

3+4 Dual Degree with CUW

Concordia University Wisconsin's School of Pharmacy has partnered with UW-Milwaukee College of Letters and Science to offer a 3+4 dual degree program. In the 3+4 dual degree program, students spend three years at UW-Milwaukee taking classes towards a bachelor's degree, while fulfilling the pre-pharmacy course requirements for CUW's Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) program. Upon admission into the PharmD program, UW-Milwaukee students begin the four-year PharmD program at CUW and use courses taken during the student's first two years in the PharmD program (P1/P2) to fulfill bachelor's degree requirements at UW-Milwaukee, using a "reverse transfer" model. Students earn a Bachelor's Degree in Biological Sciences from UW-Milwaukee College of Letters and Science and a PharmD degree from CUW in a total of seven years.

CUW Pre-Pharmacy Course Requirements

The pre-pharmacy requirements (***bolded in possible course sequence on next page***) must be completed before starting the PharmD program. Many applicants are completing the pre-pharmacy requirements during the application process. All pre-pharmacy requirements must be completed with a grade of C- or better. Advanced Placement (AP) courses taken in high school may be used to fulfill pre-pharmacy requirements, if credit is granted by UW-Milwaukee for an equivalent pre-pharmacy course. UW-Milwaukee students are encouraged to consult with their advisor in the College of Letters and Science to determine a plan that is compatible with the 3+4 dual degree program.

PharmD Application Process

Students on a 3+4 dual degree plan who are seeking admission into the PharmD program at CUW will apply for admission after the second year or during the third year of their undergraduate program. To be guaranteed an interview, 3+4 dual degree students will need to:

- Submit the PharmCAS application by June 1 the year they plan to enroll in the PharmD program
- Maintain a 2.75 cumulative GPA and a C- or better in all pre-pharmacy courses (***students must have a "C" or better in BIO 150 & 152 and maintain at least a 2.5 GPA average in all courses counting in the Biological Sciences major taken at both UW-Milwaukee and CUW***)
- Take the PCAT and achieve a minimum composite score of 35

3+4 Dual Degree Benefits to Students

UW-Milwaukee College of Letters and Science students who pursue the 3+4 dual degree program will benefit from:

- A course equivalency guide that provides an easy navigation of pre-pharmacy coursework that can be completed at UW-Milwaukee
- An admission counselor at Concordia University who will work with UW-Milwaukee students to ensure they are competitive through the admission process
- Early consideration for admission through the Early Decision admission option
- Preferred enrollment with an admission decision by October, if applying Early Decision
- No deposit required, if offered admission through Early Decision

How Does It Work?

1. Students who wish to pursue the dual degree will declare this pathway with the UW-Milwaukee Pre-Pharmacy Advisor who will then notify CUW, connecting the student with the School of Pharmacy's admission counselor.
2. In the summer after the 2nd year, or during the 3rd year, UW-Milwaukee students would apply to CUW's School of Pharmacy PharmD program.
3. After successfully completing the requirements at UWM and P1 and P2 year in the PharmD program at CUW, students will receive a Bachelor's of Science in Biological Sciences from UW-Milwaukee and continue through the PharmD curriculum at CUW to earn their PharmD.
4. To get the Bachelor's degree posted at UW-Milwaukee, students must send their official CUW transcripts to the UW-Milwaukee Pre-Pharmacy Advisor as well as connect with the Graduation Processing Staff (part of the Registrar's Office) to complete a graduation application and pay the graduation fee.
5. UW-Milwaukee has additional degree options available if a student does not matriculate to CUW or does not successfully complete the first two years of PharmD curriculum at CUW.

*Possible UW-Milwaukee Course Sequence	
Semester 1	Semester 2
CHEM 102 – 5 CREDITS BIO SCI 150 – 4 CREDITS MATH 115 – 4 CREDITS ENGLISH 101 – 3 CREDITS	CHEM 104 – 5 CREDITS BIO SCI 152 – 4 CREDITS MATH 213 OR 231 OR 211 – 4 CREDITS ENGLISH 102 – 3 CREDITS
Total credits: 16	Total credits: 16
Semester 3	Semester 4
CHEM 343 – 3 CREDITS BIO SCI 325 – 4 CREDITS MTHSTAT 215 OR BIO 465 – 3 CREDITS ECON 103 OR 104 – 3 CREDITS OWCB/HU– 3 CREDITS	CHEM 344 – 2 CREDITS CHEM 345 – 3 CREDITS COMM 101 OR 103 – 3 CREDITS BIO 315 – 3 CREDITS GER ARTS – 3 CREDITS L&S NS 111 – 1 CREDIT (optional)
Total credits: 16	Total credits: 15
Semester 5	Semester 6
PHYSICS 120 – 4 CREDITS BIO 383 – 4 CREDITS HU/CD – 3 CREDITS SOC SCI/INT'L – 3 CREDITS BIO 316 – 2 CREDITS	PHYSICS 122 – 4 CREDITS PHYSICS 121/123 – 1 CREDIT HU/INT'L – 3 CREDITS HU/INT'L – 3 CREDITS SOC SCI – 3 CREDITS BIO 670 OR BIO 699 RESEARCH – 1 CREDIT
Total credits: 16	Total credits: 15
Minimum UW-Milwaukee credits = 90 (plan currently has 94 credits)	
Concordia Credits: 32	
Total credits for a Bachelor's Degree in Biological Sciences: 122	
<i>*Actual course sequences may vary depending on course placement and/or waivers based on standardized test scores, earned alternative credit and/or college transfer credit.</i>	

Questions?

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