The UTHSC College of Pharmacy

For more than a century, the college has been a leader in pharmacy education, practice and research. In fact, U.S. News & World Report confirmed the college's ranking as one of the top pharmacy schools in the nation. The University of Tennessee College of Pharmacy Doctor of Pharmacy Program is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education.

UT student pharmacists receive an exceptional education because of the excellence of our faculty, staff, student services, curriculum and experiential learning programs. Our students are among the brightest and best in the nation. Our student pharmacists also possess hearts to serve humankind. One of the major strengths of the college is the national reputation of our student organizations and professional fraternities via awards for excellence. These accolades demonstrate not only the quality of our student body, but the college's commitment to student professionalism and community service.

Our faculty and alumni are among the best in the country and they are well known for their teaching, practice and science. We are fortunate to reside in new buildings at both our major locations in Memphis and Knoxville. This new space is accompanied by state-of-the-art technology. Whether you are an alumnus, a student or a prospective student, I encourage you to contact any of us at the college if you have questions about our programs.

Sincerely,

Marie Chisholm-Burns, PharmD, MPH, MBA
Dean, College of Pharmacy
Our History

Founded in 1898 as part of the Department of Chemistry at UT Knoxville, the pharmacy school was moved to Memphis in 1911.

Now, the pharmacy program is one of the six colleges that constitute the UT Health Science Center. As the only public, statewide, academic health system, the mission of UTHSC is to bring the benefits of the health sciences to the achievement and maintenance of human health, with a focus on the citizens of Tennessee and the region, by pursuing an integrated program of education, research, clinical care, and public service.

Offering a broad range of postgraduate training opportunities, the main UTHSC campus is located in Memphis. The UTHSC site in Knoxville includes the Graduate School of Medicine, College of Pharmacy, and the Allied Health Sciences Audiology and Speech Pathology Department. In addition, the UTHSC Chattanooga location is a College of Medicine site. The College of Pharmacy is housed in state-of-the-art facilities on our major sites in Memphis and Knoxville.

The Strategic Role

*The strategic role and mission of the College of Pharmacy supports the achievement of the University of Tennessee’s mission by:*

- Offering a professional degree educational program that produces knowledgeable, skilled and caring pharmacists who are prepared to optimize medication therapy.
- Conducting research, scholarship and postgraduate training in the design, development, production and utilization of medications and in the areas of clinical care, education and health care in order to prevent or treat disease and injury.
- Delivering patient care services, based on contemporary evidence-based guidelines, best practices and research findings to the citizens of Tennessee and the region.
- Serving as a resource to the community, health care professionals, policy makers and scientists on the safe, equitable, efficient and effective use of medications for the citizens of Tennessee and beyond.

A National Leader

- The UT College of Pharmacy has been ranked among the very best pharmacy schools in the United States for over two decades.
- The largest number of board-certified pharmacy specialists in the nation, more than 100, are on the UT College of Pharmacy faculty.
- The UT College of Pharmacy is the home of the Center for Pediatric Pharmacokinetcs and Therapeutics (CPPT), one of only six such centers nationwide. Through research, education and patient care, CPPT continues to bring national and international prominence to UT and our partner institutions.

*Members of our faculty have been honored by many national and international professional organizations for their excellence in education, research, patient care and public service:*

**Education**
- American College of Clinical Pharmacists (ACCP) Educator and New Educator Awards

**Research**
- ACCP Volwiler and Rufus A. Lyman Awards
- ACCP New Investigator and Russell Miller Awards
- American Society of Health-System Pharmacy (ASHP) Pharmacy Practice Research Award, and awards for Sustained Contributions to the Literature of Pharmacy Practice
- National Academies of Science members

**Patient Care**
- ACCP Clinical Practice Award
- American Pharmacists Association (APhA) Daniel B. Smith Practice Excellence Award, the William H. Briner Distinguished Achievement Award in Nuclear Pharmacy Practice and the Distinguished Achievement Award in Hospital and Institutional Practice
- National Academies of Practice members

**Public Service**
- ACCP Paul F. Parker Medal and the Robert M. Elenbaas Service Award
- APhA Remington Medal and the Outstanding Career Achievement Award
- AAPS, ACCP, ACCM, APhA, ASHP, PPAG Fellows
- AAPS, ACCP, APhA Presidents
Impact on the State

- The UT College of Pharmacy’s total economic impact was estimated at $83 million, through licensing technologies and discoveries that fuel the biotech industry in the Mid-South region.
- Seventy-five percent of the UT College of Pharmacy alumni live and work in Tennessee.
- The UT College of Pharmacy generates almost 50 percent of its $25.8 million budget from contracts, grants and private gifts. The college has significantly increased extramural funding, and further increases are anticipated with expanded laboratory space in the new building in Memphis.
- The UT College of Pharmacy provides valuable continuing education programming for practicing pharmacists and the pharmaceutical industry. More than 20,000 individuals participate annually.

Access and Excellence

- UT College of Pharmacy is accessible to students across the state of Tennessee. In addition to sites in Memphis and Knoxville, and a Clinical Education Center in Nashville, the college offers experiential training at more than 300 sites across the state.
- The UT College of Pharmacy Doctor of Pharmacy Program is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education.
- UT College of Pharmacy graduates consistently achieve national board examination scores and pass rates above the national average.
- UT College of Pharmacy’s excellent alumni network supports a near 100 percent placement rate of our graduates in jobs or residencies within three months of graduation.
- The UT College of Pharmacy student body is composed of 81 percent Tennesseans and 19 percent non-residents for the 2013-14 academic year.
- The UT College of Pharmacy has 12.7 percent African-American enrollment, which has increased significantly during the past 15 years. Excepting the five historically black pharmacy schools, UT has the largest percentage of African-American students enrolled in any pharmacy school in the United States.
- More than 50 scholarships are awarded to more than 200 UT College of Pharmacy students each year.
Student Success

Our outstanding student organizations provide activities that complement coursework. They have earned many accolades throughout the years.

- The UT College of Pharmacy Student National Pharmaceutical Association (SNPhA) chapter received the Rite-Aid Chauncey I. Cooper Large Chapter of the Year Award and Overall Chapter of Excellence Award in 2013. The chapter also won the Regional Clinical Skills Competition.
- The UT College of Pharmacy American Pharmacists Association Academy of Student Pharmacists (APhA-ASP) chapter has won numerous awards over the years including National Patient Care, National Immunization and Division A Chapter of the Year Awards. It has been named overall national Chapter of the Year seven times in the past decade. The organization's 2013-14 National President is a UT COP student.

Statewide Expansion

The 15,000 square foot College of Pharmacy building in Knoxville allows second-to fourth-year student pharmacists to study in East Tennessee.

The six-story, 183,857 square foot College of Pharmacy building in Memphis is located on the grounds of the UT-Baptist Research Park, adjacent to the UTHSC campus.