic professionals, supervisors and professional colleagues, and mentors/advisors/coaches from clubs, teams, or organizations you have participated in or volunteered with. Family members and friends cannot serve as references.

Your reviewers are encouraged to address your skills, character, determination, and fit with the field of pharmacy when writing their letters of recommendation.

Reviewer #1

- ☐ First name _____
 - ☐ Last name _____
 - ☐ Email address _____
 - ☐ In what capacity do you know this individual? _____
 - ☐ How long have you known this individual? _____
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Reviewer #2

- ☐ First name _____
 - ☐ Last name _____
 - ☐ Email address _____
 - ☐ In what capacity do you know this individual? _____
 - ☐ How long have you known this individual? _____
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SECTION 3: Essay Responses

Essay Prompt #1: In a maximum of 500 words, tell us why you want to join the pharmacy profession and why you think you will become a great pharmacist. Please include any meaningful personal and/or academic experiences that have helped you determine your career goals. **You are encouraged to copy and paste your essay response into the application from a Word or text doc.*

Essay Prompt #2: In a maximum of 500 words, describe a non-academic area in which you excel. It could be an extracurricular activity, hobby, employment, volunteer experience, etc. Discuss the challenges you had to overcome in the process of attaining excellence and how you approached those challenges. Explain how the skills that you have learned from this non-academic activity will help you in your pharmacy career. Try to provide specific examples that connect your activity with excellence in the pharmacy profession. **You are encouraged to copy and paste your essay response into the application from a Word or text doc.*

Please check each box below to indicate your understanding of the Early Assurance Program and to confirm your acceptance of the following conditions.

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I understand that all communications about my application to the Early Assurance Program, including requests for additional information, will be sent to my University of Arizona email account. I will start checking my UA email account regularly.

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I understand that the PharmD admission committee will have access to the information I have provided in this application, and in my general University of Arizona undergraduate application.

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I understand that my application will not be reviewed until both of my letters of recommendation have been submitted by my reviewers. It is my responsibility to ensure that my reviewers have received the emailed invitation to upload their letters of recommendation and that they follow through on submitting. Letters must be submitted no later than July 7, 2026. I understand that I will not have access to view these letters or any accompanying comments from my reviewers.

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Students who are selected for this program must be enrolled in the Pharmaceutical Sciences major, in the UA College of Pharmacy. If I am accepted to the Early Assurance program but Pharmaceutical Sciences is not currently my major, I agree to the major change.

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I understand that the Early Assurance Program grants *provisional* admission to the PharmD program, contingent upon the following factors:

- Full-time undergraduate enrollment at the University of Arizona in the 2026 and 2027 academic years.
- Successful completion of all PharmD prerequisites by June 1st, 2028
- Adherence to Early Assurance GPA requirements
- Submission of PharmCAS application in the sophomore year
- Satisfactory performance in a PharmD interview in the sophomore year
- Completion of all PharmD admission requirements in place at the time of matriculation

Students who are not on track after their first year or who do not fulfill admission requirements within the two-year timeline will be able to apply for PharmD admission via the regular admissions pathway in a future year.

You have reached the end of the application. By selecting the right arrow button below, you will officially submit your application. If you would like to review or change any of your answers, please do so before progressing to the next screen.

Please contact Rebecca Field at rmitch@arizona.edu or 520-626-4353 with any questions about the PharmD Early Assurance application process.