

# Dual Degree: Doctor of Pharmacy & Master of Business Administration



**SHENANDOAH**<sup>®</sup>  
UNIVERSITY

Bernard J. Dunn School of Pharmacy

A full-time, four-year professional dual degree program (Credits: PharmD: 149, MBA: 36)

## PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Shenandoah University offers a Master of Business Administration for students in the Doctor of Pharmacy Program interested in positions of management and leadership that require skills in both patient care and management. The dual Doctor of Pharmacy/Master of Business Administration (PharmD/MBA) program educates students to assume responsibilities as managers, administrators, consultants, and executives in health care systems designed to provide health care to customers.

You will earn both graduate degrees simultaneously within four years with course substitutions for electives between both programs. Classes emphasize practical, hands-on applications that make your MBA work in any healthcare career path you choose. All MBA courses are completed before your third Spring term, and a discounted tuition scholarship is applied to all MBA courses in Summer terms.

## APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Students interested in applying to the dual degree Pharm.D./MBA program must be current, full-time students in good academic and professional standing in the Bernard J. Dunn School of Pharmacy pursuing the Pharm.D. degree with a preferable grade point average of at least 3.0.
- Possession of an undergraduate degree from a regionally/nationally accredited college or university, preferably with a GPA of at least 3.0.
- Graduate Application for Admission for the MBA program. (GMAT/GRE not required)
- Two letters of reference: One will be written by the pharmacy faculty advisor for Pharm.D./MBA students; the other should be written by a faculty member or administrator from the School of Pharmacy or other college/university previously attended.
- A one-page letter of intent discussing how the MBA will complement your Pharm.D. and how it will enhance your pharmacy career goals.
- Curriculum vitae
- Completion of all required MBA foundation courses prior to starting core courses

## THE BERNARD J. DUNN SCHOOL OF PHARMACY

The Bernard J. Dunn School of Pharmacy was created in 1995 to respond to the growing need for pharmacists in the healthcare system. Shenandoah University responded to this need for additional pharmacists in a unique way. Combining new ideas in pharmacy education with the use of information technology, it created a new educational model that is even more relevant today.

## ADMISSION & APPLICATION

### Start Term

MBA: Summer (May)  
Pharm.D: Fall (August)

### Admission Deadline

March 1st

Students interested in enrolling in the dual Pharm.D./MBA must be admitted and successfully complete one term in the Pharm.D. program prior to submitting an application to the MBA program.

### Format/Location

MBA: Online  
Pharm.D.: Winchester, VA in-person or Hybrid

### Contact Us

#### PharmD

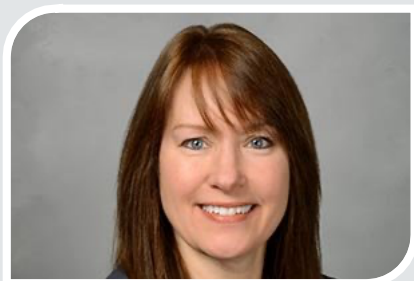
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## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### What are my options in satisfying the foundation course requirements?

Taking all of the foundation courses at Shenandoah University, where all courses are offered in the Summer term between P1 and P2 year.

Taking the equivalent undergraduate accounting, analytics, economics, and finance courses at a community college and the marketing course at a four-year college or university.

Please note: Your intentions must be discussed with the School of Pharmacy PharmD/MBA Faculty Advisor during the application process and approval must be granted by the School of Business prior to taking any external foundation courses.

### Do I get a tuition break while pursuing the MBA degree?

Yes! Your only extra out-of-pocket expense occurs during the Summer terms of the program. You will be responsible for the tuition cost associated with 12 of the 36 credit hours of core MBA courses and any required foundation courses. The remaining courses are included in your PharmD program tuition.

The MBA tuition will be discounted approximately 20 percent for students who participate in this program. Additionally, you are eligible to apply for a Graduate Plus Loan to cover both foundation and core MBA courses taken during Summer terms.

### Do I get a break in the total credit hours required for each program?

Yes! 2 MBA core courses substitute for 3 PharmD electives (9 credits), 2 PharmD courses, and 2 P4 PharmD/MBA Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experiences (APPE) substitute for 4 MBA electives (12 credits).

| Course  | Title   | Credits                                      |
|---|---|--|
| <b>P1-P2 Summer: (MBA foundation courses taken before core modules)</b> |   |  |
| ACCT 501  | Foundations of Accounting                                   | 3  |
| FIN 502   | Foundations of Finance                                      | 1.5  |
| ECN 501   | Foundations of Economics                                    | 3  |
| MKT 502   | Foundations of Marketing                                    | 1.5  |
| QM 502  | Business Statistics   | 1.5 (waived if taken as PharmD prerequisite) |
| QM 504  | Business Analytics  | 1.5  |
| <b>P2 Spring:</b>   |   |  |
| MBA Module 2  | Leading People & Organizations                              | 6  |
| <b>P2 Summer:</b>   |   |  |
| MBA Module 3  | Creating Value for Business & Society                       | 6  |
| MBA Module 4  | Exploring International Opportunities                       | 6  |
| <b>P3 Fall:</b>   |   |  |
| PHAR 736  | Pharmacy Administration I                                   | 2  |
| MBA Module 1  | Making Decisions with Data                                  | 6  |
| <b>P3 Spring:</b>   |   |  |
| PHAR 737  | Pharmacy Administration II                                  | 3  |
| <b>P3 Summer-P4 Spring:</b>   |   |  |
| PHAR 81_  | 2 Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experiences-MBA/Administration | 10   |

**NOTE: MBA courses are taken in addition to PHAR courses in Fall & Spring**