Letter of Intent

Early Assurance PharmDirect – College

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UNT System College of Pharmacy
Admissions
3500 Camp Bowie Blvd.
SSC 170
Fort Worth, TX 76107

This letter of Intent is made on behalf of the UNT System College of Pharmacy (UNT SCP) and CANDIDATE’s NAME: ________________________________
PURPOSE OF THE LETTER OF INTENT (LOI)
The purpose of this Letter of Intent is to facilitate early admission of qualified prospective Pharm.D. candidates to the Pharm.D. program at UNT System College of Pharmacy.

BENEFIT
The student who meets the requirements and deadlines of the Early Assurance PharmDirect Program will receive provisional admission to the UNT System College of Pharmacy. Students will not compete against the traditional pool of candidates. Students accepted into the Early Assurance Program will not be required to take the PCAT.

NOTE: A student interested in enrolling in a Pharm.D./Dual Degree Program will be required to take the GRE or other entrance examination and hold a Bachelor’s Degree.

ADMISSIONS POLICY
The candidate who is interested in early admission to the UNT System College of Pharmacy must meet the following requirements:

- Intend to matriculate to the UNTSCP Doctor of Pharmacy program on a date beyond the immediate incoming class (one year prior)
- Seek academic advisement from counselor or academic advisor and provide proof of advisement
- Complete at least 30 hours of college credit with a minimum overall GPA of 3.3. These 30 hours must include Biology I, Biology II, Chemistry I, Chemistry II and Calculus
- Complete prerequisite courses with a minimum 3.5 GPA. See unthsc.edu/college-of-pharmacy/prerequisite-coursework/
- Maintain good academic and disciplinary standing in school
- Submit an essay describing motivation for pursuing a career in pharmacy including any relevant health care experience
- Provide a letter of recommendation from a teacher/instructor who served as a primary instructor in a high school or college math or science course
- Submit a Letter of Intent and any supplemental materials to the UNTSCP Admissions Office
- Complete the PharmDirect online application prior to the December 2nd deadline

GAINING PROMOTION TO THE DOCTOR OF PHARMACY PROGRAM
To gain promotion to the Doctor of Pharmacy program:

- Students will complete the prerequisite courses for admission to the UNTSCP Doctor of Pharmacy program.
  - Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), and College Level Examination Program (CLEP) credits will be accepted provided that they appear on the official transcript of the applicant’s primary school.
  - Courses completed in high school as part of a Dual Credit Program will be accepted provided they appear on the official transcript of the applicant’s primary school.
- Courses may be completed at an accredited community college, 4-year college, or university. Online course instruction from an accredited college or university is acceptable.

- The candidate who wishes to apply via the Early Assurance PharmDirect Program must apply for and successfully complete the Early Decision Admission interview process. This process occurs during the fall semester of the year prior to matriculation to the UNTSCP Doctor of Pharmacy program and means:
  - The accepted candidate cannot apply to other pharmacy schools and must apply to UNT System College of Pharmacy through the PharmCAS Early Decision Program (EDP).
  - The candidate who wishes to qualify for this program must submit both the primary (through PharmCAS, application vendor; www.pharmcas.org) and secondary applications to the UNT System College of Pharmacy by early decision deadline at the beginning of the fall semester of the year prior to matriculation into UNT System College of Pharmacy. Check the UNT System College of Pharmacy website for specific dates.
  - Students in the EAP will not be required to take the PCAT for admission.

UNTSCP Application Process (steps) are outlined on the UNTSCP website:
https://www.unthsc.edu/college-of-pharmacy/application-process/
(Per the LOI, please follow the Early Decision deadlines.)

**REQUIREMENTS FOR REMAINING IN THE UNTSCP EARLY ASSURANCE PHARMDIRECT PROGRAM**

To remain in the UNTSCP EAP, students must meet the following requirements:

- Maintain a minimum 3.3 cumulative GPA at an accredited community college, 4-year college, or university.
- Maintain a minimum 3.5 cumulative prerequisite courses GPA for admission to the UNTSCP Doctor of Pharmacy program.
- No grade below a “C” or equivalent in any of the prerequisite courses for admission to the UNTSCP Doctor of Pharmacy program.
- Remain in good academic and disciplinary standing at their primary school.
- Remain enrolled in an accredited community college, 4-year college, or university continuously until the prerequisite courses for admission to the UNTSCP Doctor of Pharmacy program have been completed.
- Provide a positive letter of recommendation from a healthcare professional that observed or supervised the student during a healthcare-related experience by September 1****st**** the year prior to matriculation.
- Provide updated transcripts at the end of each semester no later than 30 days.
following posting of transcripts at their primary school.

**TERMS**

Failure to maintain the minimum standards set out above for the EAP will lead to removal from the EAP. Students accepted into the EAP may withdraw their acceptance at any time prior to the Early Decision Admission deadline.

Students removed from the EAP are still encouraged to apply to UNTSCP through the Early Decision Admissions or Regular Admissions process.

**APPEALS**

Appeals regarding the EAP, either related to admissions into or removal from the program, will be submitted in writing to the Associate Dean within seven business days of receiving the decision related to admissions or removal. The appeal along with the recommendation of the Associate Dean will be provided to the Dean for final decision.
Letter of Intent Agreement

In an effort to enhance career mobility within the field of pharmacy, this early admissions agreement between the candidate and the UNT System College of Pharmacy is being implemented as a formal agreement maximizing career mobility for the exceptional candidate.

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Candidate’s printed name        Year of enrollment

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Candidate’s signature           Date signed

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S. Suresh Madhavan, MBA, PhD, FAPhA
Dean & Professor
UNT System College of Pharmacy

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Date signed