

Pharm.D. Form II Final Degree Paperwork Report on Final Examination for the Pharm.D. Degree

Policy Information PharmD

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The Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.)

The Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.) is a professional degree leading to pharmacist careers in inpatient and outpatient health care settings, managed care, community pharmacies, academia, research, or government.

The UCI Pharm.D. is a four-year program that will prepare graduates to be practice-ready pharmacists who are problem solvers, independent lifelong learners, team players, and leaders who will drive transformative changes in the healthcare system. The curriculum will be taught by faculty from the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences and Department of Clinical Pharmacy Practice and delivered using innovative instructional methods and applying evidenced based practices.

The program of study emphasizes preventive and integrative health care, using innovative and evidence-based instructional methods. The curriculum includes didactic and experiential content areas that span across four categories of sciences: biomedical sciences, pharmaceutical sciences, social/administrative/behavioral sciences, and clinical sciences. Student's complete internships and practicum training throughout the program.

Beyond the required coursework, pharmacy students are required to participate in co-curricular activities such as community service, societies/clubs, and/or student chapters of professional organizations. Students are formally evaluated on these activities, which must be approved in advance by a faculty advisor or committee and have supervision.

Additionally, students are required to complete self-directed learning throughout the program, i.e., students follow their interests, or as part of a guided course experience, to develop independent learning opportunities. Examples include group activities such as a journal club, or faculty-guided activities such as a research project.

There is a formal cumulative assessment at the end of each year. At the end of year four, the Doctor of Pharmacy epilogue PHMD 290 is the final course, which represents a cumulative assessment of the entire program.

Normative time to complete the requirements of the Pharm.D. degree is four years. Students enter and work through the program as a cohort. Those on approved leave of absence are expected to return at the same level and must continue making normal progress upon their return. Maximum time to degree is six years.

Residency Requirements

In accordance with University of California policy, a minimum of six quarters in academic residence is required prior to awarding the Doctorate. Typically, a longer period of study, four to six years, is required for completion of all degree requirements. It is the responsibility of the academic unit to inform the student upon admission to

the program of the expected degree time. If a student does not meet the departmental expected degree time, not including the first three Academic Leave of Absence quarters, a letter is sent to the student and to the department requiring that the student contact their Faculty Advisor and set a completion date.