I. Overview of Criteria for Admission

The application period for PharmCAS begins on July 12, 2016 and application extensions are available, upon request, until June 1st, 2017. A supplemental application and $50 non-refundable supplemental application fee is required. The supplemental application is located under Step 3. Contact COPadmissions@cnsu.edu for assistance if you are unable to access the form.

The minimum cumulative GPA required for admission is 2.6 on a 4.0 scale. A 2.6 science GPA is recommended.

The prerequisite course requirements for admission are constructed to ensure applicants have the primary academic background necessary to undertake a rigorous professional curriculum, as well as adequate exposure to a broad range of academic coursework. The prerequisite courses are listed in this section under (Section II). All prerequisite courses must be completed with a grade of C- or higher. The college reserves the right of final decision with regard to acceptable coursework and alternatives. Science and mathematics prerequisite courses must be designed for science majors. Courses requiring a lab and public speaking may not be taken online or through distance learning. All other prerequisites may be taken online with the approval of the Admissions Office. Science courses more than 9 years old must be retaken. Exceptions to this mandate include subsequent advanced coursework in the same discipline/area or application of the knowledge in an academic or work environment. All course prerequisites and other conditions for attendance must be completed no later than the day before the start of Orientation, which is held in Mid-August of each year.

Prospective students are strongly encouraged to carry full course loads (15 units per semester) during undergraduate study.

Advanced placement credit is accepted, as long as such credit appears on the undergraduate transcript and indicates either specific subject credit (e.g. Physics - 4 units) or specific course credit (e.g. Physics 101 - 4 units). General advanced placement credit without such specifications is not accepted. The AP credit score must be a 4 or higher. Applicants may order AP scores and have them directly mailed to the College of Pharmacy by using college code: 7306.

Candidates are required to review the Professional & Technical Standards of the Doctor of Pharmacy Program to insure they meet the stated professional and technical criteria. This must be completed prior to applying to the program. The Professional & Technical Standards are located in Section III.

The PCAT is not required but preferred.

Two letters of recommendation are required: (1) from a science professor and (1) preferably from a health care professional. If you have not worked with, volunteered for, or shadowed with a health care provider, we will accept a letter from an employer or supervisor. Letters of recommendation are sent directly to PharmCAS.