

***Agreement Between  
Middle Tennessee State University and  
The University of Tennessee Health Sciences Center on behalf of the College of  
Pharmacy***

The University of Tennessee Health Science Center College of Pharmacy (UTHSC-COP), desiring to facilitate the application process for students who wish to pursue the degree of Doctor of Pharmacy, hereby enters into the following Direct Admissions Program ("the program") with Middle Tennessee State University (MTSU). Students who meet qualifying criteria for admission into the program, and who subsequently complete all stated UTHSC-COP and MTSU requirements -may be granted admission to the UTHSC-COP.

### **Definitions**

PCAT – the College of Pharmacy Admission Test required of all applicants

PharmCAS – centralized application service through which applicants apply

Initial Screening – review process by which applicants are selected for interviews by UTHSC-COP

Admissions Interview – on-site, face-to-face interview of an applicant by the UTHSC-COP Admissions Committee

### **Terms and Conditions**

1. Students must be admitted to the MTSU undergraduate university.
2. Eligible students must have a high school Core Weighted GPA of  $\geq 3.5$  and an ACT Superscore  $\geq 25$  or an SAT Superscore  $\geq 1150$ .
3. Students must participate in the MTSU Pre-Professional Health Science Advising program and abide by the terms and conditions therein.
4. Students must complete all prerequisite coursework for admission as required by UTHSC-COP.
5. Students must maintain an annual cumulative GPA  $\geq 3.0$ .
6. Students must earn no grade below a "C" in any specified prerequisite course.
7. Students must take the PCAT; scores will be evaluated by the UTHSC-COP Admissions Committee.
8. Oversight and monitoring of the program shall be the joint responsibility of the UTHSC-COP Director of Admissions and the MTSU Pre-Professional Health Science Advisor.
9. Students meeting the foregoing conditions shall be exempted from initial screening and will be granted an admissions interview by UTHS-COP for the next entering class.
10. Selection for admission is competitive and is made by the admissions committee of the respective program according to its selection standards.

11. UTHSC-COP reserves the sole right to modify PCAT criteria; however, the criteria in effect at the time of a student's enrolment at MTSU shall be applicable.
12. Students are required to participate in the following UTHSC-COP activities while enrolled at MTSU:

Freshman Year	Fall: Attend program orientation and APhA-ASP Pre-Pharmacy Club Spring: Participate in a pharmacy student organization event
Sophomore Year	Fall and Spring: Participate in the shadowing program one semester and a pharmacy student organization event the other semester
Junior/Senior Year*	Fall: Admission Interview in Knoxville or Memphis Spring: Pharmacy Weekend in Memphis
*Students may complete prerequisites, pursue a 3+1 degree (BS degree in Science, concentration in Health Science – Pre Pharmacy), or earn a degree	

**Eligibility and Process**

1. Students are required to notify the pre-pharmacy advisor at Middle Tennessee State University of their intent to apply for admission to UTHSC-COP through the Direct Admissions program. The pre-professional advisor shall be responsible for informing students of said process.
2. Students are required to complete a direct admissions application and write a short essay about their interest in pharmacy.
3. The pre-pharmacy advisor shall be responsible for informing the UTHSC-COP Office of Admissions of students meeting and maintaining the Direct Admissions criteria.
4. Students certified by the pre-pharmacy advisor as meeting Direct Admissions criteria will be contacted by the UTHSC-COP Office of Admissions to schedule a program orientation.
5. Direct Admissions students are required to apply for admission to UTHSC-COP via PharmCAS as an early decision candidate by the applicable due date in the fall of the year before beginning the UT PharmD program.
6. Candidates will interview with the UTHSC-COP Admissions Committee in the fall of the year before students intend to enter the UTHSC PharmD program.

**Effective**

This agreement shall become effective upon signing by the appropriate individuals at both institutions, and shall remain in effect until terminated at the will of either party.

The agreement and outcomes will be reviewed no less than every 5 years, with modifications being made as appropriate. Such modifications shall not apply retroactively unless agreed upon by both parties.

The agreement may be cancelled by either party with ninety (90) days written notice. However, the Direct Admissions opportunity shall remain available to any student who was enrolled (and remained continuously enrolled) at Middle Tennessee State University while the agreement was in effect.

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