APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Starting with Fall 2021 applicants, the PCAT will be preferred but no longer required.

Application Deadline for Fall 2021:
- Early Decision deadline: September 8th, 2020
- Regular pool deadline: January 4th, 2021

Early Decision:
This is a binding option. As an Early Decision applicant, you can only apply to ONE Pharm.D. program. If accepted, you are obligated to accept the offer of admission and will not be permitted to apply to other Pharm.D. programs during the current cycle. If you are denied admission, you may apply to other Pharm.D. programs at that time for an additional application fee. All application materials must be received by PharmCAS no later than September 8th.

Rolling Admissions:
The UNMC College of Pharmacy utilizes a ‘rolling admissions’ process. Review of complete applications will begin in October, at the conclusion of the Early Decision process. Selected applicants are invited for interview and admissions decisions will be made on a continual basis until the class is filled. Students are encouraged to apply early to ensure themselves the best opportunity for acceptance. Keep in mind that rolling admissions means that seats fill early and those who wait until the application deadline risk many seats already being filled.

Application Overview:
Step 1: Complete PharmCAS Application by January 4th, 2021 (September 8th for Early Decision)
Step 2: Complete Interview at UNMC upon invitation
Step 3: Complete PharmCAS Academic Update
Step 4: Admissions Decision and Requirements

Step 1 - PharmCAS Application:
Submit an online application through PharmCAS (www.PharmCAS.org). Detailed instructions are available on the PharmCAS site for submission of your application, transcripts, recommendation letters and PCAT scores. All requested materials should be submitted directly to PharmCAS. Please note that PharmCAS requires several weeks for verification purposes before an application is forwarded to individual colleges of pharmacy. Log in to your PharmCAS account regularly to verify all materials were received. Without a verified PharmCAS application, PharmCAS will not release your file to UNMC and you cannot be considered for admission to our program.

Three (3) Letters of Recommendation (Evaluations) are required:

- Two (2) must come from faculty in math or science
- The third may also come from another faculty member or it may come from a non-academic reference, such as an employer. A pharmacist is an excellent choice.

The Pharmacy College Admissions Test (PCAT) is preferred but not required:

- See http://pcatweb.info/ for test dates
- July test dates are highly recommended
- We accept scores taken between 2017-2020
- Exams in early 2021 would not be received prior to our deadline

Step 2 - Interview:
When your application is complete, your file will be evaluated by the UNMC College of Pharmacy Admissions Committee. An on-site personal interview is required to enable us to further assess your communication skills. Only competitive applicants are invited for interview. We begin scheduling interviews as early as October and continue offering interviews on a regular basis until the class is full. Candidates will be notified as early as possible of potential interview dates and will be invited to tour the UNMC campus in addition to meeting and interacting with College of Pharmacy faculty and students.

Step 3 - PharmCAS Academic Update:
After initial submission of your PharmCAS application, you may need to update your college course history to reflect newly completed or planned / in-progress courses. You can update your courses online after the fall semester using the PharmCAS "Academic Update" window. The Academic Update window will open in mid-December, following the completion of the fall term, and close in mid-February. For verification of these updates, it is important to arrange for your official Fall transcripts to be sent directly to PharmCAS as soon as they are available.

Step 4 - Admission Decision and Requirements:
The Admissions Committee works to make and communicate admissions decisions as soon as possible after your interview. Students will be notified of their admission decision via email. All admitted students will be 'conditionally admitted' until they have met several requirements (Background Check, Final Transcript Submission, etc). Students offered admission will be required to submit a non-refundable deposit of $500 to hold their seat in our program ($200 at time of acceptance and additional $300 by March 1st). This deposit will be credited toward the student's first semester tuition.