



More than Medicine
DOCTOR OF PHARMACY PROGRAM

WESTERN NEW ENGLAND UNIVERSITY | **WNE**
COLLEGE of PHARMACY *and* HEALTH SCIENCES





THE TOP 5 REASONS TO CHOOSE WESTERN NEW ENGLAND UNIVERSITY

1. Innovative Programs

Established in 2011, the PharmD program offers you an innovative, student-center curriculum that will prepare you to lead and serve in community or clinical settings or as a consultant or pharmacist in the pharmaceutical industry.

2. Variety in Fieldwork and Experiential Learning Placements

As the only PharmD program in western Massachusetts, our learners have access to 210 sites in a wide variety of placement settings for IPPEs and APPEs under the guidance of 680 preceptor experts.

3. Personalized Attention Via a 8:1 Student-to-Faculty Ratio

Our learners excel through personalized attention from a stellar faculty composed of compassionate practitioners, learned scholars, and caring mentors in class cohorts capped at 75 students.

4. Dual Degree Opportunities to Double Your Impact

You can prepare for leadership roles in a wide range of practice areas by simultaneously earning your PharmD/MBA or PharmD/MS in Organizational Leadership degree from our AACSB International-accredited College of Business.

5. A Learning Environment Where You Can Excel

Attracting learners from across the US and 17 countries, the accredited PharmD program offers a supportive learning community with an active and engaged student body taught in the \$40 million Center for the Sciences and Pharmacy.

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A Student-centered, Caring Education

Western New England University offers a personal pharmacy education for students who will go on to work in one of America's most trusted professions in healthcare. Our professional program integrates science, communication, ethics, management, and practical learning in the four-year curriculum.

Your first three semesters provide you with the foundational skills and knowledge in the fields of biomedical, pharmaceutical, social, behavioral, clinical, and administrative sciences; ethics and law; and patient care and pharmacy practice.

In semesters four through six, you build upon this educational base during your Integrated Pharmacy Care and Patient Management (IPC&PM) course series that combines social, behavioral, and administrative science; pathophysiology; medicinal chemistry; pharmacology; and pharmacotherapeutics. The series is team-taught so that the connectedness of the sciences becomes evident to you. The IPC&PM course series also includes applied laboratories where you will apply knowledge from didactic coursework in small group, case-based discussions using problem-based learning strategies and incrementally moving you towards independence.

During your first three years, you will begin your experiential learning by conducting four Introductory Pharmacy Practice Experiences (IPPE) at community and institutional pharmacy settings. The IPPEs allow you to apply the knowledge and skills learned in the classroom and lab to a professional setting.

All of this coursework culminates with your final year Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experiences (APPE). You will complete six 6-week rotations, four of which are required (acute care, community care, institutional practice, and ambulatory care) and two of which are elective.

The APPE is the final preparation to becoming an independent practitioner. These rotations allow you to directly experience your future roles in various practice settings, under the guidance of an assigned preceptor. You may also pursue your own interests during elective rotations and have the opportunity to investigate different practice capacities.



Shannon Kinney
Associate Professor of Pharmacology
2019 Pharmacy Professor of the Year

UNLIMITED CAREER PATHS



**Dr. Brian Joyce,
a preceptor at Baystate
Franklin Medical Center**

Pharmacists work in all types of practice settings, including hospitals, retail and commercial settings, and in long-term care facilities such as nursing homes. The quality education you will receive at Western New England University will prepare you to become a patient-centered leader in the field, an attribute that will differentiate you from other jobseekers and impress potential employers. Our cross-disciplinary approach ensures you will be trained in the theoretical and practical aspect of pharmacy and also be a well-rounded healthcare professional, able to effectively dispense medicine, knowledge, and advice to patients.

Practical Learning Spotlight

The Western New England University Doctor of Pharmacy program offers students numerous opportunities to apply what is learned in the classroom to the professional setting. Western New England University has teamed with regional supermarket chain Big Y Foods Inc.'s Consultation and Wellness Center to create the first pharmacist-run wellness center in the Pioneer Valley region. Under the supervision of a faculty member, students participating in this program offer a variety of services to patients in the community, including medication management, personalized education sessions, blood pressure monitoring, and disease state management.

Unlike other clerkship sites, this center provides the unique opportunity for direct patient care with continuity to improve patient outcomes in a community setting. Students follow the progress of the patients who they have educated and the students develop relationships with these patients.

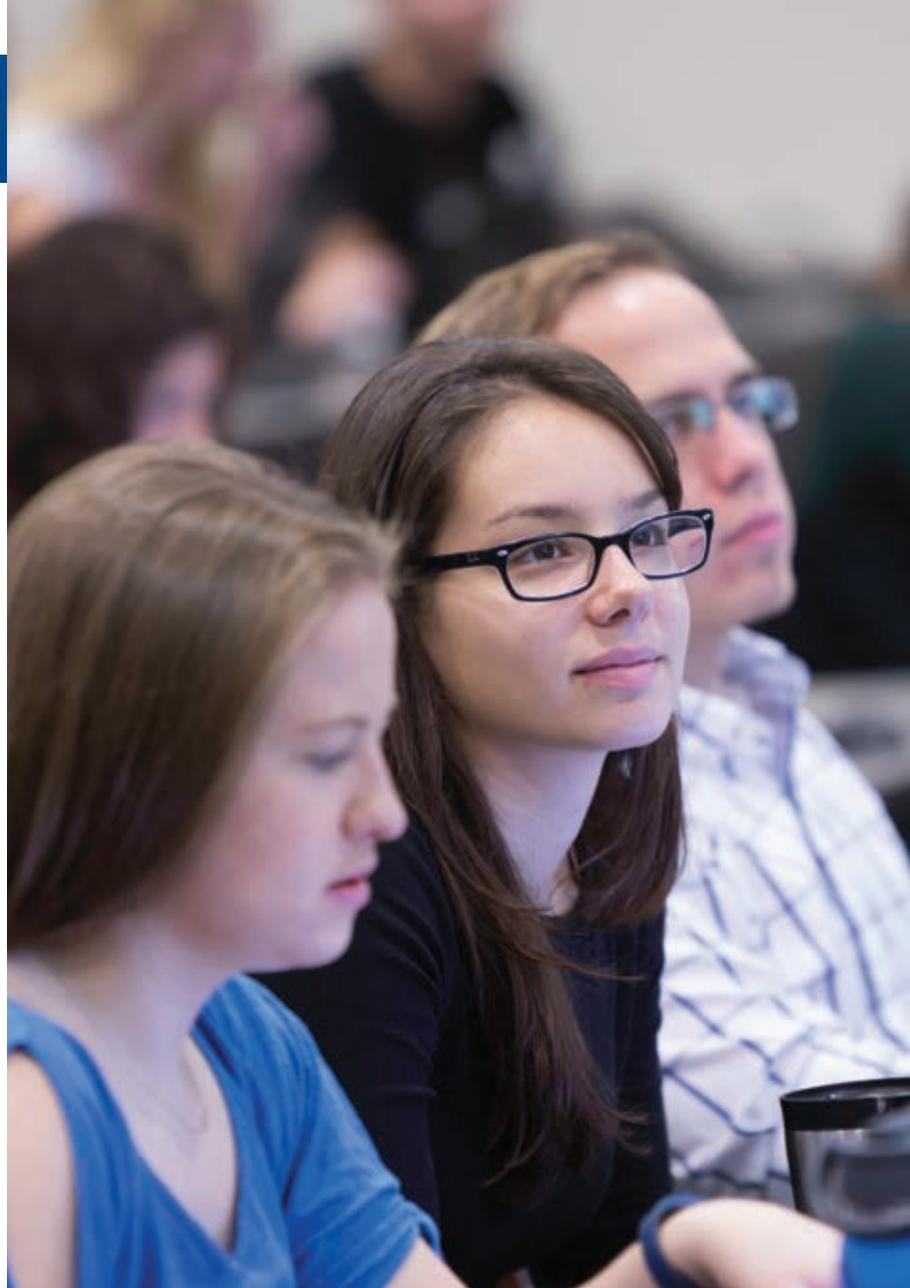
PharmD/MBA and PharmD/MS in Organizational Leadership Dual Degree Programs

Learn the management skills necessary to advance into a pharmacy leadership position by combining your PharmD with an MBA. Offered collaboratively between the Doctor of Pharmacy program and the AACSB International-accredited College of Business, this program teaches you the management principles needed to run a successful pharmacy in any professional setting.

From retail management to executive positions in hospitals or pharmaceutical companies, people with PharmD degrees often step into leadership positions. In collaboration with the College of Business, you can enroll in the combined PharmD/MS in Organizational Leadership program to prepare for such opportunities. From ethics to organizational behavior theory, you'll discover the best practices to lead an organization to success.

Graduates of the combined degree programs will receive two separate degrees, one in business and one in pharmacy. Pursuing both degrees will allow students to take advantage of cross credits.

Candidates for the PharmD/MBA or PharmD/MS in Organizational Leadership programs apply for admission after the completion of their first semester of the PharmD program. Applicants who have not satisfied the business prerequisites will need to do so prior to enrolling in the program. Visit wne.edu/business for details.



FACILITIES



Lecture halls in the CSP seat a maximum of 80 learners and are only five rows deep, ensuring interactivity with professors.

A cornerstone of the \$40 million Center for the Sciences and Pharmacy, the Pharmacy program facilities include laboratories, a model pharmacy, simulation lab, 80-seat classrooms, study spaces, and faculty offices.

The Center for the Sciences and Pharmacy

Western New England University has demonstrated its commitment to the College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences with the construction of the 126,000 square-foot, \$40 million Center for the Sciences and Pharmacy which opened in 2011. Our facility features modern laboratories, classrooms, and a demonstration pharmacy. You will hone your skills in a multipurpose laboratory with dispensing area, IV preparation laboratory, simulation mannequin laboratory, seminar classrooms, and a 40-person classroom with observation window. Learning in these leading-edge facilities will make you ready to be a contributing member at your clinical sites and in the profession.

The Center for the Sciences and Pharmacy is fully wireless. All students receive laptops preloaded with all necessary software and access to 14 databases to assure online access to electronic resources. Students also receive complimentary technical support from the University's Office of Information Technology.

The Pioneer Valley

Our beautiful 215-acre campus is located in a residential neighborhood of Springfield, MA, with easy access to major highways, malls, supermarkets, restaurants, nightlife, and cultural activities. Western New England University is situated at the intersection of Interstate 90 (the Massachusetts Turnpike) and Interstate 91, which makes it an excellent starting point for job prospecting in New York City, Boston, Hartford, Providence, and Albany, or for recreational trips to the Berkshires, Cape Cod, and Vermont. The city is served by Amtrak, Bradley International Airport, and frequent bus service.





Living Options

Students in our program enjoy the option of living on campus during all four years of the Professional program. They enjoy the new Dining Commons, which includes two stories of residential dining options, Starbucks® Café, Firehouse Subs®, a grille, sushi bar, and plenty of grab 'n go options.

For students who choose to live off campus, the Pioneer Valley offers a wide variety of affordable housing choices. Rental opportunities range from apartment complexes in downtown Springfield; Victorian homes in the city's residential neighborhoods; garden apartments in adjoining suburbs; small houses in rural areas; and apartments in Northampton, the area's eclectic and hip college town. Rentals in the Springfield area generally range from \$500 to \$900 per month.

Cultivating Professionalism

In its accreditation review of the PharmD program, the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE) acknowledged as a particular strength cocurricular opportunities for student professional development in concert with the curriculum. It also noted that the PharmD program places great emphasis on the importance of professionalism both within the curriculum and in cocurricular/ extracurricular activities.



MEET SOME OF OUR FACULTY



The College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences faculty is composed of professionals who will guide you step-by-step through your education.

From the professors who energize lectures with anecdotes from their years of experience in the field to the clinical faculty who supervise you at your practice sites, you will constantly be surrounded by positive role models to emulate.

Compassionate practitioners.

Dr. Jilla Sabeti

**Associate Professor of Pharmacology
PhD in Pharmacology, University of Colorado
Health Sciences Center**

Dr. Jilla Sabeti considers the pharmacy field to be a defining factor in modern healthcare. “We are witnessing an era of major scientific advances that are leading to new medications and products,” she says. “All these factors increase the need for pharmacists to shape and improve the future of healthcare.”

As associate professor of pharmacology, Dr. Sabeti teaches topics in psychiatry and neurology, and also conducts research on the biological effects of alcohol and drug use on health and behavior. She champions a holistic approach to education and learning; for example, integrative pharmacy modules are taught with a team of clinical faculty with each contributing unique capacities and areas of specialization to provide richer opportunities for learning.

“What is attractive about the College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences is its commitment to not only prepare our pharmacy graduates for success in their profession but to also give them the confidence to serve as agents of change in their own lives and community. The culture here is one that emphasizes service, duty, altruism, humanism, excellence—best summed up in a single word professionalism, which I would say is one of the great defining attributes of our College.”

Caring mentors. Learned scholars.

Dr. Kam Capoccia

Clinical Professor of Pharmacy Practice, Community Care PharmD, University of Colorado Health Sciences Center

With 20 years in the field as a practicing pharmacist and experience as a faculty member at the University of Washington School of Pharmacy, Dr. Kam Capoccia is an ideal mentor to teach students the foundational elements of the profession of pharmacy.

In her role as clinical associate professor of Pharmacy Practice for Community Care, Dr. Capoccia supervises students at the Western New England University and Big Y Foods, Inc. Consultation and Wellness Center, introducing them to the changing pharmacy world firsthand.

“Historically, community pharmacy practice meant that a pharmacist was behind the counter dispensing medications to a customer,” explained Dr. Capoccia. “The role of the pharmacist today is evolving into a patient-centered practice that involves educating the public, providing immunizations, managing chronic disease states, and collaborating with physicians while remaining an active member of the community.”

“The Doctor of Pharmacy program is fundamentally unique in that it is founded on the principles of a learner-centered program that emphasizes professionalism, leadership, advocacy, and community service. The faculty are indisputably focused on the needs of the students, developing the best curriculum to assist students in becoming astute pharmacy practitioners for today and tomorrow.”

For a full listing of our faculty, visit wne.edu/pharmacy.

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ADMISSIONS INFORMATION



Students applying for admission to the Doctor of Pharmacy program need to complete 67 credits of prerequisite coursework in a two- or four-year undergraduate program. Typical majors for students interested in pursuing a PharmD include Pre-pharmacy, Biology, Chemistry, and Health Sciences. For a full list of required courses, visit wne.edu/pharmacy.

To be considered for admission to the Doctor of Pharmacy program, an applicant must:

- Be eligible for admission to Western New England University
- Be able to complete all pre-pharmacy course requirements with a grade of “C-” or better at an accredited college or university before matriculation into the pharmacy program
- Complete an application via the Pharmacy College Application Service (PharmCAS)
- Submit a minimum of two letters of recommendation (via PharmCAS)
 - One must be from a teacher/professor
 - A letter from a healthcare practitioner (preferably a pharmacist) is preferred
 - Up to two additional recommendations may be provided by individuals who can attest to an applicant’s abilities and potential to succeed in a college of pharmacy
- English language testing (TOEFL or IELTS) is required for all applicants who are nonnative English speakers who have resided in a country, where English is the primary language, for less than 10 years, UNLESS the applicant has earned or is degree pending (will have earned by anticipated matriculation date) a bachelor’s degree or graduate degree following three or more years of campus-based post-secondary instruction in the United States.

Applicants to the PharmD program are encouraged to take the Pharmacy College Admissions Test (PCAT).

Deadline to apply is March 1

Visit wne.edu/phs for details on open house dates and how to apply.

Visit wne.edu/pharmacy to learn more about tuition and financial aid.

Information that will be considered when selecting applicants for an in-person interview with the Doctor of Pharmacy program includes GPA for required pre-pharmacy courses; PCAT composite score and subtest scores; letters of recommendation; and other considerations relevant to the mission, vision, and values for the College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences (including service, advocacy, and leadership). A GPA of 3.00 in the required pre-pharmacy courses is preferred for admission.

Western New England University Quick Facts

- Colleges of Arts and Sciences, Business, Engineering, Pharmacy and Health Sciences, and a School of Law
- Graduate programs in business, communication, education, and English; a School of Law; and master's and doctoral programs in behavior analysis, engineering, and occupational therapy
- 25 major buildings on campus and numerous athletic and recreational fields
- 215-acre suburban campus
- 3,800 total students from 36 states and 30 countries
- More than 47,300 alumni who reside in all 50 states and 39 countries



Western New England University College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences Doctor of Pharmacy program is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education, 190 South LaSalle Street, Suite 2850, Chicago, IL 60603, 312-664-3575; FAX 866-228-2631, web site www.acpe-accredit.org.

For an explanation of the ACPE accreditation process, consult the office of the Dean (413-796-2300) or ACPE (190 South LaSalle Street, Suite 2850, Chicago, IL 60603, 312-664-3575; FAX 866-228-2631, web site www.acpe-accredit.org).

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Visiting the Campus

This publication cannot take the place of a personal visit. We invite you to join us on campus and meet with our faculty and administrators. You will have the opportunity to ask questions, tour our facilities, and get a sense of what makes us a special institution.

To learn more, visit wne.edu/phs.

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