

SCHOOL OF PHARMACY

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Overview

The School of Pharmacy offers a Bachelor of Science in Pharmaceutical Sciences (B.S.P.S.) and a Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.) degree. The B.S.P.S. degree is not a practice degree, nor does it entitle one to sit for licensure examination. This degree provides the academic preparation for admission into the Doctor of Pharmacy program (practice track), a graduate degree program in the biomedical or pharmaceutical sciences (nonpractice tracks), a professional school, e.g., medicine or law, or a pharmaceutical science or pharmacy-related career path. The B.S.P.S. degree consists of a minimum of two years of pre-professional (pre-pharmacy) course work and two years of professional courses. The practice track of the B.S.P.S. degree must be completed before entry to the Pharm.D. program. The final two years of the practice track comprise the initial two years of the Doctor of Pharmacy degree. The school also offers a Master of Science (M.S.) degree and Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) degree in pharmaceutical sciences, with emphases in environmental toxicology, medicinal chemistry, pharmaceutics, pharmacognosy, pharmacology, and pharmacy administration.

History/Mission/Purpose

Vision - The University of Mississippi School of Pharmacy will be internationally recognized for leadership and innovation in education, research, professional service, and delivery of patient-centered pharmacy services, to include various models of medication therapy management services that optimize therapeutic outcomes through improved medication use. We will be pacesetters in student-centered pharmacy education and will continuously seek to improve our educational outcomes. Our primary commitment will be to our students and postgraduate trainees to whom we will provide highest quality education and training that fosters lifelong learning. We will continuously assess and refine our curricula to ensure excellence and currency. We will conduct world-class research, disseminate our findings in first-rate, peer-reviewed journals, and serve as a vital resource to research scientists and health-care practitioners. We will continue to pursue funding that will enhance our infrastructure and make our research programs even more competitive. We will contribute to enhanced clinical, economic, and humanistic outcomes through advancement of leading-edge, patient-centered pharmacy services in urban and rural settings including underserved areas. Through all our missions, we will work to stimulate the economy of Mississippi. We will be efficient and highly productive, and our work will be performed in an environment characterized by civility, cooperation, diversity, mentoring, nurturing, professionalism, collegiality, and accountability. The Joint Commission of Pharmacy Practitioners produced the Future Vision of Pharmacy Practice document containing directives for the profession to achieve by 2015. The school endorses the document and will work to ensure the preferred future of pharmacy is achieved.

Comprehensive Mission Statement - The School of Pharmacy's commitment to excellence results from the synergistic combination of: talented and dedicated people (our faculty, staff, students, postdoctoral trainees, alumni, supporters, Mississippi's pharmacy practitioners, and a variety of decision makers); focused educational programs and scholarly endeavors; a recognition and promotion of the value of individual differences; and a clearly articulated vision and mission. The mission of the School of Pharmacy is to improve the health, well-being, and quality of life of our state citizens as well as those of the nation and the world:

- By educating pharmacy practitioners, pharmaceutical scientists, and other health professionals via a variety of degree programs including the Bachelor of Science in Pharmaceutical Sciences (B.S.P.S.), Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.), Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in pharmaceutical sciences, and Master of Science (M.S.) in pharmaceutical sciences with emphases in medicinal chemistry, pharmaceutics, pharmacognosy, pharmacology, pharmacy administration, and environmental toxicology, and by facilitating the establishment of postgraduate residencies and fellowships;
- By advancing patient-centered pharmacy services through providing pharmacy practitioners with professional development opportunities and conducting practice-based research; and
- By creating and maintaining an environment that promotes the generation and dissemination of new biomedical knowledge through collaborative and multidisciplinary research and scholarly activity;
- By providing service to pharmacy, other health professions and scientific disciplines, and citizens of Mississippi, the nation, and the world.

Accreditation

Accreditation information is included in the description of the Pharm.D. program.

Other Information

For a more detailed description of School of Pharmacy programs and information, visit www.pharmacy.olemiss.edu.

