Why Study Pre-Pharmacy at Texas Tech?

Pre-Pharmacy is considered a designation at Texas Tech University, not a major. Pre-pharmacy students take the required college courses in order to apply to pharmacy school. Pre-pharmacy students also have the option to major in any area they choose as long as they take the prerequisite courses required to enter pharmacy school along with the courses needed to earn a degree at Texas Tech University.

Pharmacy is a doctoral health profession in which licensed professionals provide information about medication to consumers and professionals. Pharmacists play a vital role in improving patient care through the medicine and information they provide. According to MONEY magazine, Pharmacist is one of the Top 10 Best Jobs in America. Pharmacists dispense drugs prescribed by physicians and other health practitioners and monitor patient health. As "medication experts," pharmacists are concerned with safeguarding the public's health in matters relating to medication distribution and use disease state management. They advise physicians and other health practitioners on the selection, dosages, interactions, and side effects of medications. Pharmacists must understand the use; clinical effects; and composition of drugs, including their chemical, biological, and physical properties. They protect the public by ensuring drug purity and strength. The goal of pharmacy care is to maximize positive health care outcomes and improve patients' quality of life with minimum risk. Most pharmacists work in a community setting, such as a retail drug store, or in a hospital or clinic.

A Wealth of Opportunities Await

Undergraduate Research
The Center for Active Learning and Undergraduate Engagement (CALUE) is committed to supporting and increasing undergraduate participation in active learning at Texas Tech University. The Center serves as the centralized location for undergraduate students, faculty, staff, and community organizations interested in participating in the following active learning programs: Service Learning, Undergraduate Research, Professional Internship, and Study Abroad. For more info, visit their website: https://www.depts.ttu.edu/calue/

Study Abroad
From culinary classes in Florence to Range and Wildlife Management in Australia, from language study at the Texas Tech Center in Sevilla to Engineering in Czech Republic, Texas Tech has programs in more than 70 countries in which TTU students can participate.

To see where our study abroad programs can take you, visit the website here: https://ttu-sa.terradotta.com/

WHAT TO DO WHEN CONSIDERING THE HEALTH CARE FIELD

Research your career of interest:
- Browse the internet.
- Research at your library.
- Contact your Area Health Education Center (AHEC).
- Ask your counselors or teachers about the career.

Talk to a professional who works in the career of interest:
- What is an average day like in their profession?
- What is the most enjoyable part of their job?
- What other health professionals do they work with?
- What type of education is required for their profession?
- What are the advantages and disadvantages of their job?

Get experience working in a health care setting:
- Volunteer at a hospital or health clinic.
- Mentor with someone in your career interest.
- Learn basic skills such as CPR and First Aid.

Take related classes while in high school:
- Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Anatomy and Physiology
- Health Care Science/Health Occupations Classes
- Algebra, Trigonometry, Pre-Calculus/Calculus

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Texas Common Course Number System (TCCNS)

The Texas Common Course Numbering System (TCCNS) aids students in the transfer of general academic courses between Texas public colleges and universities throughout the state. Course recommendations in this transfer guide are expressed in TCCNS designations.

Applying Transfer Hours to a Four-year Degree

- The Transfer Evaluation Office in the Office of the Registrar at Texas Tech determines which courses taken at another institution may be accepted for credit.
- A maximum of 66 semester credit hours from two-year institutions may be applied toward the baccalaureate degree at four-year institutions. Although, all credit hours presented on the sending institution's transcripts will be evaluated and equivalent college level courses posted to the student's academic record.
- The academic associate dean of the Texas Tech college in which a student enrolls has authority for determining which courses will be applied toward the specific degree program chosen.
- Students must earn a grade of C or better for all courses fulfilling requirements in majors, minors, or specialization's.

For more information on transfer course equivalencies, access the Texas Tech Transfer Equivalency Guidebooks: https://www.depts.ttu.edu/Registrar/private/transfer/

Steps to Apply:

- Admission Requirements
  Application from applytexas.org

  $60 application fee or fee waiver (student must provide information supporting fee waiver; for more specifics on what qualifies for waiver, visit the admissions site here: http://www.admissions.ttu.edu/index.php/application-fee/)

  Official college transcripts from ALL previous colleges attended*

  *Student must submit an official high school and ACT/SAT scores if you have completed less than 12 transferrable hours

  Transcripts may be sent by mail to:
  Undergraduate Admissions
  Box 45005
  Lubbock TX 79409

  Electronic transcripts may be sent directly to TTU Admissions via document exchange from the sending institution (contact institution for more details)

Transfer Admissions Counselors:

Zach Fisher — West Texas Transfer Admissions Counselor.
Office Location:
Undergraduate Admissions, West Hall
Lubbock, TX
Phone: 806.834.2104
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Maryellen Baeza—Manager of Transfer Recruitment
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Assured Admissions:

If you present the required combination of transferable hours and GPA (as described below), you will meet assured admissions. GPA is cumulative for all transferable coursework from all schools attended. Courses taken for grade replacement are used for GPA calculation only if the same course is repeated at the same institution where it was originally taken.

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Admission Review

If you do not meet assured admission requirements but have at least a 2.00 cumulative GPA, an admissions committee will evaluate your potential based on other criteria:
- Academics—Types of courses taken and pattern of progress, as well as coursework taken leading toward a major
- Student-submitted essay—Explanation of the decision to transfer to Texas Tech, reasons for past academic performance and plans to ensure future academic success
- Extracurricular activities/employment information—Leadership and work experience, special talents or awards, or any other information relevant to the admission decision

For more information, visit the admissions website: http://www.admissions.ttu.edu/