

PharmD to MD

Pathway

CNU College of Pharmacy students will be evaluated on the items below at the end of the spring term of the year prior to matriculation at the College of Medicine (i.e. *the end of the second year of the pharmacy program*):

1		College of Pharmacy GPA	Must earn a cumulative GPA of at least a 3.5 in the PharmD program by the spring term of the second year; must maintain that GPA until graduation
2		Baseline Exam	Must pass the NAPLEX exam
3		Optional Exam	An MCAT score of 511 or higher may strengthen your application but does not guarantee preference or admission
4		PharmD Curriculum	Complete all required coursework and research in COP PharmD program; maintain full-time status in the PharmD program
5		Professionalism	Maintain good academic and professional standing at all times
6		COM Prerequisites	Complete all coursework required for COM admission (See https://medicine.cnsu.edu/admissions/requirements.php)
7		Technical standards	Meet COM's technical standard (See https://medicine.cnsu.edu/admissions/requirements.php)
8		Licensure	Meet California requirements for professional licensure for PharmD and MD
9		Citizenship	Be a US citizen or have permanent resident status
10		COM Prerequisites	Complete the PharmD degree and pass the NAPLEX prior to start of the MD program



The College of Medicine and College of Pharmacy will screen the applicant's eligibility for AMCAS application. The CNUCOM Office of Admissions will invite the selected qualified candidates for AMCAS application and interview.



The conditional admissions decision will be made by the CNUCOM Admissions Committee. Applicants will be notified in the spring semester of the final year of the PharmD program.



Students must complete the PharmD degree and pass the NAPLEX prior to beginning the MD program.

PHARMD TO MD PATHWAY REQUIREMENTS:

 1 Students conditionally admitted into the College of Medicine must continue to maintain strong academic performance in the College of Pharmacy, as defined by a cumulative GPA of at least 3.5.	 7 Provide a personal statement emphasizing motivation, compassion, resilience, and service orientation.
 2 Failure to maintain at least a 3.5 in the pharmacy program or any professionalism issue(s) that arise(s) during the remaining duration of the PharmD program will result in a revocation of the MD pathway offer.	 8 Recommendation letters from science professors, faculty advisors, and ideally physicians or research mentors (highlight intellectual curiosity, responsibility, and emotional maturity)
 3 Failure to provide evidence of passing the NAPLEX or MCAT score of 511 or higher one week prior to the start of orientation for the MD program	 9 Understanding of healthcare industry and challenges
 4 Maintain strong academic rigor (B or above for all the biomedical foundations, immunology, pharmaceuticals, pharmacology and therapeutics courses)	 10 Clear long-term commitment to becoming a physician
 5 Class rank (top 5–10% of graduating class)	
 6 Clinical experience (Earn a B or above for all clinical rotations in addition to the community clinical services and research in biomedical sciences).	