



## **About the PCAT and PharmCAS**

### **PCAT (Pharmacy College Admission Test)**

Visit [www.pcatweb.info](http://www.pcatweb.info) for full information about the PCAT.

“The PCAT is a specialized test that helps identify qualified applicants to pharmacy colleges. It measures general academic ability and scientific knowledge necessary for the commencement of pharmaceutical education. The PCAT is constructed specifically for colleges of pharmacy.”

- The PCAT includes **five sections**: Biological Processes, Chemical Processes, Critical Reading, Quantitative Reasoning, and Writing.
- The test is scored on a **scale from 200-600**. The average score is typically 340-460.
- The minimum score to be admitted to the Professional Program at the University of Mississippi is **395 composite** with a **3.0 on the Writing section**.

### **2015-16 test dates are:**

July 21-22, 2016

September 7-9, 2016

October 24-31, 2016

November 1-4 2016

January 4-5, 2017

- **Make sure to register for the PCAT in advance** (2 months!)
- **Allow 5-7 weeks for scores to be reported** to PharmCAS
- The PCAT must be **taken during the calendar year of the application through the end of the testing cycle** (For admissions Fall 2017, students apply Fall 2016. Tests valid January 2016-January 2017.)
- Students are encouraged to **take the PCAT early**. Practice materials are available from many sources, including Kaplan and on the PCAT website.
- Students are **limited to taking the PCAT 5 times**. *This is limited by the testing agency; contact the testing agency with any questions or to receive information about extenuating circumstances.*



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## **Pharmacy College Application Service (PharmCAS)**

For full information, visit [www.pharmcas.org](http://www.pharmcas.org).

**PharmCAS** is a **centralized application service** used by many colleges of pharmacy, including the University of Mississippi.

On their website, you will find detailed information about applying, **applicant checklists**, and links to information on **course prerequisites** for all pharmacy programs.

Students are strongly encouraged to submit all materials to PharmCAS between **July and September**, before interviews commence.

On average, it **takes 4-6 weeks** for PharmCAS to verify a completed application and send it to the institution. **Complete the application early and check back often to make sure your materials are complete.** You cannot attend an applicant interview day until your application has been verified by PharmCAS.

It is the **applicant's responsibility** to ensure all materials are received by PharmCAS well before the deadline. Students are encouraged to complete the PharmCAS Academic Update in early December to be considered for January and February interviews, if applicable.

*The University of Mississippi uses a **rolling admissions process** beginning in October with Early Decision candidates. Applicants are interviewed and admissions decisions are made on a **continual basis** from October until the class is filled. If not immediately accepted, applications will roll over to the next round of committee reviews. Early, completed applications ensure that the file will receive multiple reviews by the Scholastic Standards Committee. **Seats will fill quickly**, so allow plenty of time for the PCAT to post scores and for PharmCAS to verify your application.*