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CALENDAR

FIRST SEMESTER, 2007-2008

2007

August	7/30-8/3, <i>Mon-Fri.</i>	Orientation for first-year distance Doctor of Pharmacy students.
	13-14, <i>Mon-Fri.</i>	Orientation for first-year Doctor of Physical Therapy students.
	13-17, <i>Mon-Fri</i>	Orientation for first-year campus Doctor of Pharmacy and Doctor of Occupational Therapy students.
	14, <i>Tuesday</i>	Laptop exchange for third-year Doctor of Pharmacy students.
	15, <i>Wednesday</i>	Fall term begins in the School of Pharmacy and Health Professions for most classes and programs.*
	20, <i>Monday</i>	Fall term begins for all first-year Doctor of Pharmacy and Doctor of Occupational Therapy students.
	22, <i>Wednesday</i>	Classes begin for all students enrolled in courses taught by undergraduate colleges.
	22-28, <i>Wed.-Tue.</i> 28, <i>Tuesday</i>	Class schedule changes and late registration. Dean's Office. Last Day for class schedule changes and late registration.
September	3, <i>Monday</i>	Labor Day – no classes.
	7, <i>Friday</i>	School Picnic (classes from 11:30 a.m. and later are cancelled).
	12, <i>Wednesday</i> 20, <i>Thursday</i>	11:00 a.m. Mass of the Holy Spirit. Last day to change from credit to audit. Last day to apply for Pass/No Pass status.
October	11, <i>Thursday</i>	Last day for filing applications for degrees to be conferred at the end of the First Semester.
	13, <i>Saturday</i>	Fall Recess begins after last class, clinic, or laboratory.
	15, <i>Monday</i>	9:00 a.m. Mid-semester grade reports from instructors due in Registrar's Office.
	22, <i>Monday</i> 26, <i>Friday</i>	Classes resume. Last day to withdraw from courses with a "W".
November	9, <i>Friday</i>	School of Pharmacy and Health Professions Career Fair (<i>subject to change</i>)
	20, <i>Tuesday</i>	Thanksgiving recess begins after last class, clinic, or laboratory.
	22, <i>Thursday</i> 26, <i>Monday</i>	9:00 a.m. Thanksgiving Day Mass, St. John's Church. Classes resume.
December	10-14, <i>Mon-Fri</i>	Final semester examinations.
	14, <i>Friday</i>	Christmas – Mid-year Recess begins after last exam.
	14, <i>Friday</i>	School of Pharmacy and Health Professions Graduate Recognition and Hooding Ceremony
	15, <i>Saturday</i>	Mid-year commencement.

** For a complete listing of start and end dates for all programs, please refer to the School of Pharmacy and Health Professions website.*

SECOND SEMESTER, 2007-2008 (Tentative)

2008

January	7, <i>Monday</i>	Spring term begins in the School of Pharmacy and Health Professions for most classes and programs.*
	9, <i>Wednesday</i>	Classes begin for all students enrolled in courses taught by undergraduate colleges.
	9-15, <i>Wed-Tue</i>	Class schedule changes and late registration. Dean's Office.
February	7, <i>Thursday</i>	Last day to change from credit to audit. Last day to apply for Pass/No Pass status.
	10, <i>Sunday</i>	Mass for Founder's Week: Past, Present and Future. St. John's Church.
	11, <i>Monday</i>	Last day for filing applications for degrees to be conferred at end of the Second Semester.
March		School Spring Banquet. Date and time to be announced.
	1, <i>Saturday</i>	Spring recess begins after last class, clinic, or laboratory.
	3, <i>Monday</i>	Mid-semester grade reports from instructors due in the Registrar's Office by 9:00 a.m.
	10, <i>Monday</i>	Classes resume.
	20, <i>Thursday</i>	Holy Thursday – classes suspended from 5 p.m. March 20 until 5 p.m. Monday, March 24.
	23, <i>Sunday</i>	Easter Sunday.
	24, <i>Monday</i>	Easter Monday. Classes resume at 5 p.m.
	24, <i>Monday</i>	Last day to withdraw from courses with a "W".
25, <i>Tuesday</i>	School of Pharmacy and Health Professions Honors Convocation. Skutt Student Center.	
May	5-8, <i>Mon-Thu</i>	Final semester examinations.
	9, <i>Friday</i>	Baccalaureate Mass. St. John's Church. School of Pharmacy and Health Professions Graduate Recognition and Hooding Ceremony.
	10, <i>Saturday</i>	University Commencement.

SUMMER SESSION, 2008 (Tentative)

2008

May	19, <i>Monday</i>	Summer term begins in the School of Pharmacy and Health Professions for most classes and programs.**
	23, <i>Friday</i>	Last day to change from credit to audit. Last day to apply for Pass/No Pass status.
	26, <i>Monday</i>	Memorial Day – no classes.
June	12, <i>Thursday</i>	Last day for filing applications for degrees to be conferred at end of Summer Session.
July	4, <i>Friday</i>	Independence Day – no classes.
	7, <i>Monday</i>	Last day to withdraw from course with a "W".
August	14, <i>Thursday</i>	Final examinations. Summer Session ends.
	15, <i>Friday</i>	Degrees conferred for August graduates.
	18, <i>Monday</i>	9:00 a.m. Term 2 final grade reports from instructors due in Registrar's Office.

**** Beyond Distance Pharmacy and DPT 2 and 3 classes, summer curriculum consists mostly of clinical work. Dates of attendance vary by site.**

FIRST SEMESTER, 2008-2009 (Tentative)

2008

August	4-8, <i>Mon-Fri</i>	Orientation for first-year distance Doctor of Pharmacy students.*
	18-19, <i>Mon-Tue</i>	Orientation for first-year Doctor of Physical Therapy students.
	18-22, <i>Mon-Fri</i>	Orientation for first-year campus Doctor of Pharmacy and Doctor of Occupational Therapy students.
	19, <i>Tuesday</i>	Laptop exchange for third-year Doctor of Pharmacy students.
	20, <i>Wednesday</i>	Fall term begins in the School of Pharmacy and Health Professions for most classes and programs.*
	25, <i>Monday</i>	Fall term begins for all first-year Doctor of Pharmacy and Doctor of Occupational Therapy students.
	27, <i>Wednesday</i>	Classes begin for all students enrolled in classes taught by undergraduate colleges.
September	1, <i>Monday</i>	Labor Day – no classes.
	2, <i>Tuesday</i>	Last day for late registration.
	5, <i>Friday</i>	School Picnic (classes from 11:30 a.m. and later are cancelled).
	10, <i>Wednesday</i>	Mass of the Holy Spirit. St. John’s Church, 11 a.m.
	25, <i>Thursday</i>	Last day to change from credit to audit. Last day to apply for Pass/No Pass status.
October	16, <i>Thursday</i>	Last day for filing applications for degrees to be conferred at the end of the First Semester.
	18, <i>Saturday</i>	Fall Recess begins after last class, clinic, or laboratory.
	20, <i>Monday</i>	Mid-semester grade reports from instructors due in Registrar’s Office, 9 a.m.
	27, <i>Monday</i>	Classes resume.
	31, <i>Friday</i>	Last day to withdraw from courses with a “W”.
November	25, <i>Tuesday</i>	Thanksgiving recess begins after last class, clinic, or laboratory.
	27, <i>Thursday</i>	9 a.m. Thanksgiving Day Mass, St. John’s Church.
December	1, <i>Monday</i>	Classes resume.
	15-19, <i>Mon-Fri</i>	Final semester examinations.
	19, <i>Friday</i>	Christmas – Mid-year Recess begins after last exam.
	19, <i>Friday</i>	School of Pharmacy and Health Professions Graduate Recognition and Hooding Ceremony.
	20, <i>Saturday</i>	Mid-year commencement.

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SECOND SEMESTER, 2008-2009 (Tentative)

2009

January	12, <i>Monday</i>	Spring term begins in the School of Pharmacy and Health Professions for most classes and programs.*
	12-13, <i>Mon-Tue</i>	Class schedule changes and late registration. Dean's Office.
	14, <i>Wednesday</i>	Classes begin for all students enrolled in courses taught by undergraduate colleges.
February	1, <i>Sunday</i>	Mass for Founder's Week: Past, Present and Future. St. John's Church. (<i>subject to change</i>)
	12, <i>Thursday</i>	Last day to change from credit to audit. Last day to apply for Pass/No Pass status.
	16, <i>Monday</i>	Last day for filing applications for degrees to be conferred at end of Second Semester.
March		School Spring Banquet. Date and time to be announced.
	7, <i>Saturday</i>	Spring recess begins after last class, clinic, or laboratory.
	9, <i>Monday</i>	Mid-semester grade reports from instructors due in the Registrar's Office, 9 a.m.
	16, <i>Monday</i>	Classes resume.
	23, <i>Monday</i>	Last day to withdraw from courses with a "W".
April	9, <i>Thursday</i>	Holy Thursday – classes suspended from 5 p.m. April 9 until April 13.
	12, <i>Sunday</i>	Easter Sunday.
	13, <i>Monday</i>	Easter Monday. Classes resume at 5 p.m.
	14, <i>Tuesday</i>	School of Pharmacy and Health Professions Honors Convocation. Skutt Student Center.
May	11-14, <i>Mon-Thur</i>	Final semester examinations.
	15, <i>Friday</i>	Baccalaureate Mass. St. John's Church. School of Pharmacy and Health Professions Graduate Recognition and Hooding Ceremony.
	16, <i>Saturday</i>	University Commencement.

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| ROBERT J. GARIS, Ph.D. | <i>Director, Nontraditional Doctor of Pharmacy Pathway</i> |
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| <i>e-Learning</i> | |

GENERAL INFORMATION

Creighton University is by far the most diverse educational institution of its size in the nation. The combination of relatively small size and unusual diversity is the key to appreciation of Creighton University's excellence.

With an enrollment of 6,992 persons taught by 757 full-time faculty and 198 part-time faculty, Creighton has set as its goal the conduct of higher education in the context of Christian values.

Founded in 1878, Creighton is coeducational, independent, and has always been operated by the Jesuits in the traditions of that Catholic religious order. Creighton has a faculty and student body made up of individuals of many races and faiths from every geographical region of the United States and from numerous foreign nations.

Creighton is a university in the true sense. In addition to the College of Arts and Sciences, Creighton has a College of Business Administration, University College, Schools of Dentistry, Medicine, Law, Nursing, and Pharmacy and Health Professions, and a Graduate School offering master and doctorate degrees. Creighton has been active in the establishment of continuing education programs and of a Summer Session of modern design for the contemporary educational consumer. The University College offers undergraduate degree and certificate programs for part-time students and specializes in noncredit offerings for adults.

Thirty-seven percent of the University's students are enrolled in the College of Arts and Sciences, 34 percent in the health sciences professions, 9 percent in Business Administration, 5 percent in University College, 7 percent in law, and 8 percent in the Graduate School.

LOCATION

Omaha, Nebraska's largest population center, is located on the western bank of the Missouri River, which serves as the Nebraska-Iowa boundary. Originally settled by the Omaha Indian Tribe, Omaha was soon a favorite stop for early settlers traveling up the Missouri River. Omaha's frontier traditions and values have remained largely intact as the city has progressed into the 21st century. Creighton's campus is located on the northwest edge of downtown Omaha, Nebraska. The University's planned campus of nearly 100 acres is near the city's revitalized urban center.

A center for information technology, telecommunications, transportation and food processing, Omaha, Neb., is the heart of a metropolitan area of about 775,000, with more than 1 million people within a 50-mile radius. The city is the major urban area between Chicago and Denver and between Kansas City and Minneapolis. The metro Omaha area has seen steady growth over the past five decades and is now the 45th largest city and the 61st largest metro area in the nation.

Creighton University is perfectly situated to enjoy both the charm and beauty of the city and its cultural and recreational attractions. The campus is minutes from downtown theater, shopping, government and financial districts; Gene Leahy Mall and the Heartland of America Park, the jewels of downtown Omaha's scenic riverfront development; Henry Doorly Zoo, which features the world's largest indoor tropical rainforest and geodesic desert biodome, a 450,000 gallon walk-through salt water aquarium, and IMAX Theater; and Rosenblatt Stadium, home of the NCAA College World Series and the Omaha Royals.

Omaha, a cultural center of the Great Plains, is home of the world-class Opera Omaha and Omaha Symphony. The Omaha Community Playhouse and Omaha Theater Company For Young People are among the top community theaters in the nation. The Joslyn Art Museum not only displays impressive permanent collections from 19th and 20th century European and American artists, but also schedules five major exhibits and a dozen small presentations each year. One of the nation's finest old-world style theaters, the Orpheum, is home to hundreds of outstanding entertainment events each year and the Durham Western Heritage Museum features some of the area's largest historical offerings.

Creighton, who will host the NCAA College World Series for the 59th consecutive year in June 2008, is an NCAA Division I school which sponsors 14 men's and women's intercollegiate sports and competes in the Missouri Valley Conference. The Creighton Bluejays baseball, basketball, and soccer teams have earned trips to their respective NCAA tournaments in recent years.

Omaha is also the site of a vital downtown area. Omaha's Missouri Riverfront has undergone a massive redevelopment supported by private and public funds and Qwest Center Omaha is home to the Bluejays basketball team. In addition, a recently proposed plan will place an impressive pedestrian bridge spanning the Missouri River from Nebraska to Iowa. The Gallup organization and Union Pacific built their new headquarters here, as did First National Bank, which recently completed the largest tower between Chicago and Denver.

Omaha is served by over 180 regularly scheduled daily flights by nine national air carriers and ten regional airlines. Two interstate highway systems serve the metropolitan area—I-80 going east and west and I-29 north and south.

Many students find inexpensive and charming apartments in renovated historic buildings close to both Creighton and the European allure of "The Old Market," downtown Omaha's shopping and dining quarter. The cost of living in Omaha is less than that of almost any other major city — a comfortable lifestyle is within easy reach.

HISTORY

John and Edward Creighton, builders of the transcontinental telegraph that linked pioneer America, have given their name to the University.

Edward's widow, Mary Lucretia Creighton, carrying out her husband's wishes, left money and directions for establishing a college in his memory. Following her death on January 23, 1876, the present University site was purchased and the first Bishop of Omaha, the Right Reverend James O'Connor, D.D., invited the Jesuits to conduct the Creighton College.

One priest, three scholastics, a layman, and a woman formed the faculty when classes began September 2, 1878. On August 14, 1879, Bishop O'Connor surrendered his trust to a new corporation, "The Creighton University."

Jesuits were exclusive managers of the corporation until, in October 1968, the Board of Directors was expanded to include laypersons. Today twenty-seven laypersons and seven Jesuits conduct the corporate affairs of Creighton University.

The early growth of Creighton University and the enlargement of its endowment were due mainly to the benefactions of John A. Creighton and his wife, Sara Emily Creighton.

The Creighton University School of Pharmacy, formerly the Omaha College of Pharmacy, became a part of the University on September 1, 1905. The School offered only the Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy degree until 1976, when an academic program leading to the Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.) degree was initiated. In 1982, the Creighton University School of Pharmacy became the Creighton University School of Pharmacy and Allied Health Professions with the addition of programs in Respiratory Therapy, Nurse Anesthesia, and Medical Technology. While these three programs have since been terminated, a baccalaureate program in Occupational Therapy was initiated in 1985. In 1991, the Pharmacy faculty voted unanimously to adopt the Doctor of Pharmacy as the sole entry-level pharmacy degree, which became effective with the pharmacy class entering in 1994. In 1992, the Physical Therapy program was instituted, and Creighton became the first University in the country to offer the entry-level Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) degree. A nontraditional track leading to the Doctor of Pharmacy degree was added to the School's program offerings in 1994, and a nontraditional pathway to the Doctor of Physical Therapy degree was launched in 1999. In 1995 the School initiated one of the first post-baccalaureate Doctor of Occupational Therapy (OTD) programs in the country and as of 1999 all entry-level occupational therapy students matriculating in the School of Pharmacy and Health Professions pursue the OTD degree. In the Fall 2001, two new web-based pathways were instituted, the distance post-professional Doctor of Occupational Therapy (OTD) and the entry-level distance pathway to the Doctor of Pharmacy degree. In 2002, the School changed its name to the School of Pharmacy and Health Professions.

USING CREIGHTON UNIVERSITY'S EMAIL AS THE OFFICIAL MEANS OF COMMUNICATION

The Creighton University assigned email account shall be the official means of communication with all students, faculty, and staff. All community members are responsible for all information sent to them via their University assigned email account. Members who choose to manually forward mail from their University email accounts are responsible for ensuring that all information, including attachments, is transmitted in its entirety to the preferred account.

All faculty, staff, and students are required to maintain an @creighton.edu computer account. This account provides both an online identification key and a University Official Email address. The University sends much of its correspondence solely through email. This includes, but is not limited to, policy announcements, emergency notices, meeting and event notifications, course syllabi and requirements, and correspondence between faculty, staff, and students. Such correspondence is mailed only to the University Official Email address.

Faculty, staff and students are expected to check their email on a frequent and consistent basis in order to stay current with University-related communications. Faculty, staff, and students have the responsibility to recognize that certain communications may be time-critical.

SCHOOL OF PHARMACY AND HEALTH PROFESSIONS VISION STATEMENT

The Creighton University School of Pharmacy and Health Professions will be nationally recognized for the quality and professional excellence of its graduates through value-centered teaching and learning, research and scholarship, and patient-centered care and service.

SCHOOL OF PHARMACY AND HEALTH PROFESSIONS MISSION STATEMENT

In the Catholic, Jesuit tradition of Creighton University, the School of Pharmacy and Health Professions will serve the human community by preparing outstanding Occupational Therapists, Pharmacists and Physical Therapists who provide comprehensive patient-centered care. Our commitment is demonstrated by fostering leadership, advancing knowledge, promoting justice and embracing change. All members of the school community will strive to improve societal health through excellence in innovative teaching and learning, research and scholarship, with a focused emphasis on interprofessional collaboration, moral values and service to others.

NONDISCRIMINATION POLICY

Creighton admits qualified students and hires qualified employees without regard to race, color, age, national or ethnic origin, disability, sex, marital status, or religion. Its education and employment policies, scholarship and loan programs, and other programs and activities, are administered without unlawful discrimination. The University is taking affirmative action to employ and advance in employment qualified disabled veterans and veterans of the Vietnam-era. The University Affirmative Action Director has been delegated the responsibility for coordination of the University's equal rights efforts.

It is also the policy of the University to make all programs and services available to individuals with disabilities. To obtain information on accessibility of buildings and programs or to report problems of accessibility, please contact the Office of the Director of Affirmative Action, Room 232, Administration Building or by telephone (402) 280-3084.

ACCREDITATION

Creighton University is fully accredited by The Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, the accrediting agency for the region in which the University is situated.

The Pharmacy program, accredited by the Accreditation Council on Pharmacy Education, is a member of the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy. It was granted the maximum six-year continued accreditation by ACPE in 2006, and is scheduled for reaccreditation in 2010. The ACPE is located at 20 North Clark Street, Suite 2500, Chicago, IL 60602-5109. The telephone number is (312) 664-3575. The fax number is (312) 664-4652. The website is www.acpe-accredit.org.

The program in Occupational Therapy is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education of the American Occupational Therapy Association, Inc. The program was reaccredited in 2001 for the maximum ten years, and is scheduled for evaluation in 2010. The AOTA is located at 4720 Montgomery Lane, P.O. Box 31220, Bethesda, MD 20824-1220. The telephone number is (301) 652-AOTA. The fax number is (301) 652-7711. The website is www.aota.org/nonmembers/area13/links/LINK31.asp.

The program in Physical Therapy is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education which is based at the Headquarters of The American Physical Therapy Association. The Creighton University program in Physical Therapy was accredited in 1996 for the maximum period, and is scheduled for evaluation on 2010. The Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education can be contacted at 1111 North Fairfax St., Alexandria, VA 22314-1488; (800) 999-2782. The fax number is (703) 684-7343. The website is www.apta.org/Education/accreditation.

POLICY AND PROCEDURES FOR HANDLING STUDENT COMPLAINTS RELATED TO ACCREDITATION STANDARDS

The faculty, staff, and administration of the SPAHP are committed to maintaining educational programs that meet or exceed accreditation standards. The Occupational Therapy Program, Pharmacy Program, and Physical Therapy Program are committed to correcting those areas where standards are not being met and encourage student participation in assuring that accreditation standards are being adhered to. Students are encouraged to voice and discuss concerns they have about a Program's adherence to its accreditation standards. In cases where a formal complaint is deemed necessary, established procedures will be followed.

Procedures:

1. Students with complaints alleging that a Program is not adhering to its accreditation standards must present their complaints in writing on an Accreditation Standards Complaint Form obtained in the Office of Academic and Student Affairs or online at http://spahp.creighton.edu/Acad_SAffairs/forms.asp. A complaint must identify the specific accreditation standard that is not being adhered to, include evidence to support the complaint, and be signed by the student(s) making the complaint.

2. Written complaints must be submitted to the Associate Dean for Academic and Student Affairs.

3. The Associate Dean for Academic and Student Affairs will review each complaint and forward it to the respective Department Chair(s). The Department Chair(s) will investigate the complaint, make a determination on the validity of the complaint, determine the appropriate course of action, and provide a written report to the Dean, Senior Associate Dean, and Associate Dean for Academic and Student Affairs.

4. The Department Chair(s) will provide a written response to the student(s) making the complaint.

5. Complaints that result in a corrective action will be shared by the Department Chair(s) with the respective program's faculty.

6. The Associate Dean for Academic and Student Affairs and the Department Chair(s) will maintain a complete file of all complaints received and their disposition. Each accrediting body is to have access to this information as part of its routine accreditation review process.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Creighton University exists to educate its students with a view to their intellectual expansion, social adequacy, physical development, aesthetic appreciation, and spiritual enrichment. Creighton serves her publics primarily through teaching and research and, employing these techniques, offers numerous other opportunities to provide services and leadership.

Creighton is one of the nation's 28 independent Jesuit institutions of higher learning. It has behind it a pattern of more than four centuries of Jesuit teaching. The Order's focus has always been upon the total person, an approach that includes development of each student's talents to assure that he or she can meet both material and spiritual needs.

Members of every denomination are enrolled in, and welcome to, all courses in the University. While Creighton fosters learning in a Christian-oriented setting and challenges students to reflect on transcendental truths, students are not required to participate in religious services or activities.

All educational programs of Creighton University are open to both men and women.

The School of Pharmacy and Health Professions gives its students a broad education in preclinical and clinical disciplines that serve as a basis for meeting the present and future demands of the professions of pharmacy, occupational therapy, and physical therapy. The graduate of the Doctor of Pharmacy, Doctor of Occupational Therapy and Doctor of Physical Therapy programs at Creighton University represent the highest level of professional practice that the educational resources of the University are capable of providing. Graduates must also possess all technical, professional, moral and ethical capabilities prescribed for practitioners by each accrediting agency.

The curricula are intended to meet the professional, moral, economic, and social responsibilities of these professions and, at the same time, provide the background to stimulate interest in graduate studies and continuing education. With graduate preparation, positions are available in industry, administration, and academia.

Assessment Goals

1. Graduates must possess all the scientific, technical, professional, moral and ethical capabilities required for meeting current and future societal needs. Clinical doctoral level education represents the highest level of professional preparation and serves as the entry-level degree across disciplines within the School.

2. Professional preparation will be focused on developing a shared set of core abilities in the areas listed below. These core abilities are derived from shared faculty acceptance of their importance.

- Professional formation/ critical self-reflection
- Communication skills/ information management
- Critical thinking/ clinical judgement
- Life long learning/ professional development
- Professional ethics/ moral agency/ responsibility
- Social awareness/ leadership/advocacy

3. The core abilities are enhanced and enriched by incorporation of these Ignatian core values in educating health professionals:

- *Cura Personalis* (personal concern for the individual)
- *Magis* (striving toward excellence; seeking the greater good)
- Women and men for and with others (promotion of social justice, service to communities)
- Contemplation-in-action (mindfulness, critical self-reflection and ethical decision-making)

CAMPUS FACILITIES

Health Sciences Facilities

The Doctor C. C. and Mabel L. Criss Health Sciences Complex is made possible largely through the generosity of the late Mabel L. Criss, whose gift commemorates her late husband, Dr. C.C. Criss. Dr. Criss was a Creighton alumnus; the couple founded Mutual of Omaha and United of Omaha.

The Criss Complex provides teaching, medical laboratory space, and facilities for the research activities of the faculty of the School of Medicine. Two separate units (Criss II and III) provide classroom and laboratory facilities for instruction of the freshman and sophomore students in the preclinical medical sciences, as well as office and laboratory space for the members of the preclinical faculty. Newly renovated, twin two-level amphitheaters, the connecting link between the two units, form the hub of the academic activities. Multipurpose laboratories, classrooms, and seminar rooms are conveniently distributed throughout the facility. In addition, the Criss Health Sciences Complex accommodates the administration, faculty, and students of the School of Nursing and the School of Pharmacy and Health Professions. Newly renovated space houses the administrative support area for the School of Pharmacy and Health Professions as well as lounge and meeting space dedicated to the students. The administrative offices of the School of Medicine are located in the Criss Health Sciences Complex, as are the offices of the Vice President for Health Sciences. Another unit (Criss I) provides medical research facilities for the faculty. As part of an ongoing process to upgrade and modernize Health Sciences facilities, a complete renovation of Unit I of the Criss Complex was completed in February 1994. The Beirne Research Tower adjoins the Criss Health Sciences Complex. This six-story medical research facility was made possible by a gift from Doctor Gilbert A. Beirne and his brother, Doctor Clinton G. Beirne. The Beirne Research Tower provides approximately 13,000 square feet of space for laboratories and offices. The modern, functional research laboratories house the regulatory peptide research program, the infectious disease and microbiology program, a bone biology research program, the molecular biology core facility, and an allergic diseases research program.

The University recently constructed a 100,000 square foot science facility. The new Hixson-Lied Science Building is connected to both Criss and Rigge and provides expansion space for functions of the Vice President for Health Sciences, administration and faculty offices of the School of Pharmacy and Health Professions, offices for the Department of Preventive Medicine, classrooms, common use areas, Arts and Sciences administrative functions, and offices and classrooms for undergraduate science departments.

The University recently renovated the existing Criss and Rigge buildings to provide state of the art research and teaching laboratories. Additionally, two 168-seat teaching amphitheaters will be updated technically and environmentally.

A student computer laboratory is available in the Criss II building. Student computer workstations are available in several sites in the Criss Complex, Health Sciences Library, Creighton University Medical Center, Boyne Building, and various clinics. The students have access to a wide variety of software, databases (including MedLine), electronic mail, and the internet.

Creighton University Medical Center (CUMC), an ultramodern regional health-care facility with state-of-the-art technology, serves as the major affiliated teaching hospital for the Creighton University School of Medicine. Opened in December of 1977, it is located on Creighton's west campus at 30th and California Streets and was one of the largest privately sponsored construction projects in the history of Nebraska. Policies for the hospital are set by a governing board that includes strong representation from Creighton University and the School of Medicine faculty.

The School of Medicine, since its founding, has been affiliated for educational purposes with CUMC. This affiliation is in accordance with the provisions made by John A. Creighton, a benefactor of both institutions, and formalized in written agreements to define cooperation for the attainment of mutual and generally inseparable goals of good patient care, research, and medical education. A major regional and community facility, the hospital maintains programs in each of the major clinical services with the active staff appointed from the faculty of the School of Medicine. The close working relationship of the two institutions is continually reinforced by regular meetings of the joint management committee involving the top executive officers of both the hospital corporation and the University.

A clinical assessment center is available at CUMC. The ultramodern facility has six examination rooms each equipped with recording equipment for faculty teaching and supervision of student history and physicals.

The Boys Town National Research Hospital, constructed and operated by Father Flanagan's Boys Home, is physically connected to the teaching hospital. A unique national resource, the Hospital has assembled a highly specialized staff to develop inpatient and outpatient programs for children with communication disorders resulting from physical or sensory defects. The St. Joseph Service League Center for Abused Handicapped Children, established at the Hospital, is designed to assist in the detection, assessment, treatment, and prevention of abuse and neglect of children whose handicaps impair their communicative abilities.

Since 1973, the School of Dentistry has occupied a facility containing 150,000 square feet of space (excluding interstitial mechanical areas). It is a three-level structure with grade entry to the first two. Beginning in Fall 1993, this building has been shared with the School of Pharmacy and Health Professions Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy programs. A five-year renovation of all classrooms, laboratories and dental clinic operatories was completed in 1998. The first floor consists of student services and lounge, classrooms, Physical Therapy/Occupational Therapy administrative offices, clinics and research laboratories. The adult dental clinic and dental departmental faculty offices occupy the second level. The third level is occupied by the children's dental clinic, basic and dental science laboratories, research space, seminar rooms and dental administrative offices.

Central to the facilities of the CUMC is the Creighton University Bio-Information Center, which opened in the summer of 1977. This facility brings to the health sciences campus a focal point for modern and innovative learning and research. The services provided are available for students and faculty of the University, hospital staff, and the health sciences community of the Omaha area. They include the Health Sciences Library, the Learning Resource Center, and the Media Services Center. Media Services provides technical services such as photography, graphic design, computer imaging, television production and classroom services. Classroom Services provides audio visual

support for the University as well as educational service to assist in the identification of instructional priorities and attainment of educational goals.

The Health Sciences Library/Learning Resources Center (HSL/LRC) is open 104½ hours a week. Over 200,000 items of print and non-print materials are available. Access is provided to many; bibliographic and full-text databases such as MEDLINE, Micromedex, pharmaceutical abstracts, etc. The Learning Resources Center adds a multimedia dimension to the facility. It provides such resources as video disks, CD-ROMs, models, videotapes, and audiocassettes. In addition, a state of the art computer lab is equipped with Pentium PCs and Macintosh computers. Over 600 study seats are available for students, faculty, and staff.

LIVING ACCOMMODATIONS

Creighton University offers on-campus housing for all full-time matriculated students. All unmarried undergraduate students from outside the immediate Omaha area (as defined by the University) are required to live in University residence halls during their first two years at the University. Students from the Omaha area may live in the residence halls. Otherwise, during their first two years at the University, students from the Omaha area must live with a parent or guardian. A request to be exempt from the residency requirement must be made in writing to the Office of the Associate Vice President for Student Services-Residence Life by July 15th for requests for the upcoming Fall semester (December 1 for the Spring Semester). Only the Associate Vice President for Student Services will be able to permit these exemptions. A resident must be a full-time, matriculated student at the University. If space allows, the University may permit housing of part-time students in University residence halls.

The University operates nine residence halls. Deglman, Kiewit, and Gallagher Halls are traditional-style freshman residence halls with common bathroom facilities. Rooms are double occupancy. A limited number of space in Swanson Hall is available to freshman students as well. Swanson is a suite-style hall with four freshman or four sophomore students per suite, while McGloin is also a suite-style with four sophomore students per suite. Kenefick Hall is an apartment-style hall for sophomores double-occupancy with efficiency and one-bedroom apartments. Davis Square and Opus Hall, apartment complexes for junior and senior-level students, house students in two, three, or four-bedroom apartments. Heider Hall is an apartment-style residence with efficiency, one-bedroom, and two-bedroom apartments open to students with families, graduate and professional students, and other undergraduate students as needed. To reside in Heider Hall, Davis Square, and Opus Hall students must sign a 12-month lease. All other halls are contracted for the full academic year, beginning in August and continuing until the end of exams the following May.

The residence hall agreement is for room and board. All freshman and sophomore residents are required to have a meal plan. Students living in Deglman, Gallagher, Kiewit, Swanson, and McGloin Halls can choose from 12, 15, or 19 meals per week. Kenefick Hall residents can select from these three plans or the SuperFlex meal plan. Residents of Davis Square, Opus Hall, and Heider Hall may purchase 12, 15, or 19 meals per week, the Super Flex meal plan or the Flex Meal Plan. A student requesting to be waived from the board plan for medical or other reasons must furnish documentation to the Associate Vice President for Student Services-Residence Life for review. Generally, the Dining Services are able to meet most dietary needs. Board plans are also available to off campus and commuting students.

Meals are served in the Becker and Brandeis dining areas located adjacent to the campus residence halls. Students on the board plans may also have dinner in the Java Jay coffeehouse, Irma's Bistro and C. Jay's in the Student Center as part of the meal exchange program. More information about dining opportunities is available from Sodexo food service located on the lower level of Brandeis Hall.

The annual room and board rates in University residence halls effective August 2007 are:

Building Type	Room	Annual Rate
Deglman, Kiewit & Gallagher Halls (Freshmen)	Double	\$4620
	Private	\$6800
Swanson Hall (Freshmen and Sophomores)	Double	\$4830
	Private	\$7100
McGloin Hall (Sophomores)	Double	\$4980
	Private	\$7400
Kenefick Hall (Sophomores)	Efficiency Apartment	\$4980
	1 Bedroom Apartment	\$5050
	Private efficiency Apartment	\$7400
Davis Square (Juniors and Seniors)	2/3/4 Bedroom Apartment	\$580/m
	4 Bedroom Loft Apartment	\$580/m
Opus Hall (Juniors and Seniors)	2/3/4 Bedroom Apartment	\$580/m
	4 Bedroom Loft Apartment	\$580/m
Heider (Graduate and family housing and others as needed)	Efficiency Apartment	\$660/m
	Small 1 Bedroom Apartment	\$720/m
	Large 1 Bedroom Apartment	\$760/m
	Two Bedroom Apartment	\$860/m
Board Plans Type	Plan	Annual Rate
19 Meal and 40 Dining Dollars		\$3560
15 Meal and 100 Dining Dollars		\$3560
12 Meal and 160 Dining Dollars		\$3560
*SuperFlex - Any 120 meals & 200 Dining Dollars		\$1910
*Flex - Any 60 meals and 200 Dining Dollars		\$1140

* Available to Heider, Davis, Kenefick, Opus, & Off-Campus Only

New students must apply to the Department of Residence Life for a residence hall reservation. All students pay a damage deposit of \$100. Each semester's tuition, fees, and room and board charges are payable at the time of registration. However, arrangements may be made to pay monthly installments by using the University's Monthly Electronic Transfer (MET) plan (see page 125).

FAMILY HOUSING

Creighton University has limited space in the apartment-style Heider residence hall for families. A twelve-month lease is required on all apartments except for those graduating at the end of the current lease. Available for families are the large one-bedroom apartments (655 sq. ft.) and two-bedroom apartments (1215 sq. ft.). There are only four two-bedroom apartments in Heider Hall. Family housing is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

OFF CAMPUS HOUSING

The Department of Residence Life, 136 Swanson Hall, lists information on rentals in the area of campus. The actual arrangements for housing are left to the individual students. The University is not responsible for the rental agreements between students and their landlords. It is suggested that students set aside several days before registering to search, inspect, and contract for suitable housing.

CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Students with children may wish to take advantage of the James R. Russell Child Development Center, which is conveniently located at 2222 Burt Street. The Center has reasonable rates, and can accommodate children ranging in age from six weeks through five years. Call (402) 280-2460 for information.

RECOGNITION OF SCHOLARSHIP, LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE

University Wide Honors

Membership in Alpha Sigma Nu, National Jesuit Honor Society. Alpha Sigma Nu was founded at Marquette University in 1915, and the Creighton Chapter was established in 1921. In 1973 Gamma Pi Epsilon, the women's honor society, merged with Alpha Sigma Nu. Currently there are chapters at all 28 Jesuit colleges and universities in the United States, and at Sogang University in Seoul, Korea. Scholarship, loyalty, and service are the threefold requirements for membership in the society. Membership is highly selective and is awarded on the recommendations of the local chapter, the faculty, the deans, and with the approval of the University president. Outstanding undergraduates in their junior and senior years and professional and graduate students are eligible. Membership is prized as one of the most notable distinctions which can be earned by a student in a Jesuit institution of higher learning. Members of the student chapter automatically transfer into membership in the alumni chapter upon graduation.

Membership in Omicron Delta Kappa, National Leadership Honor Society. ODK was founded in 1914 at Washington and Lee University in Lexington, Virginia. The Creighton Chapter was officially approved in 1988, and joins over 275 established chapters in colleges and universities across the country. ODK was founded to recognize and encourage superior leadership and scholarship. Creighton's chapter sponsors a variety of programs each year designed to meet those goals. Membership is a mark of highest distinction and honor, and is open to qualified undergraduate juniors, seniors, as well as graduate and professional students.

The Spirit of Creighton Award is a citation conferred annually on a male and a female student by the President of the University at Commencement for demonstrating remarkable initiative and able enterprise, wisdom in action, modesty in achievement, and great personal sacrifice for the good of others.



INSTITUTE FOR LATIN AMERICAN CONCERN (ILAC)

An experience in a developing country is increasingly important for those whose call is to serve in their own environment. The Institute for Latin American Concern (ILAC) at Creighton University's purpose is:

1. To provide students and professionals the opportunity to understand the problems of developing countries based on firsthand experience in the Dominican Republic.
2. To provide health care and education to people in need in remote areas of the Dominican Republic.
3. In the Jesuit tradition, ILAC strives to promote faith that does justice, guiding its participants toward a greater freedom and commitment to love and service.

The ILAC Summer Program was initiated in 1972 and more than 120 individuals participate in ILAC experiences each year. Students live in the Dominican Republic for six weeks, while health professionals rotate in shifts of two-week periods to monitor the work of the students, and to help deliver health care to the Dominican people.

The participants of the Summer Program live with the Dominican people, and thus have the opportunity to learn firsthand about the culture, customs, and challenges of a developing country. ILAC provides a unique opportunity to dental, medical, nursing, pharmacy and undergraduate students to work in health-care teams monitored by professionals who also become part of the team-work experience. Separate one-month programs exist in the Spring for Physical Therapy students and in the Summer for Occupational Therapy students. These experiences are also monitored by professionals and work at various clinics in the Santiago area. The Law School and Chemistry Department also offer service learning trips to the Dominican Republic.

The ILAC Program is accredited by Creighton University. Most students receive academic credit for successful participation. The cost of participation varies from year to year. It includes round-trip airfare, living expenses and tours.

THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

The Creighton University Alumni Association was formed in 1892 to provide an organization through which alumni maintain the relationships they established with members of the Creighton community during their days as students. The Association's mission is "to advance the interests of the Creighton family through a commitment to academic excellence, Judeo/Christian ethics, and a lifelong relationship between Creighton alumni and their University that enriches both."

The administration of the Alumni Association is handled by the Alumni Relations Office under the supervision of the Assistant Vice President of Alumni Relations, as advised by the National Alumni Board. Programs and services provided to alumni and friends of the University vary widely and include reunion gatherings, all-University events, spiritual direction, community services, college/school specific activities, young alumni activities, regional events, and career networking.

In the School of Pharmacy and Health Professions, the Assistant Dean for Alumni Affairs also coordinates events. The Creighton Alumni Association has grown over the years to include over 54,000 alumni.

STUDENT SERVICES

Creighton University has a sincere concern for the well-being of its students. With this in mind, the following services, in addition to those described elsewhere in this *Bulletin* are designed to assist each student to attain fulfillment in the college environment.

COUNSELING AND GUIDANCE

Counseling and Psychological Services

Students can access the University's Counseling and Psychological Services Center independently, or can be referred by a School faculty member, the Academic Success Specialist or an OASA administrator. The Center, located in Room 203 of Brandeis Hall, is open from 8 a.m. through noon, and 1-4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The Counseling Center staff have been very responsive to the needs of distance students, and assist them as much as they can, given the constraints of physical separation. Distance students can be seen for regular appointments in the Center's office when they are on campus or if they are able to travel to campus. If students are unable to travel to the Center, the counseling staff will also consult with distance students by telephone or email as appropriate given practitioner license restrictions, and often refer distance students to mental health services in their local communities.

SCHOOL OF PHARMACY AND HEALTH PROFESSIONS SERVICE OFFICES

Office of Academic and Student Affairs

The Office of Academic and Student Affairs in the School of Pharmacy and Health Professions at Creighton University supports the University and School missions through advising and serving the students so that they may develop as caring, ethical, and knowledgeable health care professionals. The Office provides a wide array of services to assist students in achieving their educational goals.

The Office of Academic and Student Affairs employs a full-time Academic Success Specialist to assist students in their academic pursuits to become a successful health care professional. The Academic Success Specialist assists students in study skills, test-taking strategies, time management, and scholarship and financial aid information.

The staff also coordinates new student orientations, graduation activities, annual employment fair, class schedules, academic advising, and an honors convocation. They also monitor student immunizations and CPR compliance, work with student organizations to coordinate events, communicate newsworthy information to students via email, complete applications for licensure, register students and process registration changes, maintain the School calendar, monitor academic achievement, post scholarship and employment opportunities, advise students on proper School procedures and guidelines, maintain and enforce School policies and procedures, and update the School's website and the School's issue of the *Creighton University Bulletin*.

Office of eLearning and Academic Technology

The office of eLearning and Academic Technologies (OLAT) is dedicated to excellence in the provision, creation and support of leading edge technology resources to advance the teaching, research and service missions of the School of Pharmacy and Health Professions. In collaboration with our School and University communities, OLAT will promote an institutional culture that fosters creativity, innovation and scholarly reflection in the use of academic technologies to accomplish goals and identify new opportunities for professional growth.

OLAT's Division of Academic Technologies provides computer hardware and software support for the School's students, faculty and staff. Additionally, the Division supports the School's network infrastructure and manages access to course websites. Instructional design, online assessment management, and educational technology training services are offered by the Division of eLearning. The Division of Web Development engages in the design and creation of web sites, web applications, graphic art creation, and photography for the School.

OTHER SERVICES

Veterans' Service—is provided by the Registrar's Office. Veterans and others eligible for educational benefits administered by the Veterans Administration (VA) are given assistance concerning proper and advantageous use of their benefits and to simplify and expedite transactions with the government. Information and application forms for VA educational benefits are available at the Registrar's Office.

Campus Ministry—The Campus Ministry staff consists of committed lay ministers, Jesuit priests, and student interns. We are available to assist students who want to talk about their journeys of faith, or get involved putting their faith into action. We offer a fantastic retreat program, individual spiritual direction, faith-sharing communities, featured faith and social events, and even marriage preparation. St. John's is our University's Catholic parish and we welcome our students to come celebrate our parish and University liturgies in the beautifully renovated church, or join us as lectors, musicians, liturgical assistants, or extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist. Dr. Joan Lanahan serves the School of Pharmacy and Health Professions as chaplain, and her office is located in 111A Boyne, and her phone number is (402) 280-5210. Consult the Campus Ministry web site for further information: <http://www.creighton.edu/CampusMinistry/>

Creighton Career Center— The Creighton Career Center offers career counseling and assessments for students and alumni, as well as assistance with job searching, resume writing, and interviewing skills. All services are provided by career counselors and are available, without charge, by appointment. In addition, the School of Pharmacy and Health Professions hosts a Fall Career Fair, and potential employers visit throughout the year to conduct informational meetings and interview graduating students.

Health Sciences-Multicultural and Community Affairs (HS-MACA) - In the year 2000, the Office of Health Sciences-Multicultural and Community Affairs was created with a mission to help Creighton University in the training and development of future leaders for an increasingly multicultural society. HS-MACA provides support and retention services to students by providing diversity awareness to the entire campus community. HS-MACA promotes minority affairs through recruiting and retaining underrepresented students in the Creighton University Health Sciences Schools. HS-MACA also promotes local involvement in multicultural communities, civic functions, and community service organizations. HS-MACA coordinates multicultural activities with other areas of the University and works to enhance cultural awareness of Health Sciences faculty, students and staff. The staff provides health career seminars, recruitment and retention activities to qualified students to ensure their academic and professional development.

STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES PROGRAM

The Student Support Services Program at Creighton seeks to provide academic, emotional, and financial support for students who meet established Federal and program guidelines. In order to be eligible for program services, students must show need for academic services, and meet one or more of the following criteria: first-generation student status (when neither parent has graduated from a four-year college with a baccalaureate degree); meet income guidelines established by the U.S. Department of Education; or has a disability and needs academic accommodations.

Enrolled program participants receive academic advising, personal and career counseling, tutorial assistance, and assistance in applying for financial aid. A limited number of scholarships are available to program participants based on unmet financial need. The Student Support Services offices are located in Markoe Hall, west of the Old Gymnasium. Call (402) 280-2749 for more information.

STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES

Mission Statement

Student Health Services provides holistic health care that supports students in their academic endeavors and prepares them to make healthy choices throughout their lives.

Student Health Services

The variety of services available at Creighton University Student Health Services will meet the health care needs of most students. Every effort is made to help students obtain appropriate consultation or referral when additional or specialized services are required. A physician, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner provides services. **All currently enrolled Creighton University students are eligible for services.**

Services Available:

- Allergy Injections
- Physicals
- EKGs
- Immunizations
- Laboratory
- Travel Health Consultation
- Pap Smears
- Radiology
- Health Promotion
- Educational Materials

Services are supported by student fees, personal insurance, and/or self pay. Immunizations, laboratory tests, x-rays, splints, specialist referrals, etc. not covered by personal/family health insurance will be the financial responsibility of the student.

It is essential that a current insurance card be presented at each visit.

How to obtain Student Health Services

Call 280-2735, Monday through Friday. Appointments should be made for all services, except emergencies. It is important that you keep scheduled appointments and that you arrive on time. If you will be late or must cancel, please call as soon as possible. Your courtesy will enable the best use of our available appointment times.

Students will be seen in the Student Health Services office located in the Kellom Valley (Shops) Center at 2530 Cuming Street.

Who Provides the Services?

Physicians, and nationally-certified physician assistants and nurse practitioners provide services assisted by an auxiliary staff of medical assistants and clerical personnel.

Medical specialty and dental care is provided by referral to physicians and dentists who are faculty members of the Schools of Medicine and Dentistry at Creighton University Medical Center. Mental health services are provided by referral to Counseling and Psychological Services, the Department of Psychiatry in the School of Medicine, psychiatrists, and/or therapists within the community.

Participating Providers

Our providers participate with many insurance plans, including our University-sponsored Insurance Plans. At this time, we are not a Blue Cross/Blue Shield participating provider. All claims are automatically submitted to the insurance carrier indicated by the student at the time services are provided. It is important to check with your insurance plan to verify the benefit level for services obtained here. Some plans require a referral for Out-of-Network services. The student will be responsible for initiating the referral process required by their insurance company.

After Hours Care

Urgent care services are available at local urgent care centers. Most of these centers have laboratory and x-ray services and can treat most acute illness and injury. Creighton University Medical Center's Emergency Department is conveniently located adjacent to the Creighton campus. Any after hours care received will be the financial responsibility of the student. Campus Health Aides are available to students living in Residence Halls and can be reached by calling 280-2104.

Services Available During the Summer

Services provided during the summer are the same as those offered during the academic year. These services are provided through personal health insurance and/or self-pay.

Student Health Services is responsible for maintaining the records that relate to the following University requirements. Please contact us if you have any questions:

University Immunization Requirements

All Creighton students are required to comply with the University's Immunization requirements. Failure to meet these requirements will result in denial of registration privileges. Vaccination requirements follow CDC guidelines and are reviewed annually.

Creighton University policy requires that all students provide documentation of two doses of **Measles, Mumps and Rubella vaccine prior to enrollment**. The first given after the first birthday and at least 30 days apart.

Hepatitis A vaccine recommendation:

This is a 2 dose series given 6-12 months apart for those who desire protection against Hepatitis A. Hepatitis A is spread by eating or drinking contaminated foods or water. Students who travel abroad are encouraged to consider this vaccine.

Additional vaccine information can be found at www.cdc.gov/nip/publications/vis



Additional Immunization Requirements for Health Science Students

Health Science Students are students who are currently enrolled in the Dentistry, Medicine, Nursing, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy and Pharmacy programs.

MMR vaccine requirement:

All Health Science Students (regardless of Date of Birth), 2 MMR vaccines given after the 1st birthday and at least 30 days apart are required.

Positive blood titers for measles, mumps and rubella will meet the MMR requirement if vaccination dates are not available. History of illness does not meet requirement.

Tuberculosis screening requirement:

Category 1-Students who are currently in an annual testing cycle, please submit the last 2 years of negative test documentation.

Category 2-Students who have not had PPD skin testing in the past 2 years must have a *2-step PPD.

A 2-step PPD is defined as 2 negative skin tests done ideally 3 weeks apart

Category 3-Students who have had a positive skin test in the past must have documentation of a negative chest-x-ray done in the United States within the last 12 months. A radiology report is required.

All 3 categories require annual screening.

Category 1-annual PPD skin testing

Category 2-annual PPD skin testing

Category 3-annual provider review which may include a chest x-ray.

The provider review form can be completed/faxed to Student Health:(402)280-1859. The form can be downloaded from www.creighton.edu/StudentHealthService.

DPT/Td requirement:

Documentation of an original series plus a booster within ten years is required. If dates are unavailable for the original series, a student is considered not vaccinated and a 3 dose series is required. In December, 2006, the CDC recommended all health care workers be given a single booster dose of Tdap (Adacel) as soon as feasible if they have not previously received Tdap. An interval as short as 2 years from the last dose of Td is recommended however, shorter intervals may be used.

Polio requirement

A series of 3 vaccines is required. If dates are not available, positive titers will be accepted to meet this requirement.

Hepatitis B vaccine requirement:

A series of 3 vaccines and a positive blood titer is required. A blood titer is to be drawn at least 30 days after the 3rd dose of vaccine.

Varicella/Chicken Pox Immunity requirement:

If a student has a history of chicken pox disease, a positive blood titer is required. If a student has no history of chicken pox disease, a 2 dose series of vaccine is acceptable.

University Health Insurance Requirements

It is Creighton University policy that all full-time students be covered by a comprehensive health insurance plan* for the entire year. In the School of Pharmacy and Health Professions, all part-time and full-time entry-level students must be covered by a comprehensive health insurance plan for the entire year.

NOTE: The premium for the University-sponsored Student Health Insurance Plan will remain on the student's account unless a properly completed waiver form and a copy of both sides of a current health insurance card are received by Student Health Services before the deadline. **This information is required on an annual basis.**

*A comprehensive health insurance plan fulfills the following requirements:

1. Coverage includes most inpatient and outpatient health services and is comparable to the University-sponsored Plan.
2. Coverage is in effect for the entire academic year.
3. Coverage includes comprehensive benefits when out of area (away from home). Additionally, coverage must include mental health care and have a comparable deductible.

* Automatic enrollment in the University-sponsored Plan will occur and the tuition statement will reflect a charge for the entire premium when Student Health Services becomes aware of a lapse in the student's health coverage.

Creighton University Student Health Insurance Plan

As a service to students, the University sponsors a comprehensive health insurance plan. This plan is available at a reasonable group rate and provides year-round coverage, wherever the student may be, as long as the semi-annual premium is paid. This plan provides benefits for laboratory tests, x-rays, and prescriptions. The services of designated sub-specialists and specific services are available in the Preferred Provider Network. Students enrolled in this plan can access our health care providers by telephone, after hours, for guidance with urgent or emergency care. Contact Student Health Services for complete details.

For additional information please contact Creighton Student Health Services at: 2530 Cuming Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68131-1632, Phone: (402) 280-2735, Fax: (402) 280-1859, <http://www.creighton.edu/StudentHealth>.

PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY INSURANCE

Creighton students are covered under a group professional liability insurance policy issued to Creighton University, but only for legal liability arising out of the performance of, or failure to perform, duties while acting within the scope of their duties as students. Therefore, students in the School of Pharmacy and Health Professions are encouraged to obtain their own professional liability insurance policy (sometimes referred to as malpractice insurance) to provide coverage for them if they plan to work part-time in a health care field while completing their professional program of study. Some student organizations within the School, such as CUSOTA, ASP, NCPA, or CUSAPTA, may have information on how to obtain this insurance coverage at reasonable rates.

SCHOOL-WIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR INVOLVEMENT AND RECOGNITION

While the Occupational Therapy, Pharmacy and Physical Therapy programs of the School offer a wide variety of opportunities for specialized involvement in professionally-related activities and service, the following paragraphs describe organizations and recognitions that are independent of professional or academic affiliation. Please also see the descriptions of the student organizations and scholarship/leadership recognition opportunities that are found in the discipline-specific sections of this *Bulletin*.

Student Organizations

Minority Health Science Student Association (MHSSA) was established in 1999 to build and maintain a supportive community among diverse groups of students, faculty and administration of the Health Sciences Division at Creighton University. It also promotes the needs and interests of students representing different ethnic and cultural groups in the Schools of Pharmacy and Health Professions, Nursing, Medicine, and Dentistry.

Pharmacy and Health Professions Student Government (PHPSG) coordinates the activities of all recognized student organizations of the School. The PHPSG officers elected by the School of Pharmacy and Health Professions student body include the President, three Vice Presidents representing the disciplines of Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy and Pharmacy, a Secretary and a Treasurer. An academic class representative and a representative of each recognized student organization of the School are on the PHPSG Board. This organization is the body which petitions the Creighton Students Union (CSU) for funds to support professional and social activities run by the various School-based student organizations and academic classes.

Student Empowerment Network (SEN) was established as an official University student organization in 1999. This campus-wide group was initiated in the School of Pharmacy and Health Professions to focus on important disability issues and advocate for students with disabilities. The mission of the SEN is to empower each member with the knowledge and political savvy to promote positive change for individuals with disabilities, to increase understanding of disability issues among the Creighton University community, and to offer emotional support to those with disabilities or who are concerned with disability issues. The SEN reflects the Catholic and Jesuit traditions of the University by fostering an integrated vision of the world, which is achieved by addressing the right of disabled students to receive an education equal to that of their non-disabled colleagues.

Vietnamese Student Organization was established in 1999 to promote networking opportunities among Vietnamese students and those interested in supporting this student population. Through this organization, students are encouraged to interact and assist each other on campus and in the community, celebrate the Vietnamese culture while promoting cultural diversity throughout the campus, and embrace the values and mission of the School and University.

Faculty Awards

Teaching Excellence Award is presented to the School faculty member who has demonstrated the highest quality of teaching as exemplified by professional competence, communication and evaluation skills, and effective interpersonal interaction.

Scholarly Achievement Award is presented to the School faculty member who has exhibited the highest achievement in scholarly activity based on publications, grantsmanship and scholarly presentations.

Service Award is presented to a School faculty member in recognition of outstanding service to the community and University.

ADMISSION POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

(Specific requirements are found in Pharmacy, Occupational Therapy, and Physical Therapy sections)

It is the admission policy of Creighton University to accept qualified students within the limits of its resources and facilities. See also the University's Nondiscrimination Policy on page 16.

SELECTION

Fulfillment of specific requirements does not insure admission to the School of Pharmacy and Health Professions. The appropriate Admission Committee will select those whom they judge to be the best qualified for the study and practice of pharmacy, occupational therapy, or physical therapy. In evaluating the applicants, consideration will be given to all of the qualities considered to be necessary in the pharmacist, occupational therapist, or physical therapist. Intellectual curiosity, leadership, emotional maturity, honesty, proper motivation, proven scholastic ability, and excellent written and verbal communication skills are of the utmost importance.

STUDENT POLICY APPLYING TO NONDISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS OF DISABILITY

It shall be the policy of the Creighton University School of Pharmacy and Health Professions to ensure that no qualified person shall, solely by reason of disability, be denied access to, participation in, or benefits of, any program or activity operated by Creighton University. Given appropriate notice, each qualified person shall receive reasonable accommodations to ensure equal access to educational opportunities, programs and activities in the most integrated setting possible. All applications to the School of Pharmacy and Health Professions will be managed so as to comply with the Federal standards set forth in the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.

Federal law prohibits Creighton University from making inquiries regarding disability or handicap prior to admission. Information regarding disability, voluntarily given or inadvertently received, will not affect any admission decision. However, if a student requires special services because of a disability, upon acceptance he or she is given the opportunity to declare the disability and request accommodations. The accepted student may also directly contact the Assistant/Associate Dean for Academic Affairs of the School or the Creighton University Office of Services for Students with Disabilities. This voluntary self-identification allows Creighton University to prepare for the effective delivery of all programs, activities, and services to students with disabilities. If provided, this information will be kept in strict confidence.

PREFERENCE FOR CREIGHTON UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

The School of Pharmacy and Health Professions offers preferential admission to qualified students completing preprofessional course work at Creighton University. Please refer to the specific Creighton University Student Admission policies described for each degree program.

ENROLLMENT RESERVATION DEPOSIT

A \$400 enrollment reservation deposit is required for each prospective U.S. student and a \$2,500 reservation deposit for each prospective international student within thirty days following the date of the letter initially informing the student of acceptance for admission by the Admission Committee. The deposit will be credited toward the first semester's tuition. The deposit is forfeited if the accepted student fails to register. One-half (\$200) of the U.S. prospective student deposit is refundable if written request for withdrawal is received before May 1.

ADMISSION OF TRANSFER STUDENTS

Students who have studied pharmacy, occupational therapy, or physical therapy in other fully accredited schools may be admitted with advanced standing. To qualify for a Creighton degree, transfer students must, at a minimum, complete the last two years of their program at Creighton. Individualized programs of study are constructed for advanced standing students by the Assistant/Associate Dean for Academic Affairs.

Applicants for admission with advanced standing must present a letter of honorable dismissal from the dean of the school they have previously attended, together with his/her statement that they are eligible to return to that school, and his/her designation of the class to which it is permissible for them to return. At the time of graduation, transfer students must have completed equivalent course content and demonstrate the professional competence required by the appropriate Creighton University program.

ADMISSION OF VETERANS

Courses in all Schools and Colleges of the University are approved for veterans' education and training. Veterans Service is provided by the Registrar's Office. Veterans and others eligible for educational benefits administered by the Veterans Administration are given assistance to assure proper and advantageous use of their benefits, and to simplify and expedite transactions with the government.

ADMISSION OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Creighton University is authorized under Federal law to enroll nonimmigrant alien students.

Previous Study

International students applying for consideration for entry-level programs must complete all prerequisite courses at a regionally accredited institution located within the United States or Canada regardless of previous coursework or degrees conferred at foreign institutions.

Admission Credentials

The School of Pharmacy and Health Professions welcomes applications from international students. In order to receive full consideration all international applicants must begin the application process at least nine months prior to the desired term of entry. Certified transcripts bearing seals and original signatures must be sent directly to the School of Pharmacy and Health Professions. Photocopies are not acceptable.

International students whose first language is not English must present a TOEFL score of at least 213 on the computer-based testing (CBT) or at least 550 on paper-based testing (PBT). Students taking the TOEFL®IBT must present a minimum score of 75. Applicants should enter the Creighton University School of Pharmacy and Health Professions TOEFL Code number 6126 on their answer sheets when they sit for the examination and/or when completing a TOEFL Score Report Request Form. To arrange to take the TOEFL, please visit the following website www.web1.toefl.org. If you have any questions about application as an international student, please contact Creighton's Office of Admission at (800) 325-2830, ext. 1. For questions about Visa status please contact International Programs at (402) 280-2221 or www.creighton.edu/IntlPrograms/students.htm.

Transitional Doctor of Physical Therapy

The Transitional Doctor of Physical Therapy program accepts students who hold a current U.S. physical therapy license or its equivalent. Students who have not completed their physical therapy education in the U.S. must meet the minimum requirements of a professional degree in physical at the level of Bachelor of Science or beyond. This degree must be equivalent to a U.S. Bachelor of Science in Physical Therapy. International students requiring information should contact the School's Office of Admission at (402) 280-2662 or <http://spahp.creighton.edu>.

Post-Professional Doctor of Occupational Therapy

The Post-Professional Doctor of Occupational Therapy program applicants must possess an entry-level degree in occupational therapy from an educational institution recognized by the World Federation of Occupational Therapy (WFOT). Students must also submit a notarized photocopy of current NBCOT certification or NBCOT Confirmation of Examination Application Eligibility Notice. International students requiring more information should contact the School's Office of Admission at (402) 280-2662 or <http://spahp.creighton.edu>.

Degree Candidate Status

If an applicant's credentials indicate satisfactory preparation for admission, acceptance may be granted. International students may be admitted only as regular full-time students and are not eligible for special student status. The School of Pharmacy and Health Professions rarely admits students who are not seeking to obtain a degree from Creighton University.

Financial Aid

We regret that student financial assistance is rarely available for students who are not citizens or permanent residents of the United States or its possessions.

Certificate of Eligibility (I-20)

Before any certificate of eligibility (i.e., Form I-20) may be issued, the candidate must have deposited with the University a specified sum, after having been accepted for admission as a regular full-time student. For the 2007-2008 school year, the required deposit is \$2,500. A similar deposit may be required annually in advance of each school year for which the student wishes to register, assuming he or she is eligible to continue enrollment in the University. Canadian students are not required to meet this special deposit requirement. The deposit may be waived, or the amount of deposit required may be adjusted if the applicant submits acceptable evidence of ability to meet the financial demands of his/her education. Students from foreign countries should be advised that immigration rules do not normally permit students to be employed while residing in this country.

Illness or accidents requiring medical services and hospitalization can cost many thousands of dollars. Creighton University requires all registered students who are not permanent U.S. residents or U.S. citizens to carry the health and accident insurance plan offered on a group basis to Creighton students. The annual premium for 2007-2008 will be about \$1,700 (See Tuition and Fees page 124) for a single student. The insurance covers expenses arising from both accident and sickness, whether sustained at the University or elsewhere, during the entire policy term. The policy has few limitations, but these should be noted carefully. Creighton has set this requirement in line with the majority of other universities in the United States to relieve parents or students of the financial strain that normally accompanies unanticipated medical expenses.

If a student is sponsored by any agency that provides its students with health and accident insurance, Creighton insurance may not be required. Evidence of this coverage must be submitted to Student Health Service in order to qualify for a Creighton insurance waiver (See University Health Insurance Requirements, page 28).

PHARMACY PROGRAM

THE PROFESSION

The pharmacist is the drug expert on the health care team who has the ability to solve health-related problems of individuals and the community as they relate to the selection, use, delivery, and distribution of pharmaceuticals. The pharmacist, utilizing knowledge of disease states, therapeutics, and the pharmaceutical and biomedical sciences, will assist in the management of the patient's therapy by gathering information from the patient record, the patient, other health professionals and other resources; selecting and implementing a therapeutic drug regimen; monitoring the outcome of that regimen; and providing drug information and education to patients and health professionals. Collectively, these responsibilities form the foundation of the professional mandate to pharmacists to provide pharmaceutical care. The pharmacist is also responsible for storing, protecting, compounding, and dispensing medication in its various dosage forms.

Pharmacists have more career opportunities available to them today than ever before. Many are staff pharmacists, own a private community practice, or are managers in hospitals. Other pharmacists elect to teach at colleges and schools of pharmacy across the country. The pharmaceutical industry also provides opportunities in research, sales, information management, marketing, regulatory control, product development, quality control and production. Numerous employment opportunities also exist in governmental agencies.

Pharmacists' professional responsibility to improve the quality of life of patients through the proactive development, implementation and monitoring of therapeutic care plans, demands education at the doctoral level. Creighton University instituted a Doctor of Pharmacy degree program in 1976 and offered it exclusively to entering students beginning in 1994. Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.) graduates who have accumulated a sufficient number of internship hours are eligible to sit for the North American Pharmacist Licensure Examination (NAPLEX). Successful completion of the NAPLEX is required for licensure in all states.

Creighton University has continued to show its leadership in pharmacy education by establishing the first distance pathway to earn the Doctor of Pharmacy degree in 2001. This innovative pathway mirrors the traditional campus pathway, but allows students to take didactic classes over the Internet from wherever they live. In addition, students may be assigned to mentors in each course who will assist, guide and encourage them. Students are required to come to campus for a short time each summer semester for hands-on laboratory experiences in an accelerated fashion. Rotations are completed in the same manner as done with campus students.

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the pharmacy program is to prepare competent, compassionate pharmacists who provide pharmaceutical care based upon sound scientific knowledge, well-developed clinical skills, critical thinking capabilities, active learning, moral reasoning, communication skills, and a desire for lifelong improvement. Creighton pharmacy graduates possess integrity, and the confidence and capacity to work collaboratively with and for others, and will be proactive and progressive leaders in the profession of pharmacy.

The faculty, with the support of the staff and administration, provide comprehensive and innovative instruction and experience in both the classroom and practice settings. In addition, the School ensures that the educational outcomes are met by a systematic assessment process. The School further fulfills the mission by participating in scholarship, advancing practice, and providing service to the profession, the University, the School, and the community.

Please Note: The following *Bulletin* sections apply to students in the Doctor of Pharmacy for both the campus and distance pathways.

ADMISSION FOR DISTANCE AND CAMPUS PATHWAYS

The School enrolls 110 campus and 55 distance pathway students each year.

Fulfillment of the basic requirements does not guarantee admission. A selection system exists in which the Pharmacy Admission Committee selects the applicants it considers best qualified for the study and practice of the profession from the pool of applicants. Admission is based on rigor of coursework, quality of academic institution, cumulative GPA, prerequisite science GPA, PCAT score, work experience, recommendations, personal statement, and interview.

Admission Information

The deadline for pharmacy applications is February 1; however, applicants are strongly encouraged to apply in the fall prior to the desired term of entry.

To apply for admission, students must apply online through PharmCAS, a pharmacy college application service, at www.PharmCAS.org and submit the following:

- An official transcript from each U.S. and Canadian institution the applicant has attended and/or is currently attending. Official transcripts must be received directly from the issuing institution(s).
- Official PCAT scores. All applicants (excluding Creighton University undergraduates who will have completed at least 40 semester hours of credit following the completion of the fall semester prior to the desired term of entry) are required to take the PCAT and send scores to PharmCAS using PCAT code 104. The Admission Committee recommends the PCAT be taken following completion of at least one semester of organic chemistry. Application files will not be reviewed without receipt of the PCAT. Contact PCAT at 800-622-3231 or www.pcatweb.info for more information.
- A Creighton Supplemental Application online form available at <http://www.applyweb.com/cuhealth/menu.html>.
- Personal statement.
- Two letters of recommendation. We prefer that your letters of recommendation come from college professors who can attest to your ability to enter a competitive professional program. If you have been out of school for some time, letters from a work setting can be helpful. Do not submit letters from family members or friends. Letters of recommendation must be submitted through PHARMCAS.
- Interviews are required in the admission process. Qualified applicants will be notified if they are selected for an interview. Interviewees will be scheduled from January through April.

Creighton Preference

The Pharmacy Admission Committee has a strong preference for Creighton undergraduate students who complete the majority of their undergraduate coursework at Creighton, including all science and math prerequisites. All Creighton undergraduate students who have achieved a minimum overall grade point average (GPA) of 3.25 at the end of the semester in which the student applies will be guaranteed an interview

Guaranteed Admission Policy

Creighton students who began undergraduate studies prior to an including Fall 2006 who meet the following criteria will be granted admission to the Doctor of Pharmacy program. All curricula in the SPAHP undergo constant review and refinement. Please check with the SPAHP Admission Office for the most up-to-date program prerequisites.

Each student must:

1. Be enrolled and complete all pre-pharmacy requirements at Creighton University prior to entry into the program. Courses taken for college credit (e.g., Advanced Placement) prior to high school graduation will not result in ineligibility.
2. Complete a minimum of 14 semester hours each semester.
3. Have achieved a minimum overall grade-point average (GPA) of 3.5 at the end of the semester in which the student applies.
4. Take biology and organic chemistry concurrently during the same semester.
5. Complete an interview expressing an appropriate rationale and demonstrating interpersonal skills for the study and practice of pharmacy.
6. Submit an online application to the School of Pharmacy and Health Professions Admission Office by **December 1** of the academic year prior to enrollment in the professional program.

Students unable to meet one or more of these criteria are encouraged to apply for admission through the standard admission procedure.

PREPROFESSIONAL COMPONENT

The 63 hours of prerequisites for entry into the pharmacy program are outlined below. All prerequisite coursework must be completed with a grade of “C” or better.

Biology—two semesters with lab	8 credits
General Chemistry—two semesters with lab.....	8 credits
Organic Chemistry—two semesters with lab	8 credits
English—including one semester of Composition	6 credits
Speech*	3 credits
Calculus	3 credits
Psychology	3 credits
Economics.....	3 credits
Theology**	6 credits
Electives***	<u>15-21 credits</u>

TOTAL 63 credits

* Applicants may request a waiver for the Speech requirement if they have a bachelor’s degree and appropriate speaking experience.

** Creighton University pre-pharmacy students are required to take six hours of Theology. Transfer students have this requirement waived and would instead take six additional credit hours of electives.

*** Nine semester hours must be taken in areas of general education (e.g., courses in the humanities, or behavioral or social science areas of knowledge).

All science prerequisite classes must be at a level such that the courses would be acceptable to advance towards a bachelor degree in that discipline (e.g., organic chemistry for the health sciences).

TECHNICAL STANDARDS FOR ADMISSION AND RETENTION OF PHARMACY STUDENTS

In addition to the academic requirements outlined above, candidates must possess skills and abilities that will allow them to successfully complete the curriculum and practice the profession of pharmacy. Creighton University Medical Center School of Pharmacy and Health Professions has an ethical responsibility for the safety of patients for whom the students come into contact. Therefore, patient safety is a major factor in establishing requirements for physical, cognitive, and emotional capabilities of applicants for admission and graduation. These technical standards encompass observational, communicational, motor, intellectual-conceptual (integrative and qualitative), behavioral and social skills and abilities. The School is committed to enabling students with disabilities by reasonable means of accommodation to complete the course of study leading to the Doctor of Pharmacy degree. Some accommodations cannot be made because they are not reasonable. For example, the use of a trained intermediary is not acceptable. The use of a trained intermediary is not acceptable in many clinical situations in that it implies that a candidate's judgment must be mediated by someone else's power of selection and observation.

- I. **Observational:** The candidate must be able to visually observe and interpret presented information. This will necessitate the functional use of vision, hearing and somatic senses.
- II. **Communicational:** The candidate must be able to communicate effectively with patients, caregivers, faculty/staff and all members of the health care team. These skills include the appropriate use of spoken and written English, hearing, and reading.
- III. **Motor:** The candidate must have sufficient motor function and skills necessary to perform basic tasks in the training and practice of pharmacy. Examples of such tasks may include the compounding of medicinals, administration of drugs or the provision of basic cardiac life support. Such actions require the coordination of both gross and fine muscular movements, equilibrium, and functional use of the senses.
- IV. **Intellectual-Conceptual:** Problem solving and critical thinking are key skills to proper performance of the responsibilities of a pharmacist. The candidate must be able to measure, calculate, reason, analyze, synthesize and integrate information that is essential to fully develop these skills.
- V. **Behavioral and Social Skills and Abilities:** The candidate must be of sufficient emotional and mental health to utilize fully his or her intellectual ability, to exercise good judgment and ethical standards, to complete patient care responsibilities promptly, and to relate to others with courtesy, compassion, maturity and respect for their dignity. The ability to participate collaboratively as a professional team member is essential. The pharmacy student must display emotional health in spite of stressful work, changing environments, and clinical uncertainties. The pharmacy student must be able to modify behavior in response to constructive criticism. He/she must exhibit behavior and intellectual functioning which does not differ from acceptable standards.

The applicant should evaluate him or herself for compliance with these technical standards.

NOTEBOOK COMPUTER INITIATIVES

All entering full-time pharmacy students are issued a notebook computer. The expense for the notebook computer and related support is incorporated into the tuition for the pharmacy school curriculum. Currently, notebook computers are replaced after two years of active service.

Pharmacy practice in the 21st century is critically dependent on information systems for patient care and research. To ensure our graduates are well prepared to engage these technologies, the School continues to incorporate contemporary technologies into the classroom, laboratory and clinical education experiences.

Our faculty has made a commitment to incorporate the use of laptop computers into their classroom lectures, tests, presentations, laboratory experiences, and pharmacy rotations. To this end, the Office of eLearning and Academic Technologies ensures all students receive assistance to successfully use their laptop computers in their studies. Furthermore, specific health sciences classrooms accommodate the routine use of laptop computers in classroom lectures, presentations and small group activities.

LIVING ACCOMMODATIONS

On-campus housing is not able to accommodate family members when students are on campus for short periods of time such as New Student Welcome Week or summer intensive sessions to take laboratory courses. When housing is needed for family members in such situations, the actual arrangements for off-campus housing are left to the individual students. Several local Omaha hotels are either in walking distance from the Creighton University campus or offer shuttle service to the campus.

TUITION AND FEES

See Tuition and Fees Section in this *Bulletin*. Special fees may be required for purchase of professional resource materials, professional memberships, liability insurance, and registration as a pharmacist intern.

FINANCIAL AID

See Financial Aid Section in this *Bulletin*.

OTHER INFORMATION

Contact the Associate Dean for Student Affairs in the Office of Academic and Student Affairs if assistance is needed in special situations.

INTERNSHIP

Most states require some practical experience before candidates are allowed to take the examination for licensure. This practical experience, known as internship, may be a combination of part-time and summer employment, School-directed experience, and post-graduate work. The amount of internship required, and the credit given for School-directed experience, varies from state to state. Creighton University pharmacy students are required to apply for and subsequently obtain a Nebraska pharmacist intern registration upon matriculation. Students must be registered as interns with the State of Nebraska before they can engage in early experiential education activities, be placed on rotation, or accumulate internship hours. A fee is assessed by the State of Nebraska for issuing the intern registration. Students in the distance pathway must also obtain and maintain an intern registration in their state or country of residence.

In addition to a valid Nebraska intern registration, students placed on a rotation in states other than Nebraska may also be required to hold a valid intern registration in those states.

The School grants each Pharm.D. graduate 200 hours of practical experience for each five-week rotation completed. State Boards of Pharmacy may accept all or part of these experiential hours in fulfillment of the requirements for licensure.

LICENSURE

In order to qualify for practice in the United States, pharmacy graduates must successfully pass licensure examinations and complete the clinical and practical experience hours required by the state in which licensure is sought.

PLACEMENT

Program graduates will be assisted by the University Placement Office. Job opportunities are plentiful. Many prospective employers conduct interviews at the School. The School hosts an annual Career Fair that is well attended by potential employers, and effectively assists graduates with job placement.

PHARMACY STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Academy of Student Pharmacists: A student chapter of the American Pharmacists Association, now called the Academy of Student Pharmacists (ASP), was established at Creighton in 1955. This organization replaced the Creighton University Student American Pharmaceutical Association, which included all pharmacy students in its membership. The purpose of ASP is to advance the scholastic and social interests of pharmacy students, and to promote University and School loyalty. Many worthwhile events and projects are sponsored by ASP during the school year.

Alpha Alpha Chapter of Rho Chi, the national pharmacy honor society, was established at Creighton University in 1941. Charters and chapters of this organization are granted only to schools or colleges that are members in good standing of the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy. Eligibility for membership in the Society is based on high scholarship and leadership. All candidates selected for membership must have completed the first professional year, and must be approved by the Dean of the School of Pharmacy and Health Professions.

The Kappa Psi Pharmaceutical Fraternity was founded at the Russell Military Academy in New Haven, Connecticut in 1879. Creighton's Beta Nu Chapter was revitalized in 1977 after having been inactive since World War II and continues to be very active locally, regionally and nationally. Membership is open to all students, both male and female. This group sponsors many professional and social activities throughout the year.

National Community Pharmacists Association: The Creighton University student chapter of the NCPA (formerly NARD) was established in 1993. All students enrolled in the pharmacy program are eligible for NCPA membership. The mission of the organization is to promote professionalism among pharmacy students, provide exposure to unique and innovative community/retail practice environments, and promote an awareness of political and legislative issues which impact pharmacy. Membership in NCPA offers the opportunity to engage in public service, hone leadership skills, and develop the attitudes necessary for life-long personal and professional growth.

Phi Delta Chi is a professional pharmacy fraternity which was founded at the University of Michigan in 1883. Phi Chapter at Creighton University was reactivated in 1991. Membership is open to all pharmacy students, both male and female. The fraternity emphasizes professional and educational functions balanced with social activities.

Phi Lambda Sigma is a national pharmacy leadership society dedicated to the encouragement, recognition, and promotion of leadership in the field of pharmacy. Creighton's Alpha Mu chapter was established in 1991. Pharmacy students, faculty, administrators, alumni, and staff who have demonstrated dedicated service and leadership in the advancement of pharmacy, and who are of high moral and ethical character, are eligible for membership. The advancement of pharmacy in schools, colleges and society is ensured through education, community service programs, and participation in pharmacy-related activities.

RECOGNITION OF SCHOLARSHIP, LEADERSHIP, AND SERVICE

Student Scholarships

The Creighton University School of Pharmacy and Health Professions administers endowed scholarships and scholarships derived from gifts and donations administratively and/or through the Pharmacy Student Awards Committee. In January of each year, students are invited to apply for selected scholarships. Selected awards are announced at the spring School Honors Convocation. Students are informed of miscellaneous scholarships through email announcements and may consult with the School's Academic Success Specialist regarding any such scholarships.

The following scholarships are given annually to students through the Pharmacy Student Awards Committee or the University Financial Aid Office:

Luke Coniglio and James Geisler Endowed Scholarship award to an outstanding pharmacy student.

Dr. and Mrs. John F. Connolly Endowed Scholarship awarded to a pharmacy student with high academic standing and financial need.

Creighton "Pride in Pharmacy" Scholarship presented to a student leader who enhances the profession through involvement in professional activities and community service, shows characteristics of leadership and is influential with peers.

CVS Charitable Trust Incorporated Scholarships presented to students in good standing who are interested in a career in community pharmacy practice.

Dr. Ann Langley Czerwinski Endowed Scholarship is presented to a pharmacy student who exhibits professional potential, scholarship, and has financial need.

David and Fay Feldman Endowed Scholarship awarded to an outstanding student who can demonstrate financial need.

M. Douglas and Barbara Ford Endowed Scholarship presented in recognition of achievement in academics.

Alexander J. and Martha H. Forst Endowed Scholarship awarded to a third- or fourth-year pharmacy student who has demonstrated academic excellence and the need for financial aid.

The Jane A. Ghiglieri Memorial Scholarship is awarded to a senior pharmacy student who has demonstrated academic excellence, outstanding leadership abilities, and service to the School and community.

Gondringer Scholarship awarded to a pharmacy student from rural Nebraska who has demonstrated academic excellence.

Claude O. Hendricks Endowed Scholarship is presented to a pharmacy student who exhibits professionalism, scholarship and has financial need.

Nebraska Pharmacists Association Rex Highley Memorial Scholarship given to a Nebraska student who shows academic and professional potential.

Dr. and Mrs. William A. Jarrett Endowed Scholarship presented to a student who demonstrates promise for future practice in the profession of pharmacy.

Arthur W. and Edna W. Jensen Scholarship awarded to pharmacy students who have demonstrated high academic achievements.

Kmart Scholarship is awarded to an outstanding pharmacy student employed in a community pharmacy.

Kohll's Pharmacy and Homecare Endowed Scholarship presented to a student with a consistent record of scholastic achievement who expresses a desire to provide compounding and homecare services.

Longs Drug Scholarships presented to students who have professional potential and the desire to practice in the community setting.

Joseph and Margaret Manion Endowed Scholarship presented to a student who has consistently demonstrated academic excellence in the pharmacy program.

Nebraska Pharmacists Association Cora Mae Briggs Memorial Scholarship presented to a student who is a resident of Nebraska and has exhibited high academic and professional potential.

Pharmacists Mutual Scholarship presented to a student who has exhibited academic superiority.

Sebastian C. Pirruccello Scholarship is presented to a second-year pharmacy student who has demonstrated scholarship, leadership, service and has financial need.

Leonard and Madeline Powers Endowed Scholarship is presented to a pharmacy student who exhibits professional potential, scholarship and has financial need.

Brett G. Sherman Awards are presented to one male and one female third-year student who embody the spirit of Brett G. Sherman in their academic excellence and service to the class.

John and Lydia Stohs Scholarship Award, presented to a student in the School of Pharmacy and Health Professions who has demonstrated high academic achievement and need.

Sidney J. Stohs Endowed Scholarship Award, presented to a student in the School of Pharmacy and Health Professions who has demonstrated high academic achievement and need.

James and Georgianna Vicari and Dr. Philip and Virginia Monnig Annual Scholarship presented as a state-specific award to a student with consistently high academic standing.

Walgreens Company Scholarship Awards presented to students who actively promote pharmacy and exhibit high professionalism.

Wal-mart Pharmacy Scholarship presented to a student interested in community pharmacy practice who demonstrates high academic standing and strength in leadership.

Arthur C. Williamson Memorial Scholarship presented to a student who exhibits a high degree of professional potential.

Other scholarships are given to students based on availability of funds through university and non-university sources.

Membership in National Societies

Membership in Phi Lambda Sigma, national pharmacy leadership society, awarded on the basis of dedicated service and leadership in the advancement of pharmacy.

Membership in Rho Chi, national pharmacy honor society, based on high attainment in scholarship, character and leadership.

Faculty Awards

Dr. Pete Ellerbeck Memorial Award, sponsored by the Creighton University chapter of Kappa Psi Pharmaceutical Fraternity, is presented to an outstanding pharmacy faculty member as voted on by all pharmacy students who have completed at least one year of the professional program. The award is based on professionalism, teaching ability, furthering the profession of pharmacy, professional publications, School spirit and dedication.

Rho Chi Excellence in Teaching Award is presented to the pharmacy faculty or staff member voted as the most outstanding teacher by currently active student members of Alpha Alpha Chapter of Rho Chi National Pharmacy Honor Society.

Phi Lambda Sigma Leadership Award is presented by the Creighton University Chapter of Phi Lambda Sigma National Pharmacy Leadership Society to a faculty or staff member who demonstrates leadership on a local, regional or national level, and who serves as a role model for students and peers.

DOCTOR OF PHARMACY DEGREE

Ability-based Outcomes

The Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.) degree is earned by those who have had the classroom and experiential education necessary to prepare them for broad-based general clinical practice. The following professionally specific and general ability-based outcomes have been endorsed by the pharmacy faculty for all Creighton University Doctor of Pharmacy graduates.

Professional Outcomes

- 1. Patient Assessment** - The student shall contribute to the database of information about the patient by: a) performing a medication history, review of systems and physical assessment; b) recommending and interpreting laboratory tests; c) assessing medical, psychosocial, behavioral, and economic status; and d) identifying potential drug-related problems.
- 2. Pharmaceutical Care Plan Development** - The student shall develop pharmaceutical care plans that maximize the patient's response to drug therapy and prevent or resolve a drug-related problem(s) in order to ensure positive outcome(s). The student shall appropriately document the implementation of and outcomes related to the care plan. The pharmaceutical care plan shall include medical devices, as needed, and educational information (e.g., nutrition, lifestyle, etc.) intended to promote general health and prevent or minimize disease progression.
- 3. Drug Therapy Evaluation** - The student shall assess and monitor the patient's drug therapy, including a consideration of the chemical, pharmaceutical, pharmacokinetic, and pharmacological characteristics of the administered medications.
- 4. Pharmacotherapy Decision-Making** - The student shall make pharmacotherapy decisions and support those decisions based on knowledge of biomedical, pharmaceutical, administrative, and clinical sciences. The student shall recommend patient use of prescription and nonprescription medications, as well as nondrug therapy.
- 5. Medication Preparation, Distribution, and Administration** - The student shall compound and/or dispense drug products consistent with patient needs and in harmony with the law. The student shall demonstrate the ability to accurately interpret the prescription, select the appropriate dosage form, route and method of administration, and appropriately package and label the product. The student shall demonstrate the ability to administer medications, when appropriate.

- 6. Systems Management** - The student shall use and evaluate acquisition, inventory control and distribution systems, while documenting and maintaining quality. The student shall plan, organize, direct and control pharmaceutical care systems and human, material, and financial resources, utilizing management theories and information technology.

General Education Outcomes

- 7. Communication Skills** - The student shall read, write, speak, listen and use multimedia to communicate effectively. The student shall counsel and educate patients, as well as communicate with other health care professionals.
- 8. Critical Thinking** - The student shall acquire, comprehend, apply, analyze, synthesize, and evaluate information. The student shall integrate these abilities to identify, resolve, and prevent problems and make appropriate decisions. The student shall understand the research process.
- 9. Professional Ethics and Responsibility** - The student shall represent the profession in an ethical manner. The student shall identify, analyze and resolve ethical problems.
- 10. Social Interaction, Citizenship, Leadership, Professionalism** - The student shall demonstrate appropriate interpersonal behaviors. The student shall provide service to the profession, as well as the community. The student shall be proactive in collaborating with other health care professionals.
- 11. Life-long Learning** - The student shall continuously strive to expand his or her knowledge to maintain professional competence.
- 12. Information Management** - The student shall apply technology to pharmacy practice and science. The student shall demonstrate the ability to interpret and evaluate data for the purpose of assessing the suitability, accuracy, and reliability of information from reference sources.



Communication Skill Requirement

Ability to speak and write grammatically correct English is imperative. This is essential to ensure academic progress and to enable the student to communicate clearly with patients and other health care professionals. Remediation is mandatory if communication deficiencies are identified and later confirmed by a second communication assessment conducted by Creighton University Intensive English Language Institute (IELI) faculty. Individual student remediation programs will be developed by the Assistant/Associate Dean for Academic Affairs as recommended by the IELI.

Any student who completes a mandatory English language remediation program will undergo a follow-up assessment through the Intensive English Language Institute to determine if deficiencies still exist. Those students identified by this process as deficient in oral and/or written English communication skills must continue remediation through Intensive English Language Institute, or agencies to which they are referred by Intensive English Language Institute. In addition, students identified by Intensive English Language Institute as deficient in oral communication skills must score a minimum of 75 on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL®IBT) or they will not be allowed to register the spring semester of their P3 year for clinical rotations.

REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATION

In order to satisfy the requirements for graduation, the Doctor of Pharmacy student must successfully complete:

- all requirements for admission, including a minimum of 63 pre-professional semester hours;
- all required courses in the Pharm.D. curriculum;
- all required elective courses

A cumulative grade-point average of not less than 2.00 is required for graduation, based on all work attempted while enrolled in the pharmacy program.

A candidate for a degree must be determined by the faculty to be of good moral character and fit for the practice of the profession, must have paid all indebtedness to the University, and must be present at the ceremonies where the degree is conferred (unless excused under University rules).

To participate in Commencement a candidate must submit an application for degree from the Registrar's website by the University deadline.

In an effort to comply with accreditation and ongoing programmatic quality assurance, completion of all course evaluations and senior assessments is required in order for the student to be assigned a course grade and/or graduate.

PROFESSIONAL CURRICULUM

CAMPUS PATHWAY

The campus pathway to the Doctor of Pharmacy degree requires nine semesters of professional course work (thirteen semesters including the two years of pre-pharmacy courses). Students are required to attend rotations during the summer prior to the last year of the program. A full semester of tuition is charged for the summer rotation experience.

Normally, one-half of the class will take Ethics in the Health Care Professions in the Fall semester of the third professional year, and the other half will take Literature Evaluation and Evidence-based Practice. In the spring semester, students will take the course they did not take in the fall.

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Campus Pathway First Professional Year

<i>Fall Semester</i>	<i>Semester Hours</i>	<i>Spring Semester</i>	<i>Semester Hours</i>
BMS 301 Biochemistry	4	BMS 404 Physiology	4
PHA 304 Human Anatomy	2	PHA 325 Dosage Forms & Drug Delivery Systems	2
PHA 313 Pharmacy Calculations	2	PHA 402 Early Practice Experience I	1
PHA 315 Physical Pharmacy	3	PHA 442 Pharmacy Practice Management	3
PHA 316 Health Care Systems	3	PHA 444 Biostatistics & Research Design I	3
PHA 320 Communication Skills	2	PTG 105 Intro to Pathology of Human Disease	3
PHA 329 Introduction to Drug Information & Pharmaceutical Care	<u>1</u>	Electives	<u>2</u>
	17		18

Second Professional Year

<i>Fall Semester</i>	<i>Semester Hours</i>	<i>Spring Semester</i>	<i>Semester Hours</i>
MIC 541 Microbiology	4	PHA 324 Nonprescription Therapeutics	5
PHR 241 Pharmacology I	5	PHA 326 Patient Assessment	2
PHA 334 Parenteral Drug Products	3	PHA 412 Early Practice Experience II	1
PHA 337 Chemical Basis of Drug Action I	3	PHA 443 Basic Pharmacokinetics	2
Electives	<u>3</u>	PHA 447 Chemical Basis of Drug Action II	2
	18	PHR 242 Pharmacology II	5
		Electives	<u>1</u>
			18

Third Professional Year

<i>Fall Semester</i>	<i>Semester Hours</i>	<i>Spring Semester</i>	<i>Semester Hours</i>
PHA 450 Pharmacotherapeutics I	7	PHA 422 Early Practice Experience III	2
PHA 454 Pharmacy Practice Law	3	PHA 460 Pharmacotherapeutics II	7
PHA 459 Immunopharmacology	2	PHA 464 Clinical Pharmacokinetics	2
Electives	3	PHA 485 Dispensing/Pharm. Care Lecture	2
(One of the following:)		PHA 486 Dispensing/Pharm. Care Lab	1
PHA 456 Ethics in the Health Professions	3	Electives	1
PHA 458 Literature Evaluation & Evidence-based Practice	<u>3</u>	(One of the following:)	
	18	PHA 456 Ethics in the Health Professions	3
		PHA 458 Literature Evaluation & Evidence-based Practice	<u>3</u>
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Fourth Professional Year

<i>Summer Semester</i>	<i>Semester Hours</i>	<i>Fall Semester</i>	<i>Semester Hours</i>	<i>Spring Semester</i>	<i>Semester Hours</i>
Rotations (2)	10	Rotations (3)	15	Rotations (3)	15

ELECTIVES

A total of ten (10) elective semester hours are required of all pharmacy students.

- Five (5) semester hours of electives are required, regardless of pre-pharmacy academic history. These five elective hours must be taken at an accredited, four-year school, college or university while enrolled in Creighton's Doctor of Pharmacy program.

- Five (5) semester hours of unrestricted electives are required of all students. These unrestricted hours may be taken while enrolled in Creighton's Doctor of Pharmacy program, but credit hours earned in pre-professional coursework that are above and beyond those hours required for matriculation may also count against this requirement. If pre-professional coursework is used to satisfy the requirement, a grade of "C" or better must have been earned. Unrestricted electives can be completed at any post-secondary institution of higher learning.

- Electives do not need to be taken in the exact sequence as shown in the Doctor of Pharmacy curriculum.

ROTATION REQUIREMENTS

In the last three semesters of the program, five credits are given for each five-week rotation experience. Five rotations are required:

- PHA 510 Community Pharmacy Practice Rotation
- PHA 511 Inpatient Hospital Pharmacy Practice Rotation
- PHA 512 Adult Acute Pharmaceutical Care Rotation
- PHA 515 Drug Information Rotation
- PHA 516 Ambulatory Care Rotation

The remaining three (3) rotations are elective but must be selected so as to provide a variety of professional experiences. Students are encouraged to enroll in rotations that will expose them to direct patient contact and clinical service, distributive functions, and nontraditional practices. The experiential year has been designed to graduate a generalist practitioner who is highly qualified to enter practice or pursue advanced study in the clinical, administrative, or basic pharmaceutical sciences. The elective rotations available to Pharm.D. students currently include:

- PHA 520 Elective Community Pharmacy Practice Rotation
- PHA 521 Elective Community Pharmacy Management Rotation
- PHA 522 Elective Advanced Community Pharmacy Practice Rotation
- PHA 523 Elective Long Term Care Rotation
- PHA 524 Elective Ambulatory Care Rotation
- PHA 526 Elective Home Care Rotation
- PHA 527 Elective Community Compounding Rotation
- PHA 528 Elective Third World Cultures and Health Care (ILAC)
- PHA 529 Elective International Rotation
- PHA 533 Elective Pharmacy Organization Management Rotation
- PHA 535 Elective Academic Rotation
- PHA 536 Elective Pharmacoeconomics Rotation
- PHA 537 Elective Community Outreach Rotation
- PHA 540 Elective Hospital Pharmacy Practice Rotation
- PHA 541 Elective Hospital Pharmacy Management Rotation
- PHA 542 Elective Drug Information Rotation
- PHA 543 Elective Poison Center Rotation
- PHA 544 Elective Drug Utilization Review Rotation
- PHA 545 Elective Nuclear Rotation
- PHA 546 Elective Veterinary Pharmaceuticals Rotation
- PHA 550 Elective Industrial Pharmacy Rotation
- PHA 551 Elective Research Rotation
- PHA 560 Elective Acute Care Rotation I
- PHA 561 Elective Acute Care Rotation II
- PHA 562 Elective Pharmacokinetics Rotation
- PHA 563 Elective Infectious Disease Rotation I
- PHA 564 Elective Infectious Disease Rotation II
- PHA 565 Elective AIDS Rotation
- PHA 566 Elective Oncology Rotation I
- PHA 567 Elective Oncology Rotation II
- PHA 568 Elective Critical Care Rotation
- PHA 569 Elective Cardiology Rotation
- PHA 570 Elective Psychiatry Rotation I
- PHA 571 Elective Psychiatry Rotation II
- PHA 572 Elective Pediatrics Rotation
- PHA 573 Elective Nutrition Support Rotation

PROFESSIONAL CURRICULUM

DISTANCE PATHWAY

The distance pathway for the Doctor of Pharmacy degree requires nine semesters of professional course work (thirteen semesters including the two years of pre-pharmacy courses). The courses covered in this pathway are the same as in the campus pathway; however, some courses normally taken during the fall or spring semesters during the first three years of the campus pathway are taken during the summer in the distance pathway. In particular, students are required to be on campus for an estimated two weeks to four weeks each summer to take the laboratory courses in a condensed manner. As with the campus pathway, students are required to attend rotations during the summer prior to the last year of the program. The tuition for the distance pathway is assessed somewhat differently from the campus pathway because of the additional summer semesters, however, it is expected that the overall tuition and fees will be nearly identical for the total program, regardless of the pathway.

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Distance Pathway

First Professional Year

<i>Summer</i>	<i>Semester Hours</i>		
*Orientation and Technology Training	0		
<i>Fall Semester</i>	<i>Semester Hours</i>	<i>Spring Semester</i>	<i>Semester Hours</i>
BMS 301 Biochemistry	4	BMS 404 Physiology	4
PHA 304 Human Anatomy	2	PHA 325 Dosage Forms and Drug Delivery Systems	2
PHA 313 Pharmacy Calculations	2	PHA 402 Early Practice Experience I*	1
PHA 315 Physical Pharmacy	3	PHA 444 Biostatistics and Research Design	3
PHA 316 Health Care Systems	3	PHA 442 Pharmacy Practice Management	3
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Second Professional Year

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* Courses requiring on-campus components at Creighton University during summer lab sessions.

Third Professional Year

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PHA 450 Pharmacotherapeutics I	7	PHA 422 Early Practice Experience III*	2
PHA 454 Pharmacy Practice Law	3	PHA 456 Ethics in the Health Professions	3
PHA 458 Literature Evaluation and Evidence-based Practice	3	PHA 460 Pharmacotherapeutics II	7
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Electives	<u>3</u>	PHA 485 Dispensing and Pharm. Care	2
	18	Electives	<u>2</u>
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Fourth Professional Year

<i>Summer Semester</i>	<i>Semester Hours</i>
Rotations (2)	10
PHA 486 Dispensing Pharm. Care Lab	<u>1</u>
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<i>Fall Semester</i>	<i>Semester Hours</i>	<i>Spring Semester</i>	<i>Semester Hours</i>
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The remaining three (3) rotations are elective but must be selected so as to provide a variety of professional experiences. Students are encouraged to enroll in rotations that will expose them to direct patient contact and clinical service, distributive functions, and nontraditional practices. The experiential year has been designed to graduate a generalist practitioner who is highly qualified to enter practice or pursue advanced study in the clinical, administrative, or basic pharmaceutical sciences.

The elective rotations available to Pharm.D. students currently include:

- PHA 520 Elective Community Pharmacy Practice Rotation
- PHA 521 Elective Community Pharmacy Management Rotation
- PHA 523 Elective Long Term Care Rotation
- PHA 522 Elective Advanced Community Pharmacy Practice Rotation
- PHA 524 Elective Ambulatory Care Rotation
- PHA 526 Elective Home Care Rotation
- PHA 527 Elective Community Compounding Rotation
- PHA 528 Elective Third World Cultures and Health Care (ILAC)
- PHA 529 Elective International Rotation
- PHA 533 Elective Pharmacy Organization Management Rotation
- PHA 535 Elective Academic Rotation
- PHA 536 Elective Pharmacoeconomics Rotation
- PHA 537 Elective Community Outreach Rotation
- PHA 540 Elective Hospital Pharmacy Practice Rotation
- PHA 541 Elective Hospital Pharmacy Management Rotation
- PHA 542 Elective Drug Information Rotation
- PHA 543 Elective Poison Center Rotation
- PHA 544 Elective Drug Utilization Review Rotation
- PHA 545 Elective Nuclear Rotation
- PHA 546 Elective Veterinary Pharmaceuticals Rotation
- PHA 550 Elective Industrial Pharmacy Rotation
- PHA 551 Elective Research Rotation
- PHA 560 Elective Acute Care Rotation I
- PHA 561 Elective Acute Care Rotation II
- PHA 562 Elective Pharmacokinetics Rotation
- PHA 563 Elective Infectious Disease Rotation I
- PHA 564 Elective Infectious Disease Rotation II
- PHA 565 Elective AIDS Rotation
- PHA 566 Elective Oncology Rotation I
- PHA 567 Elective Oncology Rotation II
- PHA 568 Elective Critical Care Rotation
- PHA 569 Elective Cardiology Rotation
- PHA 570 Elective Psychiatry Rotation I
- PHA 571 Elective Psychiatry Rotation II
- PHA 572 Elective Pediatrics Rotation
- PHA 573 Elective Nutrition Support Rotation

ABOUT ELECTIVES/TRANSIENT STUDY

The unrestricted electives required of enrolled pharmacy students may be taken at any four year accredited college or university. Prior approval of the elective course by the Assistant/Associate Dean for Academic Affairs is required. A syllabus may need to be submitted to the Assistant/Associate Dean for Academic Affairs for review and approval. The academic advisor's recommendation will be an important part of the decision whether to allow the course to count against the requirements for graduation.

All elective courses must be taken for a grade unless the instructor has elected to use the Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory grading system. The Pass/No Pass option is not allowed for courses that will be applied toward the degree. As "D" grades do not transfer, elective courses taken for a letter grade at other institutions must be completed with a grade of "C" or better. Students should be advised that, while they will receive academic credit for the electives taken at institutions outside of Creighton University, the grades earned in these elective courses will NOT be calculated into their pharmacy grade-point average. Credit transfers, but grades do not. If electives are taken at a school or college outside of Creighton an official transcript which documents the grade earned in the elective course must be submitted to the Assistant/Associate Dean for Academic Affairs. An elective course cannot be considered to have been successfully completed until an official transcript is in the student's file.

In order for a course to count against the elective course requirements for graduation, the student must NOT have taken a similar course that covered the same content, during their pre-professional studies (i.e., they should not take astronomy if they have taken a similar astronomy course in their pre-professional studies).

If a student wishes to apply for transient study, the form entitled "Application for Transient Study" must be completed and approved before registering for the course.

The student must obtain his/her academic advisor's signature or email confirmation before submitting the form to the Office of Academic and Student Affairs for approval.

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

KEY TO SYMBOLS

The standard course description includes a variety of symbols or abbreviations indicating essential information. The following is a sample course description with the individual symbols explained in the order in which they appear in that description.

PHA 444 Biostatistics and Research Design (3)

This course is an introduction to statistics and research design. The course covers basic statistical concepts, techniques, notations and computations including descriptive and inferential statistics with an emphasis on statistical methods, computerized data analysis and data assessments most commonly associated with pharmaceutical and medical research. Basic descriptive and inferential statistical processes and procedures are presented as well as topics on the development of research protocols, survey research, clinical drug investigations, and grant development. P: PHA 329.

PHA	Department (subject or discipline) abbreviation. Standard three-letter symbols are used throughout the University to identify the subject fields.
444	Course Number
Biostatistics and Research Design—	Course Title
(3)	Credit value of the course in terms of number of semester hours of credit.
P	Prerequisite: the preliminary requirements that must be met before the course can be taken by a Doctor of Pharmacy student.
CO	Corequisite: a requirement, usually another course, that must be completed in the same term.
DC, IC	DC, department consent, and IC, instructor consent, signify that a student must have the permission of the department or instructor in addition to or in lieu of other course prerequisites.

NOTE: Not all of the foregoing information may be noted in any individual course.



FOUNDATION COURSES

The following courses are required in the campus and distance Doctor of Pharmacy program. They are offered by the Creighton School of Medicine.

BMS 301 Biochemistry (4)

An introductory course designed for students in the School of Pharmacy and Health Professions. In addition to topics concerning structure, function and metabolism of important biomolecules, biologically active peptides, detoxification and molecular biology will be surveyed.

MIC 541 Microbiology (4)

This is a team-taught professional course that coordinates the efforts of applied and clinical faculty in the areas of medical microbiology and infectious diseases. The course provides a unique approach to the understanding of human diseases, and includes didactic lectures and laboratory explanations on microbial structure, molecular biology, bacterial physiology, virology, mycology, parasitology, immunobiology, and bacterial pathogenesis. The diagnosis, treatment, and management of infectious diseases are included in this course presentation. **P: BMS 301 or IC.**

PHR 241 Pharmacology I (5)

A comprehensive coverage of the major drug groups and their mechanisms. The emphasis is on human pharmacology and the rational basis for therapeutics. Specific drug classes will be discussed with emphasis on mechanism of action, organ systems affected by the drugs, their pharmacokinetics, therapeutic indications, untoward effects, contraindications and drug-drug interactions. **P: BMS 301; BMS 404; CO: MIC 541.**

PHR 242 Pharmacology II (5)

Continuation of PHR 241. **P: PHR 241.**

BMS 404 Physiology (4)

A course focused on the principles of operation of the human physiological system. Emphasis on major concepts of systemic physiology, basic operations of functions during steady-states and response reactions, culminating in the ability to draw appropriate conclusions about functional states. **P: BIO 211; CHM 207 or equivalent.**

PTG 105 Introduction to Pathology of Human Disease (3)

Fundamental vocabulary and concepts of disease to include their causes, lesions, and mechanisms are studied. After providing the student with fundamental vocabulary and concepts, as well as a broad analysis of the most common and significant diseases and the process of diagnosis, the diseases are approached by organ system, with a review of the anatomy and physiology involved, epidemiology of each disease state, pathologic and clinical manifestation and diagnostic techniques. **P: PHA 304; CO: BMS 404.**

PHARMACY COURSES (PHA AND NDP)

The courses listed below describe the required and elective offerings in the traditional (PHA) and nontraditional (NDP) Doctor of Pharmacy curricula. BMS, PHA or PHR designated prerequisites or corequisites required for enrollment in dual-listed courses apply only to entry-level Doctor of Pharmacy students.

PHA 300 Pharmacogenomics in Disease Management (2) (Elective)

Many patients fail to respond completely to the drugs they are given, and others manifest often severe adverse effects. Obviously, a better fundamental understanding of the nature of genetic predisposition to diseases as well as drug action is essential for future progress in health care. Drugs may interact specifically and selectively with the genetic properties of an individual. Pharmacogenomics predicts how an individual's genetic inheritance will affect the body's response to drugs. This course will deal with fundamental concept of pharmacogenomics, its application to disease management and patient care, and future trends. **P: BMS 301.**

- PHA 304 Human Anatomy (2)**
Pharmacy students will learn cellular, tissue, organ, and system level anatomical structures, with emphasis on using anatomical knowledge as a foundation for pharmaceutical care.
- PHA 305 Basics of Personal Computing (1) (Elective)**
During this two-day intensive course students will learn basic computing technology skills, including but not limited to the basics of Microsoft Word, Powerpoint, Excel, Internet Explorer, Internet use and computer concepts. **Note: Only first-year pharmacy students can enroll in this course.**
- PHA 306 Human Embryology (1) (Elective)**
Human embryology integrates anatomy and physiology with a pharmacy clinical focus on processes occurring during conception, pregnancy and development of the fetus.
- PHA 308 Lifestyle Modifications in Pharmacotherapy (2) (Elective)**
This course discusses basic health promotion and lifestyle modification strategies such as nutrition, physical activity, weight loss, smoking cessation and behavioral modification. These lifestyle modification strategies are applied to healthy individuals and patients with chronic diseases in the pharmacy practice setting to prevent disease and/or the progression of disease. The course is designed to be discussion and application based so students have ample practice implementing these lifestyle modification strategies.
- PHA 310 Survey of Alternative Medicine (2) (Elective)**
This elective class introduces the student to several disciplines frequently termed “alternative medicine” or “nontraditional medicine.” Examples of “alternative” disciplines include: Homeopathy, Chiropractic, Hypnotism, Osteopathy, and Acupuncture. Each discipline is presented by a specialist in that discipline. **Note: A student cannot take this course for credit if they have completed PHA 311.**
- PHA 311 Alternate Medicine Therapeutics (2) (Elective)**
This is a web-based course designed to develop a fundamental understanding of complementary and alternative medicine (CAM) practices. The basic concepts of efficacy and safety of these practices will be evaluated. Integration of this diverse group of practices into conventional medicine will be considered. Ethical issues relative to CAM therapies will be discussed. Participation by the student will include a variety of stress reduction techniques and visitation to local CAM providers. **Note: A student cannot take this course for credit if they have completed PHA 310.**
- PHA 313 Pharmacy Calculations (2)**
This course prepares students to perform pharmaceutical and clinical calculations necessary for extemporaneous compounding of prescriptions and for adjusting dosing based on patient-specific factors.
- NDP 314 Home Medical Equipment (1)**
This course is a survey of the various therapeutic, diagnostic and medical related products and devices marketed for use at home. It includes such topics as home medical equipment, first aid supplies, wound care products, ambulatory aids, ostomy supplies, and respiratory care equipment.
- PHA 315 Physical Pharmacy (3)**
This course is a study of the quantitative and theoretical concepts that govern drug formulation. The course will provide an understanding of the physicochemical properties of drugs as they relate to their design in dosage forms.
- PHA 316 Health Care Systems (3)**
This course examines the various structural, economic, service delivery, professional, and patient factors influencing contemporary pharmacy practice in a variety of settings.

PHA 320 Communication Skills (2)

A course designed to improve communication skills by establishing the framework and demonstrating concepts essential for understanding the communication process. The course will focus on the development of interdisciplinary and patient relationships. A laboratory section will allow small group discussion, role playing, video taping, and computer application demonstrations.

PHA 324 Nonprescription Therapeutics (NPT) (5)

This course introduces students to concepts and products intended for self-care. Students assess patients to determine if they are suitable for self-care and make therapeutic recommendations. Students are expected to model professional behavior in the application of their knowledge to patient care situations. **CO: PHR 242**

PHA 325 Dosage Forms and Drug Delivery Systems (2)

An introduction to different pharmaceutical dosage forms and drug delivery systems. This course will cover solid, liquid, and semisolid dosage forms, aerosols, transdermal, and other novel delivery systems. **P: PHA 315.**

PHA 326 Patient Assessment (2)

Patient assessment involves the systematic collection of objective and subjective data. This course will discuss the theoretical and practical aspects of patient assessment including specific aspects of physical assessment, clinical laboratory data, nutrition, culture, and normal growth and development.

PHA 329 Introduction to Drug Information and Pharmaceutical Care (1)

This course is an introduction to Drug Information, the model for learning basic references utilized in the area of pharmacy and health care. This course is also an introduction to pharmaceutical care, the basic model for pharmacists to systematically approach problems from their patients and other health care professionals. This course compliments the application of skills that will be acquired in the Communication Skills course and Early Practice Experience sequence.

PHA 330 Exercise and Sports Pharmacy (1) (Elective)

The primary intent of this course is to give students the appropriate training that will enable them to write safe and effective exercise prescriptions for patients with chronic diseases (diabetes, cardiovascular diseases, obesity, etc.) where exercise has been shown to be beneficial according to the specific guidelines of that disease. The course will also provide students information regarding sports pharmacy. The role of the team pharmacist, community pharmacist and certain sports supplements will be discussed. **P: Successful completion of all first-year coursework in the Pharm.D. curriculum.**

PHA 334 Parenteral Drug Products (3)

Practical experiences in the preparation, handling, quality control, therapeutics, and dispensing of sterile dosage forms including proper aseptic preparation of parenteral and enteral nutrition products, chemotherapeutic agents, biologicals, and specialty solutions. Electronic delivery devices and other related equipment are also covered. **P: PHA 315.**

NDP 334 Parenteral Drug Products (2)

Didactic and observational experiences in the preparation, handling, quality control, therapeutics, and dispensing of sterile dosage forms including proper aseptic preparation of parenteral and enteral nutrition products, chemotherapeutic agents, biologicals, and specialty solutions. Electronic delivery devices and other related equipment are also covered.

PHA 337 Chemical Basis of Drug Action I (3)

This course instructs the student on the chemical basis for drug behavior, both in vivo and in vitro. General chemical principles, physicochemical properties, and drug-receptor interactions are used to derive structure-activity relationships for important and commonly encountered classes of drugs. This permits the understanding of pharmacological and biopharmaceutical profiles of currently available drug products, and explains the scientific rationale behind their therapeutic use. Chemically based therapeutic case studies and structurally based therapeutic evaluations are utilized to help students develop a scientific basis for rational therapeutic decision-making. **P: BMS 301; CO: PHR 241.**

PHA 340 Native American Culture and Health (2) (Elective)

This course allows students to learn firsthand about the culture and health care practices of Native Americans by participating in seminars offered by Native tribal and spiritual leaders, healers, and others who work with Native populations in promoting wellness and pride in culture. Students will participate in the course with other SPAHP students enrolling in the elective course "Learning through Reflective Service: Native American Experience" (PHA 341).

PHA 341 Learning through Reflective Service: Native American Experience (2) (Elective)

This course allows students to learn firsthand about the culture and health care practices of Native Americans through focused, reflective study and professional and community-related service activities. One week of guided on-site service experience at a Native American reservation or urban community is preceded by the establishment of learning goals, readings, independent study, group discussion and reflection. Following the service week, students engage in further reflection to make meaning of the experience, present an oral reflection on the lessons learned from the experience and a seminar on their experience to interested Creighton students and faculty, and explore career opportunities in the Public Health Service.

PHA 347 Professional Seminar (1) (Elective)

This 1-credit course is designed to assist students in becoming strategic learners. The course will explore strategies or approaches that enable one to better learn, understand and retain what is being taught, and the ways to manage one's time and life in the new environment of professional school. Ideas from educational psychology, cognitive psychology, and various academic disciplines are presented in order to improve students' learning ability in professional school.

PHA 375 Introduction to Online Information Retrieval (1) (Elective)

An in-depth introduction to information retrieval from the major bibliographic health science databases including Medline, Embase, and IPA. The student will develop a proficiency with the mechanics of searching, learn strategies for solving a variety of search problems, and develop an understanding of the strengths and weaknesses of the various databases.

PHA 377 Addiction and Other Substance Abuse (3) (Elective)

A study of substance abuse and addiction, including etiology, prevention, and treatments. Special emphasis is given to the disease concept, intervention techniques, policies relating to impaired professionals, and the impact of drug use on society.

PHA 379 Veterinary Pharmaceuticals (1) (Elective)

Discussion of veterinary medications potentially encountered in a community pharmacy setting. Clinical utilization of these agents will be seen on scheduled field trips. There will also be exposure to business management aspects of veterinary pharmaceuticals, as well as discussion of preparation and dispensing of these agents. Additionally, animal-human disease transmission (zoonoses) will be explored. The focus of this course will be on large animal products with an emphasis on equine pharmaceuticals.

PHA 380 Veterinary Therapeutics (2) (Elective)

Upon completing this course students will have obtained knowledge and skills that can positively impact educational, veterinary and economic outcomes by applying their drug knowledge resources to veterinary situations. This course will provide valuable instruction on the uses and indications of human and veterinary labeled medications used in the treatment of diseases affecting companion and food animals. Common animal disease states affecting small animals, large animals, and food animals will be presented and discussed. Emphasis on the legal and regulatory issues that affect the practice of veterinary pharmacy will be emphasized. Exploration and utilization of text and internet-based veterinary-specific resources will be highlighted. Additionally, current topics in veterinary medicine and veterinary pharmacy will be discussed.

PHA 383 Consultant Pharmacy Practice in Long-Term Care (1) (Elective)

This course provides the opportunity for students to learn about the evolution of consultant pharmacy practice, practice environments for consultant pharmacists, regulations affecting long-term care, and consultant pharmacist services.

PHA 384 Current Trends and Controversies in Pharmacy Practice (1) (Elective)

This course will highlight current topics that are impacting the practice of pharmacy, such as the use of pharmacy technicians and robotics, price discrimination and pharmacists' prescribing. The investigation of issues and presentation of perspectives to peers will help participants develop leadership skills. **P: Successful completion of all first year coursework in the Pharm.D. curriculum.**

PHA 388 Integrating Complementary Medicine (2) (Elective)

This introductory course is designed to allow students to appreciate the diversity of complementary and alternative medicine (CAM). Evidence-based principles will be used to explore the integration of this diverse group of practices into conventional pharmacy practice. Ethical considerations relative to CAM therapies will be discussed. Nutraceutical products utilized in the care of cardiac, oncology, and diabetes patients will be investigated. Stress reduction techniques will also be practiced throughout the semester. **P: Successful completion of all first year coursework in the Pharm.D. curriculum.**

PHA 399 Directed Independent Research I (1-6) (Elective)

This course provides students with the opportunity to become involved in a research project under the guidance of a faculty member. The course is repeatable to a maximum of six hours.

PHA 402 Early Practice Experience I (1)

PHA 402 which integrates first semester pharmacy and concurrent pharmacy didactic material and professional socialization with a focus on the development of basic pharmacy practice and patient care skills. Introduction to patient case studies will commence students' ability to evaluate data, incorporate basic anatomy and physiology concepts, to perform basic patient assessment. The observation visits, including exercises at a community pharmacy practice site are complemented by reflection. Dialogue with practicing pharmacists and conducting a patient interview enhance communication skills. Introduction to the prescription and prescription process will build the foundation for many other courses.

PHA 403 Cultural Proficiency for Health Care Professionals I (2) (Elective)

This course addresses the need for cultural proficiency for health care professionals. The course provides the students an opportunity to explore the cultural factors that influences their own interaction with the health care system in the United States and with health care providers. The course also addresses how a patient's cultural beliefs, values, practices, religion and language affect the relationship with health care providers. Further, this course will provide several activities on how to utilize this knowledge to develop awareness and respect for other cultures in order to implement a culturally proficient care plan. **P: PHA 320.**

- PHA 404 Cultural Proficiency for Health Care Professionals II (1) (Elective)**
This experiential experience addresses and builds on knowledge gained in the cultural proficiency for health care professionals I. One or two students will be selected to participate in a human relations/social justice leadership camp for high school or college students for four days. The experience will challenge the students to apply the knowledge gained and to refine critical skills deemed necessary to interact with individuals with different cultural beliefs, values, practices, religions and languages. **P: PHA 403 or IC.**
- PHA 405 Cultural Proficiency for Health Care Professionals III (2) (Elective)**
This course addresses and builds on knowledge gained in the cultural proficiency for health care professionals I. One or two students will be selected to participate in a human relations/social justice leadership camp for high school students for seven days in the summer. The experience will challenge the students to apply the knowledge gained and to refine critical skills deemed necessary to interact with individuals with different cultural beliefs, values, practices, religions and languages. **P: PHA 403 or IC.**
- PHA 412 Early Practice Experience II (1)**
PHA 412 integrates previous and concurrent didactic coursework and professional socialization with a focus on the development of basic practice and patient care skills. Patient case studies develop students' ability to evaluate data and apply information to pharmaceutical care services. Observation and discussion at institutional pharmacy practice sites are complemented by reflection. **P: PHA 402**
- PHA 420 Geriatric Pharmacy (2) (Elective)**
This interdisciplinary course provides the opportunity for students to learn about issues specific to older patients. The course focuses on the social and emotional aspects of aging, specific health problems of aging, and issues of pharmacy practice for geriatric patients. Interprofessional assessment and care planning for elderly residents residing in local assisted living facilities will be a core component. **P: P2 or P3 stdg.**
- PHA 422 Early Practice Experience III (2)**
PHA 422 integrates previous and concurrent didactic coursework with professional socialization, pharmaceutical care practice, and experience. Clinical experience in acute, ambulatory, and/or long-term care settings will allow students an opportunity to apply didactically acquired information in the provision of pharmaceutical care. **P: PHA 412.**
- PHA 425 Introduction to Clinical Nutrition for Pharmacists (2) (Elective)**
This course reviews the foundation of nutrition with emphasis on the nutritional aspects of carbohydrates, lipids, proteins, vitamins, electrolytes and trace elements. Nutrition for growth and development and nutrition/clinical care of selected disease states will be covered. Institutionalized nutritional therapy in specific disease states such as metabolic stress, liver and gall bladder disease, renal disease and the care of premature neonates will be addressed. The role of the pharmacist as a "nutritionist" and specialist in drug-nutrient interactions, specific OTC nutritional supplements and drugs and food additives will be emphasized. **P: BMS 301, BMS 404, or IC.**
- PHA 442 Pharmacy Practice Management (3)**
This course introduces students to management techniques applicable to the contemporary practice of pharmacy in community and institutional settings.
- PHA 443 Basic Pharmacokinetics (2)**
Pharmacokinetics is the mathematics of the time course of Absorption, Distribution, Metabolism, and Excretion (ADME) of drugs in the body. In many cases, pharmacological and toxicological actions are related to plasma concentration of drugs. Consequently, through the study of pharmacokinetics, the pharmacist will be able to individualize therapy for the patient. **P: PHA 313 or IC.**

PHA 444 Biostatistics and Research Design I (3)

This course is an introduction to statistics and research design. The course covers basic statistical concepts, techniques, notations and computations including descriptive and inferential statistics with an emphasis on statistical methods, computerized data analysis and data assessments most commonly associated with pharmaceutical and medical research. Basic descriptive and inferential statistical processes and procedures are presented as well as topics on the development of research protocols, survey research, clinical drug investigations, and grant development. **P: PHA 329.**

PHA 445 Biostatistics and Research Design II (3) (Elective)

This course builds upon Biostatistics and Research Design I, with added statistical and research concepts and an experiential component. The course prepares students to design and conduct a research plan, including research proposal development, implementation, analysis of results, and presentation. The course is designed to facilitate student progression to an independent research study track to complete the research. Each student is assigned a faculty mentor. Note: Class size limited to 10 students or by permission of Instructor of Record. **P: PHA 444.**

PHA 447 Chemical Basis of Drug Action II (2)

A continuation of PHA 337. **P: PHA 337; CO: PHR 242.**

PHA 450 Pharmacotherapeutics I (7)

This two-semester course provides in-depth instruction into the pharmacotherapeutic management of the major medical diseases. Emphasis is placed on the efficacy, safety, and comparative value of drug therapy in over 150 pathological disease states affecting all major human organ systems. This course provides the foundation of skills the pharmacist needs to provide appropriate pharmaceutical care to patients. The inclusion of case studies in this course allows the student pharmacist to integrate and apply the didactic knowledge in preparation for the experiential portion of the curriculum. **P: PHR 241, 242.**

NDP 450 Pharmacotherapeutics I (4)

This course provides in-depth instruction into the pharmacotherapeutic management of the major medical afflictions of humans. Emphasis is placed on the efficacy, safety and comparative value of drug therapy in over 150 pathological disease states affecting all major human organ systems. These courses impart the knowledge the pharmacist needs to provide appropriate pharmaceutical care to patients.

NDP 451 Pharmacotherapeutics II (3-4)

A continuation of NDP 450.

PHA 452 Pharmacoeconomics (2) (Elective)

This course will focus on the application of economic principles and trends applied to the pharmaceutical market. The student will be introduced to common economic evaluation methods (e.g., cost-benefit, cost-effectiveness, cost-utility) as applied to pharmaceutical products and services. Quality of life and outcomes research are explored. Other topics to be covered are: decision tree analysis, epidemiology and pharmacoeconomic research, pharmacoeconomic research in clinical trials, pharmacoeconomic research in community pharmacy practice, pharmacoeconomic research in medical centers, and pharmacoeconomics in the management of drug benefit programs (e.g., formulary development) The course will rely on the use of conventional economic analytical tools. Students should also have a basic knowledge of fundamental descriptive and analytical statistics. **P: PHA 316; PHA 444.**

PHA 454 Pharmacy Practice Law (3)

This course introduces students to the legal dimensions of pharmacy practice, with emphasis on federal and Nebraska statutes and regulations pertaining to licensure, pharmacy practice, legend and nonlegend drug products, controlled substances, drug product selection, and other requirements with which a pharmacy practitioner must comply.

PHA 455 Diabetes Care (2) (Elective)

This elective course develops knowledge, skills, treatment and problem solving techniques used to assist patients in the management of diabetes. Topics include the pathophysiology of Type I and Type II diabetes mellitus, disease progression, complications, and the impact of various therapies, medications, nutrition and exercise on glycemic control in the patient with diabetes. The course will serve to empower the pharmacy student to accept a more responsible role in the care of patients with diabetes. Upon successful completion of all course requirements, the student will receive a Certificate in Diabetes Care. **P: PHA 450.**

PHA 456 Ethics in the Health Professions (3)

This course prepares students to approach ethical dilemmas objectively with a thorough understanding of professional moral responsibility. This course assists students to: distinguish ethical from other kinds of issues in pharmacy; identify the morally relevant features of a case; identify the options open to a pharmacist faced with a moral problem; provide justification for the best options; consider counter arguments for one's positions; and enhance commitment to promoting the dignity of others.

PHA 457 Clinical Toxicology (1) (Elective)

This course will introduce students to the clinical toxicology of commonly encountered poisons. Emphasis is placed on underlying toxicologic mechanisms, as well as on clinical evaluation and management of poisoned patients. **P: PHR 242.**

PHA 458 Literature Evaluation and Evidence-based Practice (3)

This course integrates information management principles and use of reference sources to prepare the student to retrieve, evaluate, interpret and synthesize information relevant to drug therapy decision making, which will be required on their rotations and in practice. The student will utilize advanced information sources, conduct evaluations of the literature, create a written synthesis of information appropriate to specific practice situations, and present verbal responses in small group and large group discussions. In addition, the student will acquire skills in areas such as formulary management, quality assurance, adverse drug reaction/medication error reporting, and investigational drugs. **P: PHA 329.**

PHA 459 Immunopharmacology (2)

This course emphasizes recent developments in immunology and pharmacology as they relate to the modulation of the immune response. The information covered includes the pharmacology of lymphokines and cytokines, mechanism of action of immunosuppressive and immunoaugmentive agents, and the role of monoclonal antibodies in drug development. **P: PHR 242.**

PHA 460 Pharmacotherapeutics II (7)

A continuation of PHA 450. **P: PHR 241, 242; PHA 450.**

NDP 460 Pharmacotherapeutics III (3)

A continuation of NDP 451.

NDP 461 Pharmacotherapeutics IV (3-4)

A continuation of NDP 460.

PHA 463 Practice and Principles of Pain Management (2) (Elective)

This course will instruct the pharmacy student on the principles of an etiology-based approach to pain management and the pharmaceutical care options available for the treatment of acute and chronic pain. The course will briefly review previously acquired knowledge including basic pharmacology and the basic anatomy and physiology of nociception. Additionally, the course will emphasize patient assessment and the application of common pain management principles. **P: PHR 242.**

PHA 464 Clinical Pharmacokinetics (2)

Application of basic pharmacokinetic principles and patient-specific variables to develop patient-specific drug regimens including the monitoring of side effects and drug toxicities. **P: PHA 443, PHA 450.**

PHA 474 Pharmacy Based Immunization Delivery (1) (Elective)

This course shall provide the opportunity for students to become certified in pharmacy based immunization delivery. This course is designed to teach pharmacy students (or practicing pharmacists) about vaccine-preventable diseases, about the many different vaccines available, and about optimal pharmaceutical care (including administering vaccines) for patients relative to immunizations. This course prepares students to provide a needed service to the community and obtain clinical experience in a new pharmaceutical care activity. **P: PHA 334 and CPR certification course.**

PHA 476 Principles of Toxicology (1) (Elective)

This course will provide students an overview of basic, fundamental and mechanistic aspects of toxicology. Emphasis will be given to the mechanism(s) of action of various drug/toxicants, organ specificity, risk assessment and antidotal therapy. **P: BMS 301.**

PHA 477 Food and Nutritional Toxicology (2) (Elective)

Basic principles of food and nutritional toxicology with primary emphasis on food components and interaction of drugs, nutrients and food toxins will be discussed. The course will cover an overview of antioxidants and free radical metabolism, phytochemicals in health and disease, allergenic and toxic constituents in plant, animal, marine and fungal origin, the role of diet and nutrients in mutagenesis and carcinogenesis, and the procedures, laws and regulation of safety assessment of foods including food additives, environmental contaminants, pesticides and antibiotic residues. Regulatory aspects will also be discussed. **P: BMS 301.**

PHA 480 Pediatric Pharmacy Practice Elective (2) (Elective)

This two-hour course provides in-depth instruction into the pharmacotherapeutic management of the major pediatric diseases. Emphasis is placed on the efficacy, safety, and comparative value of pediatric drug therapy. Didactic knowledge of physiology, pharmacology, and drug therapy management is applied to disease states specific to this population. Didactic instruction is combined with interactive discussions and exposure to pediatric pharmacy. **P: PHA 450.**

PHA 484 Compounding Seminar and Practicum (1) (Elective)

This is a compounding immersion course offered off campus for students who want practical and hands-on knowledge and training in modern innovative non-sterile compounding. **P: PHA 313 and IC.**

PHA 485 Dispensing and Pharmaceutical Care Lecture (2)

This course covers a wide range of topics related to pharmacy practice. These include compounding, prescription processing and dispensing, patient counseling and outcomes, interprofessional communication, medication errors and risk management, and other related practice issues. Students are prepared to apply knowledge and skills in community and institutional settings with a focus on pharmaceutical care. **Campus P: PHA 313, 320, 325, 450, 454; CO: 460, 486. Distance P: PHA 313, 320, 325, 450, 454; CO: 460.**

PHA 486 Dispensing and Pharmaceutical Care Lab (1)

This laboratory course is based on the principles of pharmaceutical care. It complements Dispensing and Pharmaceutical care lecture. Students will be introduced to the application of the principles of pharmaceutical dispensing as well as the proper use of various medical devices. They will be evaluated in the laboratory on their ability to dispense medications, compound specialized dosage forms, instruct patients on proper use of various medications and medical devices, perform therapeutic monitoring, effectively utilize drug information resources, and verify the work of others. The laboratory will incorporate the use of drug information, dispensing the top 200 medications, and basic pharmacy calculations as well as the applications of other contemporary pharmacy practice activities. **Campus P: PHA 313, 320, 325, 450, 454. CO: PHA 460, 485. Distance P: PHA 313, 320, 325, 450, 454, 460, 485.**

PHA 499 Directed Independent Research II (1-6) (Elective)

This course provides students with the opportunity to become involved in a research project under the guidance of a faculty member. The course is repeatable to a maximum of six hours.

- PHA 509 Clinical Neuroscience (2) (Elective)**
Clinical neuroscience integrates neuroanatomy and physiology with a pharmacy clinical focus on common diseases and conditions that affect nervous system function and behavior. **P: BMS 404, PHR 242.**
- PHA 510 Community Pharmacy Practice Rotation (5)**
A clinical experience in an approved community pharmacy emphasizing development of students' ability to communicate with patients and prescribers in the course of providing medications for individual use, as well as contemporary medication and disease monitoring and management services. **P: Successful completion of all didactic coursework in the Pharm.D. curriculum.**
- PHA 511 Inpatient Hospital Pharmacy Practice Rotation (5)**
A clinical experience in an approved hospital pharmacy which provides experience in the provision of pharmaceutical care in an acute inpatient setting. Particular emphasis is placed on the preparation, distribution and control of medications, medication and disease monitoring, and the development of students' ability to communicate with other health care professionals. **P: Successful completion of all didactic coursework in the Pharm.D. curriculum.**
- PHA 512 Adult Acute Pharmaceutical Care Rotation (5)**
A clinical experience intended to provide students an opportunity to apply didactically acquired information in the provision of pharmaceutical care to adult patients in an acute care environment. **P: Successful completion of all didactic coursework in the Pharm.D. curriculum.**
- PHA 515 Drug Information Rotation (5)**
This rotation experience permits the student to serve as a primary provider of drug information. Emphasis is placed on how to properly receive requests for information, conduct a systematic literature search, and assimilate the information obtained into an appropriate response. The student develops a working knowledge of information resources, as well as the ability to critically evaluate those resources. The rotation also provides experience in evaluation of drugs for formulary inclusion, newsletter publication and familiarization with Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee activities. **P: Successful completion of all didactic coursework in the Pharm.D. curriculum.**
- PHA 516 Ambulatory Care Rotation (5)**
A clinical experience during which the Pharm.D. student provides pharmaceutical care in an ambulatory setting. Emphasis within the rotation is placed on how to appropriately identify, resolve, and prevent drug-related problems, as well as effectively communicate with patients and health care professionals. **P: Successful completion of all didactic coursework in the Pharm.D. curriculum.**
- PHA 520 Elective Community Pharmacy Practice Rotation (5)**
An experience similar to that described for PHA 510. **P: Successful completion of all didactic coursework in the Pharm.D. curriculum.**
- PHA 521 Elective Community Pharmacy Management Rotation (5)**
This rotation provides experience in an innovative community pharmacy practice specializing in prescription and non-prescription medications with emphasis on successful practice management. **P: Successful completion of all didactic coursework in the Pharm.D. curriculum.**
- PHA 522 Elective Advanced Community Pharmacy Practice Rotation (5)**
This Advanced Community Pharmacy Practice Rotation allows students to enhance their ability to provide pharmaceutical care to patients in a community/retail pharmacy setting. Pharmacotherapeutic knowledge and clinical skills are integrated with routine medication dispensing activities. The primary focus is patient assessment, counseling and education, medication therapy and disease state management, and documentation of patient information and interventions. **P: Successful completion of all didactic coursework in the Pharm.D. curriculum.**

- PHA 523 Elective Long Term Care Rotation (5)**
An experience similar to that described for PHA 513. **P: Successful completion of all didactic coursework in the Pharm.D. curriculum.**
- PHA 524 Elective Ambulatory Care Rotation (5)**
An experience similar to that described for PHA 516. **P: Successful completion of all didactic coursework in the Pharm.D. curriculum.**
- PHA 526 Elective Home Care Rotation (5)**
This rotation experience takes place in an ambulatory home health care setting. The student will become familiar with the pharmacist's responsibilities in preparation of home parenteral products. The student will participate in several of the home care facility's activities including home visit assessments with the nurses, inventory and quality control of products and patient discharge consultations. The student will also be exposed to pumps and other parenteral devices needed in home care. **P: Successful completion of all didactic coursework in the Pharm.D. curriculum.**
- PHA 527 Elective Community Compounding Rotation (5)**
The Community Compounding Rotation is an elective experience in a community pharmacy that specializes in the compounding of extemporaneous drug products. The student will not only gain experience in preparing and compounding patient-specific dosage forms but will also learn how to provide pharmaceutical care for patients needing compounded medications. **P: Successful completion of all didactic coursework in the Pharm.D. curriculum.**
- PHA 528 Elective Third World Cultures and Health Care (ILAC) (5)**
A rotation in the study and practice of interdisciplinary assessment, planning, implementation, and evaluation of health care delivery in the Institute for Latin American Concern (ILAC) Program. Major focus is on the team approach to the solution of episodic health care problems. This unique experience affords the student the opportunity to actively participate in the triage of health care problems, health assessment, collaboration and diagnosis, explanation of treatment, and education in a developing country. This course is graded satisfactory/unsatisfactory. **P: Successful completion of all didactic coursework in the Pharm.D. curriculum.**
- PHA 529 Elective International Rotation (5)**
This elective rotation provides an opportunity for the study and practice of health care delivery systems in a foreign country. Students actively participate in a variety of settings, gaining an appreciation for the differences in the standard activities and regulations of the profession. **P: Successful completion of all didactic coursework in the Pharm.D. curriculum.**
- PHA 533 Elective Pharmacy Organization Management Rotation (5)**
This rotation will provide experiences in national pharmacy association activities and operations, interorganizational affairs, government affairs, health and education policy, institutional research, and related programmatic fields. **P: Successful completion of all didactic coursework in the Pharm.D. curriculum.**
- PHA 535 Elective Academic Rotation (5)**
This rotation is designed to enhance the student's awareness of an academic career, develop teaching skills, and experience the responsibilities associated with a career in pharmacy education. **P: Successful completion of all didactic coursework in the Pharm.D. curriculum.**
- PHA 536 Elective Pharmacoeconomics Rotation (5)**
This elective rotation will introduce students to the insurance industry. Students will develop an understanding of the contemporary health care system with a specific emphasis on managed care pharmacy and acquire expertise in health services research. **P: Successful completion of all didactic coursework in the Pharm.D. curriculum.**

PHA 537 Elective Community Outreach Rotation (5)

This rotation is a community-based experience with a service agency providing health care to patients in a variety of settings such as free clinics, community health centers, migrant health centers, homecare, senior services, mental health programs, drug/alcohol and/or HIV crisis programs, Visiting Nursing Associations, Area Agencies on Aging, health associations, and homeless clinics/shelters. Students will have the opportunity to develop clinical skills and competence in the provision of pharmaceutical care to clients of all ages. Students will gain experience in an interprofessional approach for community-based health promotion and disease prevention initiatives. **P: Successful completion of all didactic coursework in the Pharm.D. curriculum.**

PHA 540 Elective Hospital Pharmacy Practice Rotation (5)

An experience similar to that described for PHA 511. **P: Successful completion of all didactic coursework in the Pharm.D. curriculum.**

PHA 541 Elective Hospital Pharmacy Management Rotation (5)

A rotation in the managerial, distributive and clinical functions involved in hospital pharmacy practice. **P: Successful completion of all didactic coursework in the Pharm.D. curriculum.**

PHA 542 Elective Drug Information Rotation (5)

An experience similar to that described for PHA 515. **P: Successful completion of all didactic coursework in the Pharm.D. curriculum.**

PHA 543 Elective Poison Center Rotation (5)

This rotation offers students an opportunity to become familiar with the operation of an AAPCC certified regional poison center. Students develop skills necessary for handling calls at a poison center while enhancing their knowledge of clinical toxicology. In the traditional Doctor of Pharmacy program this rotation is limited to two students per year. **P: Successful completion of all didactic coursework in the Pharm.D. curriculum.**

PHA 544 Elective Drug Utilization Review Rotation (5)

The student will have the opportunity to develop skills in Drug Utilization Review that may involve pharmacy association work. Experiences will always include DUR processing and evaluation of patient profiles, analysis of utilization criteria, and correspondence with other health care professionals. Experiences may include work with the legislature, work on convention activities, article review for journal submission, or work on a specialty task force. **P: Successful completion of all didactic coursework in the Pharm.D. curriculum.**

PHA 545 Elective Nuclear Rotation (5)

This rotation will introduce the student to nuclear pharmacy and its applications to clinical nuclear medicine. The student will be exposed to the fundamentals of radio-pharmaceutical preparation and utilization within a centralized nuclear pharmacy. **P: Successful completion of all didactic coursework in the Pharm.D. curriculum.**

PHA 546 Elective Veterinary Pharmaceuticals Rotation (5)

This rotation will cover use of veterinary pharmaceuticals used in both small and large animals in a veterinary hospital setting. An understanding of dosing principles and dosage forms available for use in animals will also be covered. **P: Successful completion of all didactic coursework in the Pharm.D. curriculum.**

PHA 550 Elective Industrial Pharmacy Rotation (5)

This rotation experience allows the student to learn the responsibilities of the industrial pharmacist. The student participates in many of the areas of the drug industry including quality control, manufacturing, and regulatory affairs. **P: Successful completion of all didactic coursework in the Pharm.D. curriculum.**

PHA 551 Elective Research Rotation (5)

The Research rotation is designed to provide students with experience in research design and development, performance of experiments, data collection and analysis, the peer review process, and animal or human research regulations. It is recommended that students have previously taken Independent Research (PHA 399 or PHA 499). **P: Successful completion of all didactic coursework in the Pharm.D. curriculum.**

PHA 560 Elective Acute Care Rotation I (5)

The student will follow adult patients on a hospital unit, and be involved in patient assessment, patient interviews, drug therapy planning and monitoring. Students will be part of a rounding team with other health care professionals. How and why the pharmacist's contribution as an active member of the health care team is important to the overall patient care plan will be emphasized. **P: Successful completion of all didactic coursework in the Pharm.D. curriculum.**

PHA 561 Elective Acute Care Rotation II (5)

The student will follow adult patients on a hospital unit, and be involved in patient assessment, patient interviews, drug therapy planning and monitoring. Students will be part of a rounding team with other health care professionals. How and why the pharmacist's contribution as an active member of the health care team is important to the overall patient care plan will be emphasized. **P: Successful completion of all didactic coursework in the Pharm.D. curriculum.**

PHA 562 Elective Pharmacokinetics Rotation (5)

A clinical pharmacokinetics experience which will develop the student's ability to apply pharmacokinetics to drug therapy in the patient care setting. The student will acquire basic knowledge in applied pharmacokinetics and laboratory drug analysis necessary to provide consultative assistance to physicians in developing appropriate drug dosage regimens, including exposure to and utilization of computer programs for pharmacokinetic purposes. **P: Successful completion of all didactic coursework in the Pharm.D. curriculum.**

PHA 563 Elective Infectious Disease Rotation I (5)

The Infectious Disease Rotation is an elective rotation which will allow students to develop proficiency in the monitoring and management of patients receiving antimicrobial agents for proven or suspected complicated infectious disease. **P: Successful completion of all didactic coursework in the Pharm.D. curriculum.**

PHA 564 Elective Infectious Disease Rotation II (5)

The Infectious Disease Rotation is an elective rotation which will allow students to develop proficiency in the monitoring and management of patients receiving antimicrobial agents for proven or suspected complicated infectious disease. **P: Successful completion of all didactic coursework in the Pharm.D. curriculum.**

PHA 565 Elective AIDS Rotation (5)

A rotation introducing the student to the care and treatment of patients in the various stages of HIV disease. **P: Successful completion of all didactic coursework in the Pharm.D. curriculum.**

PHA 566 Elective Oncology Rotation I (5)

This elective rotation develops proficiency in the acquisition, preparation, administration and monitoring of antineoplastic agents, palliation of paraneoplastic syndromes, and the critical care management of a neutropenic patient. The student will be introduced to clinical trials in oncology, and to the distributive and administrative functions of an oncology pharmacist. **P: Successful completion of all didactic coursework in the Pharm.D. curriculum.**

PHA 567 Elective Oncology Rotation II (5)

This elective rotation develops proficiency in the acquisition, preparation, administration and monitoring of antineoplastic agents, palliation of paraneoplastic syndromes, and the critical care management of a neutropenic patient. The student will be introduced to clinical trials in oncology, and to the distributive and administrative functions of an oncology pharmacist. **P: Successful completion of all didactic coursework in the Pharm.D. curriculum.**

PHA 568 Elective Critical Care Rotation (5)

A rotation which stresses competency in the medical management of patients in the critical care and surgery units. **P: Successful completion of all didactic coursework in the Pharm.D. curriculum.**

PHA 569 Elective Cardiology Rotation (5)

The Cardiology Rotation will develop the student's ability to make rational decisions concerning cardiovascular agents in the patient care setting. The student will acquire specialized knowledge concerning major cardiovascular disease states, invasive and noninvasive cardiovascular diagnostic techniques and the pharmacology, pharmacokinetics, and clinical use of cardiac drugs. **P: Successful completion of all didactic coursework in the Pharm.D. curriculum.**

PHA 570 Elective Psychiatry Rotation I (5)

A full-time rotation experience in psychiatry. The student acts as a member of the mental health care team to which they are assigned and is involved with patient monitoring, decisions regarding drug therapy, patient medication counseling and provision of drug information to team members. Emphasis within the rotation is focused on teaching the student how to provide pharmaceutical care to the person with a mental illness and communication with patients and the mental health care team. **P: Successful completion of all didactic coursework in the Pharm.D. curriculum.**

PHA 571 Elective Psychiatry Rotation II (5)

A full-time rotation experience in psychiatry. The student acts as a member of the mental health care team to which they are assigned and is involved with patient monitoring, decisions regarding drug therapy, patient medication counseling and provision of drug information to team members. Emphasis within the rotation is focused on teaching the student how to provide pharmaceutical care to the person with a mental illness and communication with patients and the mental health care team. **P: Successful completion of all didactic coursework in the Pharm.D. curriculum.**

PHA 572 Elective Pediatrics Rotation (5)

Emphasis within the rotation is placed on pathophysiology and management of disease processes seen commonly in pediatric patients. The student acts as a member of the Pediatric Team and is involved in patient monitoring, decisions regarding drug therapy, and provision of drug information to team members. **P: Successful completion of all didactic coursework in the Pharm.D. curriculum.**

PHA 573 Elective Nutrition Support Rotation (5)

A rotation with a nutrition support service which provides inpatient parenteral and enteral nutrition therapies. **P: Successful completion of all didactic coursework in the Pharm.D. curriculum.**

INTERPROFESSIONAL EDUCATION (IPE)

Various health sciences professionals are involved in teaching these courses.

IPE 410 Foundations in Patient Safety (2-4)

This course is designed to educate health professions students about the fundamental core knowledge of patient safety. Faculties representing various disciplines teach the content from a patient-centered focus within an inter-professional framework. Concepts of safe systems will serve as an overarching principle to patient safety. By engaging in a series of modules complimented by case-based exercises, participants will learn the scope of the problem of patient safety, and acquire the skills to foster a culture of continuous learning and incorporation of patient safety best practices and improvements in their own individual professional practices. A two credit hour core is offered; with a three or four credit hour option for students who choose additional experiences. Three credit hours may be earned by a written in-depth evaluation of a contemporary issue; four credit hours may be earned by adding a field evaluation or exploration of the safety question with a written evaluative report.

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OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY PROGRAM

THE PROFESSION

Occupational Therapy is the art and science of facilitating well-being through occupation. The term “occupation” represents the flow of activities that fill a person’s life and that has an effect on his or her health. Occupational therapy is particularly concerned with how people construct meaningful lives individually and in community.

In the view of Occupational Therapy, well-being is achieved through an active, dynamic and evolving balance between the person and his or her environment. Occupational therapists intervene when illness, disability, or social constraints threaten the person’s ability to actively create or find that balance. Because Occupational Therapy views people as multidimensional beings, it blends knowledge from the biological and social sciences into a unique, distinct and holistic profession. In order to use occupation strategically, occupational therapists have expertise in how the body, mind and spirit work together to produce occupations as simple as feeding oneself or as complex as leading a hundred-piece orchestra.

Occupational Therapy provides service to individuals, families, groups and populations in communities and institutions such as hospitals, day centers and schools. Occupational therapists both receive referrals from and make recommended referrals to appropriate health, educational, or medical specialists. Delivery of occupational therapy services involves several levels of personnel including the registered occupational therapist, the certified occupational therapy assistant, and aides.

Entry-level occupational therapy professional educational programs prepare the occupational therapist with basic skills to serve as direct care providers, consultants, educators, managers of personnel and resources, researchers and advocates for the profession and the consumer. The health care environment within which occupational therapists practice is changing dramatically, and the profession stands at the threshold of opportunity to expand practice roles. New environments need leaders who can manage organizations and systems as well as deal effectively with change.

ENTRY-LEVEL PROFESSIONAL DOCTORATE IN OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

The curriculum of the entry-level professional doctorate in Occupational Therapy (OTD) responds to important trends in occupational therapy practice, health care, and society in general. Creighton University’s entry-level professional Doctor of Occupational Therapy pathway prepares graduates to fulfill all traditional duties of occupational therapists while helping them become transformative leaders in the profession. The program is based on models of other professional doctorate degrees in health sciences such as medicine, dentistry, pharmacy and physical therapy. The entry-level professional doctorate in Occupational Therapy at Creighton University is the first such program in the United States.

MISSION STATEMENT

In agreement with the Creighton University Mission and the School of Pharmacy and Health Professions Mission Statement, the mission statement of the Department of Occupational Therapy is as follows:

“The mission of the Creighton University Department of Occupational Therapy is to educate ethical practitioners, to engage in scholarship dedicated to the pursuit of truth, to serve the profession, and to offer occupational therapy expertise to local and global communities. The Creighton University occupational therapy graduate will be creative, holistic, reflective, and committed to life-long learning. Therefore, the department will value and honor diversity, model and foster leadership, and facilitate spiritual, personal and professional growth.”

PHILOSOPHY

The philosophical basis of the Department of Occupational Therapy is consistent with the American Occupational Therapy Association's Philosophical Base. The statement of philosophy of the Occupational Therapy Department states:

"It is the philosophy of the Department that humans are self-directed, adaptive, occupational beings. As such, their development (emotional, spiritual, social, cognitive, and biological) occurs in the context of occupation. Learning comes about through immersed exploration of diverse practice environments, collaboration, service, reflection, and creative thinking. In the view of the Department, teaching is enabling, knowledge is understanding, and learning is the active construction of subject matter. We believe learning is contextual in three ways: new knowledge is acquired by extending and revising prior knowledge; new ideas acquire meaning when they are presented in a coherent relationship to one another; and knowledge becomes usable when it is acquired in situations that entail applications to concrete problem-solving. Thus, the faculty teach through a variety of approaches intended to actively engage learners, draw upon their power as emerging professionals, and integrate occupational therapy knowledge: discussion, reflection, and self-directed learning."

OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the clinical doctorate in Occupational Therapy program work toward this end by preparing therapists that:

1. Demonstrate in-depth knowledge of the basic and clinical sciences and skills relevant to occupational therapy;
2. Use knowledge of how humans create meaning and seek adaptation through occupation across the lifespan;
3. Demonstrate mastery of entry-level professional clinical skills, particularly in the areas of evaluation and treatment design and implementation;
4. Serve the needs of diverse and underserved populations showing sensitivity to culture and ethnic backgrounds;
5. Implement occupational therapy services for wellness and dysfunction;
6. Apply principles and constructs of ethics to individual, institutional and societal problems, and that are able to articulate justifiable resolutions to these problems;
7. Identify researchable problems, advocate for and participate in research, and incorporate findings into clinical practice;
8. Contribute to the scholarly development of the profession through written and oral communication;
9. Correlate theory with practice and think critically and creatively about, respond to, develop, or adapt new practice environments including population based approaches;
10. Practice in educative roles for patients, peers, students, and others in university and clinical settings;
11. Serve as practitioners, educators, and leaders who can affect practice, education, and policy development;
12. Assume leadership roles at the local, state, national and international levels in occupational therapy and in health professions.

As part of a Jesuit University, we are convinced that the hope of humanity is in the ability of men and women to seek the truths and values essential to human life. Therefore, we aim to lead our students and faculty in discovering and embracing the challenging responsibilities of their intelligence, freedom, and value as persons. We

believe that the intrinsic and unique value of human beings is expressed through occupation, and that the deepest purpose of each man and woman is to create, enrich and share life through human community. Further, we believe we should strive for a human community of justice, respect, and mutual concern.

Occupations are considered to be another name for those goal-directed pursuits that typically extend over time; have meaning to the performer; and involve multiple tasks (AOTA, 1995; Moyers, 1999). In this program, occupational therapy is viewed as the profession that enables people to do the “day-to-day activities that are important to them” despite impairments, activity limitations, or participation restrictions or despite risks for these problems (Neistadt & Crepeau, 1998, p. 5). These occupations unfold at the level of the individual, family, community, society and the world.

The profession-specific portion of the occupational therapy curriculum is conceptualized as encompassing three primary themes: *occupation*, *professional practice*, and *professional identity and leadership*. Rather than approach each theme sequentially, the curriculum is built around the nesting of these themes, so that students begin studying all of them as soon as they enter the program and continue to build on them throughout the curriculum. The content of each theme unfolds over the nine semester course sequence, becoming integrated as the student progresses. Course objectives reflect curriculum themes, although some courses emphasize one theme more than others. In addition, *Neuro-occupation* is emerging within the occupational therapy curriculum at Creighton University as a theoretic framework that uniquely integrates all three curricular themes.

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PROGRAM ACCREDITATION

The program in Occupational Therapy is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) of the American Occupational Therapy Association, Inc. (AOTA) located at 4720 Montgomery Lane, P.O. Box 31220, Bethesda, MD 20824-1220. The telephone number is (301) 652-AOTA.

ADMISSION

Students enter the program in the fall semester. The preferred deadline for applications is December 1. The final deadline for applications is February 1. Interviews are required in the admission process. Qualified applicants will be notified if they are selected for an interview. Interviews will be scheduled in January and February.

Enrollment is limited, and meeting minimum requirements does not guarantee admission to the professional program. Admission is based on academic and personal qualifications considered necessary for successful, competent practice as an occupational therapist. The OTD program does not require a minimum grade-point average for admission, although grade-point average is considered in the overall evaluation of the applicant's suitability for the program. Candidates are evaluated on the basis of the fit between their personal goals and the mission and objectives of the OTD program. In addition, prior education, work experiences, honors, awards, service to others, and leadership activities serve to provide insight into a candidate's commitment to lifelong learning and doctoral-level education. It is recommended that prospective students spend time observing occupational therapists at work in their communities.

This serves to familiarize the applicant with the general responsibilities of an occupational therapy professional.

The Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) will require that by July 1, 2010, institutions with doctoral level education programs must require applicants for admission to hold a baccalaureate degree or higher prior to admission to the program. For more information on ACOTE see page 16.

Applicants must apply online at <http://www.applyweb.com/apply/cuhealth/menu.html>.

Creighton Preference

The Occupational Therapy Admission Committee has a strong preference for Creighton undergraduate students who complete the majority of their undergraduate coursework at Creighton, including all prerequisites. All Creighton undergraduate students who have achieved a minimum overall grade-point average (GPA) of 3.25 at the end of the semester in which the student applies will be guaranteed an interview.

Guaranteed Admission Policy

Creighton students who began undergraduate studies prior to and including Fall 2007 who meet the following criteria will be granted admission to the Doctor of Occupational Therapy program.

Each student must:

1. Be enrolled and complete all pre-occupational therapy requirements at Creighton University prior to entry into the program.
2. Submit a completed application to the Admission Office by December 1 of the academic year prior to enrollment in the professional program.
3. Remain in good academic and academic-related standing throughout all prerequisite coursework.
4. Have achieved a minimum overall grade point average (GPA) of 3.25 at the end of the semester in which the student applies.
5. Complete an interview expressing an appropriate rationale and demonstrating interpersonal skills for the study and practice of occupational therapy.

Students unable to meet one or more of the above criteria are encouraged to apply for admission through the normal admission procedure.

PRE-PROFESSIONAL COMPONENT

- A minimum of 60 semester hours or 92 quarter hours are required before entering the program. Beginning fall 2010, a baccalaureate degree will be required. Pre-occupational therapy courses may be completed at any regionally accredited university or college.
- All prerequisite coursework must be completed with a grade of "C" or better.

The categories of courses listed below should be taken by pre-occupational therapy students. These categories are reflective of a liberal education essential for occupational therapy professional practice, and are in close accordance with the Arts and Sciences core curriculum requirements at Creighton University. A liberal education foundation encourages students to become free and responsible people by delimiting the natural and human boundaries within which free choice and responsibility occur. Therefore the pre-occupational therapy course sequence introduces students to the various traditional liberal arts and empirical sciences which are later extended in the OTD program. Together, the prerequisites and the OTD curriculum contribute to a

broad understanding of human culture and prepare students to respond to the needs of society through professional practice.

The School of Pharmacy and Health Professions will make the final determination regarding courses satisfying requirements. Students who hold a degree in a related area are given admission priority status and the admission committee gives primary consideration to applicants already holding a bachelors degree as they have completed more credit hours than those meeting the minimum requirements. **Students who have already earned a bachelor's degree are required to have taken a minimum of one course per category. Courses may not be counted for more than one category.**

All curricula in the SPAHP undergo constant review and refinement. Questions regarding prerequisites may be directed to the School of Pharmacy and Health Professions Admission Office, (402) 280-2662, (800) 325-2830, phaadmis@creighton.edu.

CATEGORY A - Theology, Philosophy and Ethics (6 semester hours)*

Courses in this category assist in developing an ethical and moral understanding of the responsibility toward building a human community of justice, respect, and mutual concern.

Examples: Religion, theology, ethics, philosophy, logic.

CATEGORY B - Cultures, Ideas and Civilizations (6 semester hours)

Courses in this category contribute to understanding how cultures and civilizations have been shaped by ideas over history and for gaining insight into the variety of cultural, social, intellectual and religious backgrounds of the global society.

Examples: History, world religions, American studies, world literature, women's studies.

CATEGORY C - Natural Sciences (15 semester hours)

Courses in this category provide a broad foundation in the scientific investigation of the physical and biological dimensions of the world and human life. **At least one course must be anatomy. At least one course must include a lab.**

Examples: Biology, anatomy, physiology, chemistry, physics, health, nutrition.

CATEGORY D - Social and Behavioral Sciences (12 semester hours)

Courses in this category provide a broad foundation leading to an understanding of human patterns of interaction between self, others, and society. **At least one course must be taken from psychology.**

Examples: Anthropology, sociology, social work, political science, psychology.

CATEGORY E - Creative Expression (9 semester hours)

Courses in this category contribute to the development of creativity, expressive skills and competent exchange of ideas. **One hands-on fine and performing arts course and one composition course must be taken.**

Examples: English composition, dance, music, art, speech, drama, journalism, web design.

CATEGORY F – Critical Discovery/Electives (12 semester hours)

Courses in this category reflect a student's learning interests or add depth of knowledge through electives or upper division courses. **A course in statistics or research must be taken.**

Examples: Math, economics, foreign language.

**Creighton University pre-occupational therapy students are required to take six hours of Theology.*

PROFESSIONAL COMPONENT

Entry-level Doctor of Occupational Therapy Pathway

The entry-level professional doctorate curriculum in occupational therapy emphasizes the development of critical thinking skills, an understanding of research literature, and professional competence. The degree Doctor of Occupational Therapy (OTD) is granted to students who successfully complete a program consisting of two years of prerequisite course work followed by nine semesters of professional education.

In addition to didactic course work, students in the entry-level professional doctorate in Occupational Therapy pathway must register for fieldwork (Fieldwork I) and/or field studies in the first four didactic semesters of the curriculum. Fieldwork I is provided in a variety of settings covering the lifespan, including hospitals, clinics, school systems and community centers. The schedule of didactic classes is organized in such a way to assist students in accomplishing this course requirement. All fieldwork assignments are made by the Occupational Therapy Academic Fieldwork Coordinators or by the Instructor of Record of the field study courses.

Two of the nine professional semesters required for the awarding of the entry-level OTD degree are three-month fieldwork placements at supervised, approved facilities (Fieldwork II). Eligibility for Fieldwork II experiences is determined by the student's mastery of the professional curriculum. In addition, a three-month Professional Rotation experience is required during the ninth (last) semester of the curriculum. A GPA of 2.00 or higher is required for Fieldwork II placement.

It is the student's responsibility to finance transportation and living accommodations for all Fieldwork II and Professional Rotation courses. Students should plan to travel to sites outside of Omaha for both Fieldwork I and II, as well as for Professional Rotations.

Post-Professional Doctor of Occupational Therapy Pathway

The School initiated a post-professional Doctor of Occupational Therapy (OTD) pathway in the fall of 1995. This pathway is one of the first professional OT doctoral programs of its kind in the country and is designed to strengthen occupational therapists' professional, practice management, teaching, and administrative skills. With the expertise and credentials gained by completing this program, graduates are more able to compete for positions in a diverse range of practice environments and will be poised to lead the profession into the 21st century. In 2001, the school instituted the post-professional OTD program in a distance format to make the program readily accessible to occupational therapy practitioners who wish to pursue doctoral education while working. Students are able to access didactic coursework supportive of occupational therapy practice through print, videotape, CD-ROM, and web technology.

Advanced knowledge supportive of occupational therapy practice is presented in coursework emphasizing the occupational nature of the human being across the lifespan. Basic and applied courses such as occupation in community, occupation-centered community building, neuro-occupation and critical analysis of occupational therapy practice emphasize the relationship between function and structure and the vital role which occupation plays in determining this interaction. The curriculum provides well-developed learning opportunities regarding the interdependence between occupational science and neuro-occupation and their relationship to the practice domain of occupational therapy. In addition, the curriculum offers education in instructional and research methods in an effort to prepare students for academic as well as practice-oriented careers. Didactic coursework addresses advanced theory, knowledge, and skills in critical analysis, personnel supervision, mechanics of third-party reimbursement, legal and ethical parameters of practice, and quality review methodologies. Problem-based methodologies enhance the practice relevance of the coursework.

The distance pathway, designed for practicing professionals, enrolls students in up to two courses per enrollment term and two courses are offered during the summer in a one-week intensive held on Creighton University's campus.

After successful completion of OTD 580, students participate in 24 credit hours of professional rotations. Rotations are available in a variety of practice settings across the lifespan including pediatrics, industrial rehabilitation, hand rehabilitation, neonatal intensive care, private practice, psychiatry, home health, gerontology, academia, community-development, cross-cultural environments, clinical ethics and health policy. It is the student's responsibility to finance transportation and living accommodations for both professional rotation courses.

Students accepted to the post-professional OTD pathway must have completed a bachelor's or entry-level master's degree in occupational therapy at an ACOTE accredited institution and be qualified for, or have successfully completed, the certification examination. Successful certification by NBCOT is expected before advancing to professional rotations. Students accepted into the distance post-professional OTD pathway must demonstrate that they have access to the necessary technology for the web curriculum.

Applicants must apply online: <http://www.applyweb.com/apply/cuhealth/menu.html>.

REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATION

In order to satisfy the requirements for graduation, the entry-level Doctor of Occupational Therapy and the post-professional Doctor of Occupational Therapy students must successfully complete all requirements for admission, and all required courses in their professional curriculum, and entry-level OTD students must participate in an on-campus capstone event at the end of the academic program. A cumulative grade-point average of not less than 2.00 is required for graduation based on all work attempted while enrolled in the professional program. Candidates for the entry-level OTD and post-professional OTD degrees must be determined by the faculty to be of good moral character and fit for the practice of the profession, must have paid all indebtedness to the University, and must be present at the ceremonies where the degree is conferred (unless excused under University rules). To participate in Commencement, a candidate must submit an application for degree available online through the Registrar's Office by the University deadline. In an effort to comply with accreditation and ongoing programmatic quality assurance, completion of all course evaluations and senior assessments is required in order for the student to be assigned a course grade and/or graduate.

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION

Graduates of the entry-level Doctor of Occupational Therapy pathway are eligible to sit for the national certification examination for the Occupational Therapist, administered by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT).

National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy, Inc. (NBCOT®)
The Eugene B. Casey Building
800 South Frederick Avenue, Suite 200
Gaithersburg, MD 20877-4150
Tel: (301) 990-7979
Fax (301) 869-8492

After successful completion of this examination, the individual will be certified as an occupational therapist, Registered (OTR). Many states require licensure in order to practice; however, state licenses are usually based on the results of the NBCOT Certification Examination. A felony conviction may affect a graduate's ability to sit for the NBCOT certification examination or attain state licensure.

LICENSURE

Where licensure and/or state regulatory laws are in effect, therapists must follow state guidelines.

LIVING ACCOMMODATIONS

On-campus housing is not able to accommodate family members when students are on campus for short periods of time such as New Student Welcome Week or summer intensive sessions to take laboratory courses. When housing is needed for family members in such situations, the actual arrangements for off-campus housing are left to the individual students. Several local Omaha hotels are either in walking distance from the Creighton University campus or offer shuttle service to the campus.

TUITION AND FEES

See Tuition and Fees section of this *Bulletin*.

FINANCIAL AID

See Financial Aid section of this *Bulletin*.

OTHER INFORMATION

For successful development as occupational therapists, membership in the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA) is required of all entry-level and post-professional students. Membership in the Nebraska Occupational Therapy Association (NOTA) is strongly recommended.

Special fees are required for purchase of professional resource and laboratory materials, fieldwork expenses, NOTA and AOTA membership, and professional liability insurance.

Contact the Associate Dean for Student Affairs in the Office of Academic and Student Affairs if assistance is needed in special situations.

PLACEMENT

Program graduates may be assisted in finding employment through the placement chair of the state Occupational Therapy Association and the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA). The School hosts an annual Career Fair that is well attended by potential employers, and effectively assists graduates with job placement.

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

CUSOTA

Creighton University Student Occupational Therapy Association (CUSOTA) was recognized as an official student organization for occupational therapy students in 1990. The purposes of the organization are student fellowship and camaraderie, discussion of issues of professional relevance, and promotion of community service activity and scholastic excellence among members.

Pi Theta Epsilon: Alpha Iota Chapter

The Alpha Iota Chapter of Pi Theta Epsilon was established as an official Creighton University Honor Society during the 1991 Fall semester and inducted new members at the first ceremony in December of that year. Pi Theta Epsilon was developed as a national honor society for occupational therapy students and alumni. This society recognizes and encourages superior scholarship among students enrolled in professional entry-level occupational therapy programs at accredited schools across the United States. The mission of Pi Theta Epsilon is to promote research and scholarship among occupational therapy students.

RECOGNITION OF SCHOLARSHIP LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE

Student Scholarships and Awards

The Creighton University School of Pharmacy and Health Professions administers endowed scholarships and scholarships derived from gifts and donations administratively and/or through the Occupational Therapy Student Awards Committee. Each January, students are invited to apply for available scholarships. Selected awards are announced at the School Honors Convocation held in the spring. Students are informed of miscellaneous scholarships through the School's email announcement, and may consult with the School Academic Success Specialist regarding any such scholarships.

Membership in National Societies

Membership in Pi Theta Epsilon national occupational therapy honor society is based on high scholastic achievement, leadership and service.

Annual Awards

Occupational Therapy Fieldwork Educator of the Year Award is presented annually to a fieldwork educator by the occupational therapy student body in recognition of excellence as a role model in clinical practice and leadership.

Outstanding Occupational Therapy Faculty Awards are presented by the occupational therapy student body to faculty members who have been of great service to the students, and exemplary role models and teachers.

Virginia Griffin Gessert Endowed Scholarship, awarded to an occupational therapy student who demonstrates interest in rural, non-traditional and/or geriatric occupational therapy practice.

John and Lydia Stohs Scholarship Award, presented to a student in the School of Pharmacy and Health Professions who has demonstrated high academic achievement and need.

Sidney J. Stohs Endowed Scholarship Award, presented to a student in the School of Pharmacy and Health Professions who has demonstrated high academic achievement and need.



DOCTOR OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY CURRICULUM

Entry-level Campus

First Professional Year

<i>First Semester (Fall)</i>	<i>Sem. Hrs.</i>	<i>Second Semester (Spring)</i>	<i>Sem. Hrs.</i>
OTD 303 Intro to Occupational Therapy	2	OTD 301 Foundations of Occupation	2
OTD 305 Communication & Instructional Methods	3	OTD 304 Occupational Patterns in Culture	2
OTD 306 Clinical Conditions	2	OTD 315 Professional Writing	2
OTD 307 Human Development	2	OTD 339 Clinical Anatomy	3
OTD 308 Introduction to Inquiry	3	OTD 340 Clinical Anatomy Laboratory	3
OTD 311 Psychosocial Occupational Therapy Theory and Practice	2	OTD 351 Pharmacotherapeutic Effects on Human Performance	2
OTD 341 Neuroanatomy	<u>3</u>	OTD 352 Intro to Health Care Ethics	2
	17	OTD 370 Fieldwork Level I A	<u>1</u>
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Third Semester

<i>(Summer – Optional)</i>	<i>Sem. Hrs.</i>
OTD 374 Mindful Prep. for Cross-Cultural Practice (Internat'l) (Elective)	2

Second Professional Year

<i>First Semester (Fall)</i>	<i>Sem. Hrs.</i>	<i>Second Semester (Spring)</i>	<i>Sem. Hrs.</i>
OTD 408 Research Process I	2	OTD 407 OT Practice with Children and Youth I	3
OTD 411 OT Practice in Mental Health	4	OTD 409 Research Process II: Proposal	2
OTD 413 Physical Rehabilitation in OT I	3	OTD 414 Physical Rehabilitation in Occupational Therapy II	3
OTD 423 Occupational Therapy with Elders	3	OTD 417 Health Care Policy	3
OTD 431 Occupation, Adaptation and Technology	3	OTD 432 Occupational Therapy Practice with Upper Extremity Conditions	3
OTD 441 Musculoskeletal Dimensions of Occupation	3	OTD 450 Creative Occupations in Practice	3
OTD 470 Fieldwork Level IB	1	OTD 471 Fieldwork Level IC	1
OTD 479 Fieldwork Level II Seminar I	<u>0.5</u>	OTD 480 Fieldwork Level II Seminar II	<u>0.5</u>
	19.5		18.5

<i>Third Semester (Summer)</i>	<i>Sem. Hrs.</i>
OTD 481 Fieldwork Level II A	12

Third Professional Year

<i>First Semester (Fall)</i>	<i>Sem. Hrs.</i>	<i>Second Semester (Spring)</i>	<i>Sem. Hrs.</i>
OTD 507 OT Practice with Children and Youth II	3	OTD 502 Physical Agent Modalities	3
OTD 508 Research Implementation I	1.5	OTD 509 Research Implementation II	1.5
OTD 511 Neuro-Occupation I	3	OTD 512 Neuro-Occupation II	3
OTD 513 Meaning in Occupation	3	OTD 516 Health Program Management	2
OTD 515 Occupational Therapy Management	2	OTD 518 Leadership	2
OTD 561 Fieldwork Level I D	1	OTD 541 Critical Analysis of Occupational Therapy Practice	3
OTD 562 Ethical Reasoning in OT Practice	2.5	OTD 563 Fieldwork Level I E	1
OTD 570 Fieldwork Level II Seminar III	0.5	OTD 573 Professional Trajectory II	1
OTD 572 Professional Trajectory I	1		16.5
	17.5		
<i>Third Semester (Summer)</i>	<i>Sem. Hrs.</i>		
OTD 571 Fieldwork Level II B	12		

Fourth Professional Year

<i>First Semester (Fall)</i>	<i>Sem. Hr</i>
OTD 599 Directed Independent Study	1-4
OTD 600 Entry-Level Professional Rotation	12-16
OTD 601 Capstone	1
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Level I, II and Entry-Level Professional Rotation are practical experiences which supplement the occupational therapy didactic courses. Students will need to arrange for travel and housing to sites which may be located in Omaha, the surrounding area, or other states or countries.

All Fieldwork II and Professional Rotation requirements must be completed within 24 months following completion of didactic preparation.

DOCTOR OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY CURRICULUM
Post-Professional Distance

Course	Sem. Hrs.
POTD 501 Historical Perspectives of Occupation	3
POTD 511 Neuro-Occupation I	3
POTD 512 Neuro-Occupation II	3
POTD 516 Health Program Management	3
POTD 517 Health Care Policy	3
POTD 521 Occupation in Community	3
POTD 522 Occupation-Centered Community Building	3
POTD 541 Critical Analysis of Occupational Therapy Practice	3
POTD 551 Research Design and Methodologies	3
POTD 552 Research Projects	3
POTD 562 Advanced Clinical Ethics	3
POTD 565 Instructional Methods and Evaluation	3
POTD 580 Professional Trajectory	1
POTD 590 Post-Professional Rotation	<u>24</u>
TOTAL SEMESTER HOURS	61

Successful completion of POTD 580 is required prior to placement in Post-Professional Rotation courses.



COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

(See Key to Symbols on Page 53)

OTD 301 Foundations of Occupation (2)

The students will understand the fundamental concept of occupation through various theories. Students will investigate how occupation is the medium through which people participate in society. Students will gain an understanding of the impact of disability on everyday occupation. **P: OTD 303, 305, 308.**

OTD 303 Introduction to Occupational Therapy (2)

This course overviews the profession of occupational therapy. Core values and beliefs of the profession are emphasized. Students will explore various definitions of occupational therapy and gain an understanding of organizational structure and the official documents of the profession. Activity analysis will be used to synthesize the domain of practice. Practice trends and emerging practice areas will be examined. **P: Admission to EOTD program or IC.**

OTD 304 Occupational Patterns in Culture (2)

The course provides an opportunity to explore occupational patterns in cultural experiences. Students reorganize meaning by identifying personal values and beliefs in light of greater understanding of self and their culture. The course facilitates a student's ability to approach others in an open and compassionate manner in order to work in collaboration with persons from other cultures. It enables the future therapist to understand culturally appropriate activities that symbolize meaning and purpose to the client across the lifespan. **P: OTD 303, 308.**

OTD 305 Communication and Instructional Methods (3)

Approaches and skills to communicate with clients, peers, health professionals, and organizations are explored. Students will gain skills in instructional methods and evaluation. Emphasis is placed on the communicative and educative roles occupational therapists hold. Students will begin development as stewards of the profession by exploring the meaning and responsibilities associated with doctoral education. **P: Admission to the EOTD Program or IC.**

OTD 306 Clinical Conditions (2)

This course is an overview of systemic disorders and clinical conditions that are pertinent to the practice of occupational therapy across the lifespan. Students will learn etiology, signs, symptoms, pathophysiology, psychopathology, and functional deficits resulting from impairments. **P: Admission to the EOTD Program or IC.**

OTD 307 Human Development (2)

This course provides an overview of human development across the lifespan. A dynamic systems approach will be used to study development from conception through end of life. Students will consider physical, cognitive, emotional, social, communication, and cultural aspects of development within individual, family and contextual factors. **P: Admission to the EOTD Program or IC.**

OTD 308 Introduction to Inquiry (3)

Emphasis of this course will be placed on gaining an understanding of the research process. Students will examine evidence-based practice to become critical consumers of research. Both qualitative and quantitative research methodologies and designs will be introduced. **P: Admission to the EOTD Program or IC; CO: OTD 303.**

OTD 311 Psychosocial Occupational Therapy Theory and Practice (2)

This course focuses on concepts of group dynamics, group process, and effective therapeutic communication skills. Students will be introduced to selected psychosocial frames of references and/or conceptual models of practice. Students will learn skills related to active listening, rapport building and interviewing. **P: Admission to the EOTD Program or IC.**

- OTD 315 Professional Writing (2)**
This course will explore various types of professional writing. Students will demonstrate competency in professional writing and will be introduced to the process of scholarly writing. **P: OTD 303, 308.**
- OTD 320 Professional Communications I (1)**
This is the first course in a two-semester sequence that explores oral and written communication skills necessary for occupational therapy practice. **P: Admission to EOTD program or IC.**
- OTD 330 Spanish for Health Professionals (2)**
This course offers a concise introduction to Spanish grammar, vocabulary and culture for students whose personal or professional goals include a working knowledge of Spanish. In addition to emphasizing basic communication, this course will give special attention to the vocabulary needs of those individuals involved in the health professions.
- OTD 339 Clinical Anatomy (3)**
This course is designed to provide an overview of gross, clinical, and neuroanatomical, aspects of the human body through the lifespan. A systemic, rather than regional, approach is used. Dissected cadaver specimens and anatomical models are available as learning aids, reflective journaling, and palpation labs combine to provide the student an advanced integration of gross anatomy and function. **CO: OTD 340.**
- OTD 340 Clinical Anatomy Laboratory (3)**
Coupled with OTD 339, this course is a dissection based anatomical study of the human body. **CO: OTD 339.**
- OTD 341 Neuroanatomy (3)**
This course assists the student in learning the major structural and functional features of the central nervous system. Format includes lectures and facilitated discussion including the study of external morphology of the brain and spinal cord, embryology and demonstration including reflective journaling and discussion of normal function which correlate with the didactic material to commonly seen clinical situations. **P: Admission to EOTD program or IC.**
- OTD 351 Pharmacotherapeutic Effects on Human Performance (2)**
This course utilizes the principles of physiology and neuroanatomy to develop an understanding of the effects of medication on human performance throughout the lifespan within the context of various physical and mental dysfunctions. The course is designed to develop an understanding of the pharmacological basis of drug interactions, substance abuse, drug compliance, age and dosage recommendations. **P: OTD 341.**
- OTD 352 Introduction to Health Care Ethics (2)**
This course introduces basic theories and concepts of ethics. Ethical reasoning at the individual, institutional, and societal levels is emphasized. Students will apply the AOTA Ethics Standards to a variety of situations. **P: OTD 303.**
- OTD 370 Fieldwork Level I A (1)**
This course promotes understanding of occupation, personal identity and professional practice and leadership in the transformation of students as individuals, in community, and in organizations. Students take part in observational and participatory fieldwork and classroom experiences in settings or communities with populations across the lifespan. Students will begin the process of self-identification as occupational therapy practitioners in their trajectory toward their Entry Level Professional Rotation (OTD 483). This course also serves to orient students to policies, procedures and required documentation associated with OTD fieldwork and professional rotations. **P: OTD 303, 311; CO: OTD 301.**
- OTD 374 Mindful Preparation for Cross-Cultural Practice (2) (Elective)**
Occupational therapy students participate in a seminar and a cross-cultural field experience. Students become involved in institutional or community-based programs that serve the occupational needs of the local population. A major focus of the experience is the inquiry into life-experiences of local people, and in understanding how humans develop occupational patterns and derive meaning through occupation. In addition,

students consider how rehabilitation and health systems or organizations may support or hinder the development of just communities. Issues surrounding culture such as power and privilege are explored. Reflection and discussion are the main methods used in building a learning community during the experience.

OTD 399 Directed Independent Studies (1-3) (Elective)

This course is an opportunity for motivated occupational therapy students to become involved in a course of study under the direction and guidance of a faculty in order to: (a) pursue, in depth, an area covered more generally in the curriculum; (b) explore a topic not normally covered in the curriculum; (c) provide occupational therapy services to diverse and underserved populations, or (d) assist with or conduct original problem-oriented or technique-based research in an occupational therapy area of interest. This study may be in any occupational therapy-related area of practice. In all cases, it is the student's responsibility to fully identify the topic and to acquire enough information to ensure its worthiness for independent study. A maximum of three semester hours may be taken in OTD 399. This course is graded satisfactory/unsatisfactory.

OTD 407 Occupational Therapy Practice with Children and Youth I (3)

Students will examine occupations of children and youth. Students learn the evaluation process, including the importance of observations in natural environments; interviewing parents and/or teachers; selecting, administering and interpreting results; and producing a written report based on the evaluation. A variety of frames of reference are introduced with an emphasis on the sensory integration approach for assessment and treatment. **P: OTD 301, 306, 307, 311, 341, 411, 431, 441.**

OTD 408 Research Process I; Literature Review (2)

This is the first course in a sequence designed to facilitate student progress of a faculty mentored research project. The focus of this course is the development of a literature review. Students will complete a written synthesis of literature. **P: OTD 301, 308, 315.**

OTD 409 Research Process II: Proposal (2)

This course is a continuation of OTD 408 and is designed to prepare students to complete a methodologically sound research proposal. The developed proposal will be submitted to the IRB for review and approval. **P: OTD 352, 408.**

OTD 411 Occupational Therapy Practice in Mental Health (4)

This course examines the practice of occupational therapy in mental health and the influence of psychosocial function/dysfunction on occupational performance. Frames of reference and/or conceptual practice models will be reviewed to guide the selection of assessment and methods of treatment. Use of self as a therapeutic agent and group process skills are applied to case studies and practice with actual clients. **P: OTD 306, 307, 311, 351.**

OTD 413 Physical Rehabilitation in Occupational Therapy I (3)

Clinical reasoning will be used to identify and apply occupation centered evaluation and treatment for people with cognitive and physical impairments including neurological, orthopedic, metabolic and degenerative diseases. Students will formulate treatment plans and discharge summaries using a variety of documentation formats. Experiential learning will be used to integrate theory with practice. **P: OTD 303, 306, 307, 311, 339, 340, 341, 351. CO: OTD 423, 431, 441.**

OTD 414 Physical Rehabilitation in Occupational Therapy II (3)

This course is a continuation of OTD 413. **P: OTD 413.**

OTD 417 Health Care Policy (3)

This course involves the study of health care/disability policies and their effects on occupational therapy practice. This course includes the examination of government and regulatory systems; professional societies, economic, political and professional forces; and cultural and social values which influence the development of health care policy and contemporary practice. Students examine and apply advocacy skills. **P: OTD 471.**

- OTD 423 Occupational Therapy with Elders (3)**
 This course provides an overview of occupational therapy with elders. It emphasizes the needs and characteristics of elders from a holistic perspective taking into consideration "occupation". Emphasis is placed on viewing elders as a heterogeneous group, dispelling myths and stereotypes, exploring relevant community resources, understanding safety and health promotion for elders, and knowledge about relevant public policy. Labs focus on interprofessional interaction, intergenerational contact and service learning experiences with elders. **P: OTD 370. C: OTD 411, 413, 431.**
- OTD 431 Occupation, Adaptation and Technology (2)**
 Students will explore and apply technology related to facilitating occupational performance. Evaluation and selection of adaptive equipment and the therapeutic use of assistive technology are emphasized. **P: OTD 306, 307, 339, 340, 341. CO: OTD 413, 441.**
- OTD 432 Occupational Therapy Practice With Upper Extremity Conditions (3)**
 Continuation of OTD 431. A problem solving and clinical reasoning process is utilized for selecting, designing and fabricating splints and prosthetic devices. Basic upper extremity therapy skills are emphasized to prepare the student for general clinical practice. This course is framed in an understanding of the impact of upper-extremity conditions on occupations. **P: OTD 413, 431, 441.**
- OTD 441 Musculoskeletal Dimensions of Occupation (3)**
 The course is a study of the musculoskeletal system with special emphasis on body movement and the application of laws and principles that govern movement. Principles and applications of the range of motion measurement and manual muscle testing to occupational performance are addressed. **P: OTD 339, 340, 341.**
- OTD 450 Creative Occupations in Practice (3)**
 This course explores the concepts of purposeful activity, occupation, creativity, and adaptation. Activity analysis is critical to adapting media for optimal occupational performance. Students are engaged in hands-on learning of various creative arts as well as discovering ways to adapt these arts for a variety of populations. **P: OTD 301, 304, 306, 307, 413, 431.**
- OTD 470 Fieldwork Level IB (1)**
 Continuation of Fieldwork Level I A. **P: OTD 370.**
- OTD 471 Fieldwork Level IC (1)**
 Continuation of Fieldwork Level I A and I B **P: OTD 370, 470.**
- OTD 479 Fieldwork Level II Preparation Seminar I (0.5)**
 This course is designed to provide structure and guidance to students for the process of Level IIA/IIB Fieldwork placements. Additionally, the course will prepare the students for their Level II Fieldwork with a focus on self-exploration, interpersonal issues, and fieldwork situations. This course is repeatable to a max of one hour.
- OTD 480 Fieldwork Level II Seminar II (0.5)**
 This course is designed to provide structure and guidance to students for the process of Level IIA/IIB Fieldwork placements. Additionally, the course will prepare the students for their Level II Fieldwork with a focus on self-exploration, interpersonal issues, and fieldwork situations. **P: OTD 479.**
- OTD 481 Fieldwork Level II A (12)**
 Students will apply their understanding of occupation, professional practice, identity and leadership during a 12-week, full-time fieldwork placement. Objectives of the course continue to focus on personal transformation as occupational therapists. Students are expected to develop the professional competencies of entry-level therapists for the particular site by the conclusion of this experience. **P: OTD 471, 480.**

OTD 502 Physical Agent Modalities (3) (Elective)

Physical agent modalities are adjunctive methods used by occupational therapy practitioners to produce a biophysiological response in tissue through the use of light, water, temperature, sound, electricity, or mechanical devices. This course provides the theoretical basis for selecting and safely utilizing appropriate physical agents in occupational therapy practice. Students will apply clinical reasoning to select and apply appropriate modalities for neurological, orthopedic, and degenerative disease processes across the lifespan. AOTA position papers, evidenced based practice, licensure requirements, liability, competency issues, safety precautions, and indications and contraindications will be discussed. Competency practicums are required. **P: OTD 339, 340, 341, 414, 423, 441, 432.**

OTD 507 Occupational Therapy Practice with Children and Youth II (3)

Students will apply theories and frames of reference related to pediatric practice. Students examine and plan intervention strategies, with an emphasis on collaborative consultation model of service delivery. Providing occupational therapy services to children and their families across a variety of settings is emphasized. Students study the impact of regulations on the provision of occupational therapy services in the school systems. **P: OTD 301, 407.**

OTD 508 Research Implementation I (1.5)

This course is the continuation of OTD 409. The research proposals developed in OTD 409 will be implemented in this course in collaboration with a faculty mentor. Students are expected to critically analyze and solve problems encountered during the proposal implementation process. The process will be closely monitored. **P: OTD 308, 352, 409; CO: OTD 562.**

OTD 509 Research Implementation II (1.5)

This course is the continuation of OTD 508. The research proposals developed in OTD 508 will be implemented in this course in collaboration with a faculty mentor. Students are expected to critically analyze and solve problems encountered during the proposal implementation process. The process will be closely monitored. **P: OTD 508, 562.**

OTD 511 Neuro-Occupation I (3)

This first course in a two semester sequence braids occupation with neuroscience and provides an overview of philosophy and theories of the mind, chaos and complexity theory as the foundation of understanding neuroscience and occupation as they inter-relate. Pertinent neuroscience systems are covered with an emphasis placed on examination of neurology as a system of support underlying occupation, occupational patterns, and the occupational nature of humans. Identification of an area of study pertinent to occupational therapy practice will be made and professional literature supporting neuro-occupational coupling will be explored. **P: OTD 301, 339, 340, 341.**

OTD 512 Neuro-Occupation II (3)

This second course in a two semester sequence of neuro-occupation focuses on the application of theories of the mind, chaos and complexity theory, cognition, and theories of emotion as the foundation of understanding occupational therapy models and frameworks. Neuroscience and occupation as interdependent are vital to enhancing clinical applications and facilitating the bridge of academia to practice. The mind-brain-body is examined as a unified interdependent system in reference to the meaningful occupational nature of humans. Students engage in the scholarship of integration and dissemination of knowledge by applying didactic experiences to current occupational therapy practice. **P: OTD 511.**

OTD 513 Meaning in Occupation (3)

This course offers in-depth exploration surrounding the subjective complexities of meaning in occupation. Students will integrate dimensions of occupation as they occur at various levels of engagement for individuals and communities. Students will apply occupational science and other research. **P: OTD 481.**

OTD 515 Occupational Therapy Management (2)

This course will examine the characteristics of the U.S. health care delivery system and how occupational therapy benefits consumers of health services. The challenges of the health care environment, occupational therapy management, and professional development will be addressed. Within this context, leadership development, management philosophy, supervision techniques, regulation, quality and productivity in the current practice environment will be investigated. There is an emphasis on understanding strategies to promote occupational therapy services. **P: OTD 301, 411, 413, 414; CO: OTD 507.**

OTD 516 Health Program Management (2)

This course will focus on comprehensive program planning, program development, financial management, quality management, program evaluation and marketing in the context of grant writing, private practice and health systems management. Emphasis will be placed on the development of business strategies for survival and success of occupational therapy based programs. **P: OTD 301, 515.**

OTD 518 Leadership (2)

This course will expand on leadership theory and research so that students will formulate and apply personal and professional attributes and behaviors. Various paradigms, models, and strategies will be evaluated with an emphasis on influencing institutional and societal change. **P: OTD 417, 515, 562.**

OTD 541 Critical Analysis of Occupational Therapy Practice (3)

This course explores key perspectives of critical theory. Students will gain an understanding of external and internal criticisms of the profession of occupational therapy. Through student-driven learning activities, the course will emphasize the judicious use of evidence-based methods in assessment and treatment in order to contribute to the ongoing refinement of the profession. **P: OTD 508.**

OTD 561 Fieldwork Level I D (1)

Continuation of Fieldwork Level IA, IB, and IC. **P: OTD 370, 470, 471.**

OTD 562 Ethical Reasoning in Occupational Therapy Practice (2.5)

This course expands ethical reasoning into a variety of practice environments. Emphasis is on recognizing an ethical issue or dilemma, engaging in systematic analysis, selecting an ethically defensible course of action, and making a compelling case to others. Students will reflect on ethical choices and decisions. The influence of ethical decisions on society and the role of moral courage are explored. Students will apply the AOTA Ethics Standards to occupational therapy practice. **P: OTD 352, 481.**

OTD 563 Fieldwork Level I E (1)

Continuation of Fieldwork Level IA, IB, IC and ID. **P: OTD 370, 470, 471, 561.**

OTD 570 Fieldwork Level II Seminar III (0.5)

This course is designed to provide structure and guidance to students for the process of Level IIA/IIB fieldwork placements. Additionally, the course will prepare the students for their Level II Fieldwork with a focus on self-exploration, interpersonal issues, and fieldwork situations. **P: OTD 480.**

OTD 571 Fieldwork Level II B (12)

Students will apply their understanding of occupation, professional practice, identity and leadership during a 12-week, full-time fieldwork placement. Objectives of the course continue to focus on personal transformation as occupational therapists. Students are expected to develop the professional competencies of entry-level therapists for the particular site by the conclusion of this experience. **P: OTD 303, 304, 305, 414, 471, 481, 515.**

OTD 572 Professional Trajectory I (1)

Students use their understanding of occupation, professional practice, and professional identity and leadership from didactic and clinical experiences to develop learning objectives which will be carried out during the Professional Rotation course. The emphasis of this course is on self directed personal and professional exploration and development. **P: OTD 370, 470, 471. CO: OTD 561.**

OTD 573 Professional Trajectory II (1)

Students use their understanding of occupation, professional practice, and professional identity and leadership from didactic and clinical experiences to develop learning objectives which will be carried out during the Professional Rotation course. The emphasis of this course is on self directed personal and professional exploration and development. **P: OTD 370, 461, 470, 472, 481.**

OTD 599 Directed Independent Study (1-4)

This course offers the opportunity for doctor of occupational therapy students to become involved in a course of study under the direction and guidance of a faculty member in lieu of a portion of the professional rotation requirements of the OTD program. Students may choose to 1) pursue, in depth, an area covered more generally in the curriculum; 2) explore a topic not normally covered in the curriculum; 3) provide occupational therapy services to diverse and underserved populations; or 4) assist with or conduct original problem-oriented or technique-based research in an occupational therapy area of interest. This study may be in any occupational therapy-related area or practice. In all cases, it is the student's responsibility to fully identify the topic and to acquire enough information to ensure its worthiness for independent study. A maximum of 4 semesters hours can be taken in OTD 599. **P: OTD 580; CO: OTD 600.**

OTD 600 Entry-Level Professional Rotation (12-16)

During this time, 12-week rotation, students carry out their personal learning objectives identified in Professional Trajectory. Students continue to explore their personal and professional identities and actualize their learning objectives at their Professional Rotation site. **P: OTD 481, 571.**

OTD 601 Capstone (1)

The focus of this course is to disseminate findings from an individually designed scholarly project under the direction and guidance of a faculty mentor. Students will complete a professional oral presentation. **P: OTD 509. CO: OTD 600.**

Post-Professional Distance Courses

POTD 501 Historical Perspectives of Occupation (3)

This course traces the evolution of the profession's view of the occupational nature of the human being and how human beings realize their sense of life's meaning through purposeful activity. Through this historical review, students critically evaluate the profession's premises and deepen their understanding of how fundamental beliefs drove the profession in the past, inform present practice, and propel future transformation of occupational therapy. Using methods of historical inquiry, students relate historical paradigm shifts within the profession to contextual changes in society and articulate implications for the practice of occupational therapy. **P: Enrollment in post professional program.**

POTD 511 Neuro-Occupation I (3)

This first course in a two semester sequence braids occupation with neuroscience and provides an overview of philosophy and theories of the mind, chaos and complexity theory as the foundation of understanding neuroscience and occupation as they inter-relate. Pertinent neuroscience systems are covered with an emphasis placed on examination of neurology as a system of support underlying occupation, occupational patterns, and the occupational nature of humans. Identification of an area of study pertinent to occupational therapy practice will be made and professional literature supporting neuro-occupational coupling will be explored. **P: Enrollment in post professional program.**

POTD 512 Neuro-Occupation II (3)

This second course in a two semester sequence of neuro-occupation focuses on the application of theories of the mind, chaos and complexity theory, cognition, and theories of emotion as the foundation of understanding occupational therapy models and frameworks. Neuroscience and occupation as interdependent are vital to enhancing clinical applications and facilitating the bridge of academia to practice. The mind-brain-body is examined as a unified an interdependent system in reference to the meaningful occupational nature of humans. Students engage in the scholarship of integration and dissemination of knowledge by applying didactic experiences to current occupational therapy practice. **P: POTD 511.**

POTD 516 Health Program Management (3)

This course will focus on comprehensive program planning, program development, financial management, quality management, program evaluation and marketing in the context of grant writing, private practice and health systems management. Emphasis will be placed on the development of business strategies for survival and success of occupational therapy based programs. **P: Admission to the post professional OTD program.**

POTD 517 Health Care Policy (3)

This course involves the study of health care/disability policies and their effects on occupational therapy practice. This course includes the examination of government and regulatory systems, professional societies, economic, political, and professional forces, and cultural and social values which influence the development of health care policy and contemporary practice. Students examine and apply advocacy skills. **P: Admission to the post professional OTD program.**

POTD 521 Occupation in Community (3)

This course integrates student's familiarity with interdisciplinary and occupation science inquiry into the development of a comprehensive occupational profile. Narrative methodologies are used to refine student's ability to interview clients and gain insight into the patterns of meaning that support client-centered, occupation-based practice. **P: Enrollment in post-professional program.**

POTD 522 Occupation-Centered Community Building (3)

This course focuses on refinement and integration of professional, critical thinking competencies (decision-making, problem-solving, learning how to learn, collaboration, and self-management) through supervised assessment, service planning and implementation for clients throughout Omaha. Particular emphasis is placed on clients' community participation and students' focused analysis of how meaning in occupation is co-constructed and grounded within the social context. The theoretical and philosophical tenets common to the *International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health* (WHO, 2001) and the *Occupational Therapy Practice Framework* (AOTA, 2002) are explored and implemented in the development of services. **P: POTD 521.**



POTD 541 Critical Analysis of Occupational Therapy Practice (3)

This course explores key perspectives of critical theory. Students will gain an understanding of external and internal criticisms of the profession of occupational therapy. Through student-driven learning activities, the course will emphasize the judicious use of evidence-based methods in assessment and treatment in order to contribute to the ongoing refinement of the profession. **P: POTD 501, 551.**

POTD 551 Research Design and Methodologies (3)

The focus of this course is the development of a methodologically sound and IRB approved research proposal. Students will identify a research problem, formulate researchable questions and select a research design, quantitative or qualitative, that is best suited to answer the research questions. Both quantitative and qualitative data analysis will be discussed and students are expected to apply such knowledge and skills into their research proposals. The IRB process will be reviewed and implemented for the developed research proposals. Through proposal development, students are expected to gain more understanding of research methodologies and designs and to increase their competence in scientific inquiry. **P: Enrollment in post professional program.**

POTD 552 Research Projects (3)

This course is the continuation of OTD 551. The research proposals developed in OTD 551 will be implemented in this course. Emphasis of this course is placed on the first hand experience of the research process (e.g., recruitment of participants, data collection and data analysis, manuscript writing, etc.). Students are expected to critically analyze and solve problems and difficulties encountered during the proposal implementation process. The proposal implementation process will be closely monitored to ensure research integrity. A scholarly written research manuscript is expected at the end of this course. **P: POTD 551.**

POTD 562 Advanced Clinical Ethics (3)

The course focuses on ethical reflection, negotiation, and decision making in occupational therapy. Theoretical frameworks, concepts, and applied analytical strategies are examined critically in light of their usefulness for practice. An emphasis is placed on the acquisition of skills necessary to take ethics-related service and leadership roles in health care institutions, communities, professional associations and regulatory review boards. **P: Enrollment in post professional program.**

POTD 565 Instructional Methods and Evaluation (3)

Philosophical foundations of knowledge and learning and their relationship with occupational therapy theoretical principles are examined. Major approaches to teaching are discussed and implications for occupational therapy practice are sought. Close attention is paid to the educative role occupational therapists may play in a variety of settings including clinics, hospitals, community agencies, and colleges and universities. Other major content areas of this course include instructional design, methods, skills, and media; evaluation; and education and supervision of students during experiential activities. **P: Enrollment in post professional program.**

POTD 580 Professional Trajectory (0.5)

Students use their understanding of occupation, professional practice, and professional identity and leadership from didactic and clinical experiences to develop learning objectives which will be carried out during the Professional Rotation course. The emphasis of this course is on self directed personal and professional exploration and development. This course is repeatable to a max of one hour. **P: Enrollment in post professional program.**

POTD 590 Post-Professional Rotation (3-24)

Students construct this professional experience by carrying out their personal learning objectives identified in OTD 580 Professional Trajectory. Course objectives move from personal and professional transformation toward the transformation of practice. During this experience students are expected to function beyond the competencies of entry-level therapists. A total of 24 credit hours of Post-Professional Rotation are required for graduation. Number of credit hours assigned to each experience is based on learning objectives and approval of instructor. **P: POTD 580.**

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PHYSICAL THERAPY PROGRAM

THE PROFESSION

Dramatic changes in the health care system have influenced the way health professionals, including physical therapists, practice. The physical therapist is knowledgeable and skilled in patient care, consultation, education and research. Existing roles in orthopedics, sports injuries, neurological disorders, pediatrics, and cardiovascular disorders are complemented by developing practice in areas of business, industry, pre- and post-operative evaluations, wellness programs, geriatrics, and consultation in school, private and government agencies. Physical therapists maintain close working relationships with other health care professionals including physicians, dentists, nurses, occupational therapists, speech/language pathologists, rehabilitation engineers and vocational counselors.

Practice in physical therapy can be described in terms of examination and evaluation, alleviation of impairment and functional limitation, and prevention of injury, impairment, functional limitation and disability. The physical therapy evaluation is done to determine a diagnosis, prognosis and intervention plan. It may include, but is not limited to, testing of muscle function, joint flexibility, patterns of movement including walking, balance, and endurance. Physical therapists are particularly skilled in evaluating and treating patients with movement dysfunction from a variety of causes.

Evaluation forms the basis of individualized physical therapy intervention. When appropriate, intervention entails education for preventing injury. Other techniques include therapeutic exercise, manual techniques, physical agent modalities, recommendation of assistive devices, and patient education. The patient's family is often included in the education process to render physical assistance and/or ongoing emotional support

Physical therapists participate actively in shaping the current and emerging health care environment to promote the development of high-quality, cost-effective health care services. Today, a priority of the American Physical Therapy Association is to promote the role of physical therapists as direct access primary care providers of physical therapy services and to be integral members of patient care teams in health care delivery systems. Physical therapists have a responsibility to increase public awareness of physical therapy and the selection of physical therapists for the treatment and prevention of injury, impairment, functional limitation, and disability and for the promotion and maintenance of health, fitness, and optimum quality of life.

PROGRAM PHILOSOPHY

The faculty of the Department of Physical Therapy affirm the mission and values of Creighton University and the School of Pharmacy and Health Professions with the recognition that each individual has responsibility for maintaining the quality and dignity of his/her own life and for participating in and enriching the human community. This ideal requires both individual effort and the collective support and assistance of others. The Creighton Department of Physical Therapy, as an educational environment, facilitates individuals and communities in achievement of this ideal through the nurture, support and advancement of physical therapy as a professional discipline.

Please Note: The following Bulletin sections apply to students in the traditional (entry-level) Doctor of Physical Therapy program. Students who are already licensed physical therapists who wish to pursue the DPT degree through the nontraditional track should refer to the section entitled Transitional Distance Doctor of Physical Therapy Program for specific program information and requirements.

Physical Therapy as a Discipline within Health Care

Physical therapists are integral members of the health care team who competently diagnose, evaluate and offer therapeutic intervention within the scope of physical therapy practice. Individuals have the right to quality health care through direct access to physical therapists. The physical therapist demonstrates service to each individual by addressing each person's specific needs while ethically integrating therapeutic outcomes with the needs of the greater society. This may include promoting health, maximizing ability and minimizing movement dysfunction, and decreasing the deleterious effects of health impairments, functional limitations and disability.

To achieve the primary professional goal of facilitating the client's optimal function within society, the physical therapist must master substantial breadth and depth of knowledge in the basic and applied sciences, incorporate critical thinking skills, exercise humility, demonstrate integrity and bridge theory with practice. Scientific knowledge is complemented by experiences that enhance understanding of the complexity and diversity of the patient and society including psycho-social, cultural and ethical elements of patient care. Comprehensive preparation in the science and art of the profession provides the foundation for fully assuming the role of a professional which encompasses practice as a primary health care provider, pursuit of clinical expertise, commitment to clinical or academic teaching, facilitation of research and guiding health care planning and policy.

The physical therapist offers care in a compassionate, artful, legal, and ethical manner, while providing guidance as a teacher and advocacy as a moral agent. The practitioner must be prepared to participate in a broad spectrum of activities that span a range from health promotion through comprehensive rehabilitation. As effective members of the health care team, physical therapists address patient needs throughout the lifespan that are manifested as acute or chronic dysfunction of movement due to disorders of the musculoskeletal, neurological, cardiopulmonary and integumentary systems.

The Educational Environment

The ideal learning environment for students enrolled in the Creighton Physical Therapy Department is one of intellectual challenge, presenting opportunities for collaborative and independent learning and offering experiential breadth that encompasses collaboration with peers, clients, families and others within and external to the discipline of physical therapy. In concert with the Jesuit tradition of Creighton University, the Physical Therapy Department provides an environment that values human dignity across various styles of thinking and diverse social backgrounds while fostering moral responsibility and academic excellence. This dynamic framework allows students to identify, define and grow to fulfill the responsibilities of a professional within society.

Faculty

Faculty in Physical Therapy at Creighton University value community and unity of purpose as elements that are essential to the educational process. As a community of scholars and professionals, the faculty have a commitment to inquiry, and accept the responsibility for contributing to the theoretical underpinnings, evolving knowledge base and practical implementation of physical therapy practice. The faculty are unified as facilitators of student learning and of reflective inquiry while serving as role models for professional behavior, service to society and the pursuit of justice.

Learner

Commitment to patients, society and the profession, in the realms of service, research and education is essential and lifelong. Students should contribute to the program, the University and society by reflecting the program's philosophy of service and learning. Striving to develop appropriate, effective strategies for advocating and instituting change is a goal to be pursued as students enter a dynamic health care environment. Students are encouraged to develop their potential for lifelong learning, recognizing that the struggle for continual betterment of society, profession and self is an ongoing process throughout their professional careers. Consistent with the mission of the University, graduates are valued for their individual abilities to contribute to both society and the profession.

Creighton University Department of Physical Therapy is committed to leadership in clinical doctoral education through academic excellence, significant scholarly contributions, service to the human community and fostering societal and professional dedication within its graduates.

ADMISSION

Process

The preferred deadline for applications is December 1. The final deadline for applications is February 1. Personal interviews are required in the admission process. Qualified applicants will be notified if they are selected for an interview. Applicants are encouraged to apply early so that an interview date may be scheduled.

To apply for admission, students must submit the following:

- * Online application form.
- * \$60 application fee.
- * Applicant statement.
- * Official GRE scores. Allow a minimum of six weeks for delivery.
- * A minimum of 60 hours of observation supervised by a physical therapist.
- * Three letters of recommendation (one recommendation must be from a physical therapist). Letters of recommendation may be submitted through the online application or print the PDF recommendation form on our website.
- * An official transcript must be received from each institution the applicant has attended and or is currently attending. Official transcripts must be received directly from the issuing institution(s). All transcripts should be directed to the School's Office of Admission.

The School enrolls 50 students each year.

Fulfillment of basic requirements does not guarantee admission. A selection system exists in which the Physical Therapy Admission Committee selects the applicants it considers best qualified for the study and practice of the profession from a pool of applicants. Admission is based on rigor of coursework, quality of academic institution, cumulative GPA, prerequisite science GPA, GRE score, recommendations, personal statement, and interview.

Applicants must demonstrate an understanding of the profession gained through work, personal experiences, or other methods. The Admission Committee will specifically look for evidence of such understanding, along with academic ability, and professionalism as demonstrated through required personal interviews.

Applicants must apply online at <http://www.applyweb.com/apply/cuhealth/menu.html>.

Pre-Professional Component

- * A minimum of 90 semester hours or 136 quarter hours are required before entering the program. Pre-physical therapy courses may be completed at any regionally accredited university or college.
- * All prerequisite coursework must be completed with a grade of "C" or better.
- * Students applying to the program who do not hold a bachelor's degree must identify their major emphasis of study and satisfactorily complete three upper-level courses (nine semester credit hours) towards that major prior to matriculation. Strong academic performance is considered paramount; the degree of emphasis is secondary.
- * Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores from the general test must be submitted.

Prerequisite courses:

Course	Semester Hrs.	Quarter Hrs.
General Biology I and II with labs (Coursework in botany, ecology, entomology, or combined anatomy/physiology will not fulfill the biology requirement.)	8	12
General Chemistry I and II with labs*	8	12
General Physics I and II with labs*	8	12
Physiology (Human or Mammalian) (If the student is enrolled in a combined human anatomy/physiology course, six semester hours will be required).	3	5
English (including composition)	6	9
Statistics	3	5
Electives (Creighton undergraduates must complete 6 hours of Theology among the elective hours)	54	81
Total	90	136

*The chemistry and physics courses must be a two-semester, eight-hour or equivalent course sequence. A course sequence is considered to be a correlated pair of courses offering indepth coverage of a specific field and must be at a level such that the courses would be acceptable as prerequisites to advance towards a bachelor's degree in that discipline. Survey courses, non-sequential courses, courses without associated laboratories, courses designed for non-science majors or abbreviated courses targeted to health sciences majors are not acceptable as prerequisite science courses. Applicants must complete 16 of the 27 prerequisite science semester hours or equivalent prior to the application deadline.

All curricula in the SPAHP undergo constant review and refinement. Please check with the SPAHP Admission Office for the most up-to-date program prerequisites.

To request information, contact:

Admission Office
School of Pharmacy and Health Professions
Creighton University, 2500 California Plaza, Omaha, NE 68178
Telephone: (800) 325-2830, ext. 1 or (402) 280-2662
Fax: (402) 280-5739
e-mail: phaadmis@creighton.edu
Internet: spahp.creighton.edu

Creighton Preference

The Physical Therapy Admission Committee has a strong preference for Creighton undergraduate students who complete the majority of their undergraduate coursework at Creighton, including all science prerequisites. All Creighton undergraduate students who have achieved a minimum overall grade-point average (GPA) of 3.25 at the end of the semester in which the student applies will be guaranteed an interview.

Guaranteed Admission Policy

Creighton students who began undergraduate studies prior to and including Fall 2007 who meet the following criteria will be granted admission to the Doctor of Physical Therapy program.

Each student must:

1. Be enrolled and complete all pre-physical therapy requirements at Creighton University prior to entry. Courses taken for college credit (e.g., Advanced Placement) prior to high school graduation will not result in ineligibility.
2. Achieve a minimum cumulative and science prerequisite grade-point average (GPA) as outlined below in the baccalaureate and pre-baccalaureate degree track requirements at the end of the semester in which the student applies.
3. Submit official GRE scores.
4. Complete an interview expressing an appropriate rationale and demonstrating interpersonal skills for the study and practice of physical therapy.
5. Submit an online application, including three satisfactory recommendations (one must be from a physical therapist) and a personal statement, to the School of Pharmacy and Health Professions Admission Office by December 1 of the academic year prior to enrollment in the professional program.
6. Demonstrate professional behaviors when interacting with faculty, staff, students, clients and patients. These behaviors are important for success in the professional program and reflect the capacity to deliver a high standard of health service. These behaviors are as important as traditional academic standards in determining criteria for matriculation.
7. Present a satisfactory record of participation in physical therapy pre-professional formation activities for a minimum of two semesters at the time of application. Satisfactory participation will be determined by meeting each of the following:
 - a. Attendance at four scheduled activities over the course of two semesters.
 - b. Satisfactory participation in a Pre-Physical Therapy Club service project over the course of two semesters.
 - c. Satisfactory attendance/participation in 20 hours of clinical observation over the course of two semesters. (A total of 60 hours of clinical observation is required for entry beginning Fall 2007. Students entering in Fall 2005 or 2006 must complete 40 hours.)

Baccalaureate Degree Track

1. Complete a bachelor's degree in any academic area.
2. Achieve a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 and a minimum science prerequisite cumulative GPA of 2.8.

Pre-Baccalaureate Degree Track

1. Complete a minimum of 90 semester hours prior to matriculation. Students applying to the program who do not hold a bachelor's degree must identify their major emphasis of study and satisfactorily complete three upper-level courses (300-level and above) that total nine semester hours, toward that major prior to matriculation.

2. Achieve a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.25 and a minimum science prerequisite cumulative GPA of 3.0.
3. Complete a minimum of 14 semester hours each semester. (One semester of no less than 12 semester hours will be allowed.)
4. Meet all core curriculum requirements for a Creighton University bachelor's degree. Students may be eligible to receive a Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences degree upon successful completion of the Doctor of Physical Therapy program.

Students unable to meet one or more of the above criteria are encouraged to apply for admission through the normal admission procedure.

PROFESSIONAL OUTCOMES

Professional Core Abilities:

1. Professional Formation and Critical Self-Reflection – The student shall utilize a process of deliberative self-reflection to enhance understanding of self and engage in continued professional formation. Formation of professional identity is based on the following core values: accountability, altruism, compassion, excellence, integrity, professional duty and social responsibility.
2. Communication Skills – The student shall read, write, speak, listen and use media and technology to communicate effectively. The student shall demonstrate respectful, positive and culturally appropriate interpersonal behaviors in the counsel and education of patients, families, and in communication with other health care professionals.
3. Critical Thinking and Clinical Judgment – The student shall acquire, comprehend, apply, synthesize and evaluate information. The student shall integrate these abilities to identify, resolve and prevent problems and make appropriate decisions. The student shall demonstrate the behaviors of the scholarly clinician by developing and utilizing the process of critical thinking and systematic inquiry for the purpose of clinical reasoning, decision-making and exercising sound clinical judgment.
4. Learning and Professional Development – The student shall consistently strive to expand his or her knowledge and skills to maintain professional competence and contribute to the body of professional knowledge. The student shall demonstrate the ability to gather, interpret and evaluate data for the purpose of assessing the suitability, accuracy and reliability of information from reference sources.
5. Ethical Foundation and Moral Agency – The student shall practice in an ethical manner, fulfilling an obligation for moral responsibility and social justice. The student shall identify, analyze and resolve ethical problems.
6. Social Awareness, Leadership and Advocacy – The student shall provide service to the community and to the profession. The student will assume responsibility for proactive collaboration with other health care professionals in addressing patient needs. The student will be prepared to influence the development of ethical and humane health care regulations and policies that are consistent with the needs of the patient and society.

Physical Therapy Care Abilities:

1. Patient Examination – The student shall perform: a) Thorough patient interview with appropriate medical history and review of systems; b) Physical examination utilizing appropriate tests and measures.
2. Patient Evaluation and Physical Therapy Diagnosis – The student shall: a) Interpret results of the physical therapy examination and other diagnostic procedures; b) Synthesize pertinent data; c) Formulate an accurate physical therapy diagnosis.

The process of evaluation also may identify the need for consultation with or referral to other health care providers.

3. Patient Prognosis – The student shall predict the patient’s level of optimal improvement that may be attained through intervention within a given period of time.
4. Patient Intervention – The student shall design an appropriate plan of care to produce changes consistent with the physical therapy diagnosis and prognosis. The student shall develop a customized plan of care in collaboration with the patient’s/ family’s expectations and goals. The student shall also assume responsibility for delegation and supervision of appropriate human resources engaged in patient care activities.
5. Patient Re-examination/ Re-evaluation – The student shall perform an accurate re-examination and re-evaluation to determine changes in patient status and to modify or redirect physical therapy intervention. The process of re-examination and re-evaluation also may identify the need for consultation with or referral to other health care providers. Patient re-examination and re-evaluation may also necessitate modification of delegation and supervision of appropriate human resources engaged in patient care activities.
6. Patient Outcomes – The student shall track the results of physical therapy management, which may include the following domains: Pathology; Impairments; Functional limitations; Participation; Risk reduction/Prevention; Wellness; Community and Societal resources; and Patient satisfaction.
7. Systems Management – The student shall identify the specific contribution of physical therapy management within the health care system and the influence of health care policy on that system. In addition, the student shall demonstrate knowledge and be able to effectively interact within the interdependent framework of the health care team in a complex society. The student shall extend his/her responsibility for physical therapy care beyond individual patients to include care of communities and populations.

POLICY ON STUDENT COMPLIANCE WITH TECHNICAL STANDARDS

The Doctor of Physical Therapy education program in the School of Pharmacy and Health Professions at Creighton University prepares physical therapists to serve as primary providers of physical therapy care. In order to function as a clinical physical therapist, an individual must be able to meet certain physical, emotional, intellectual and communication expectations for performance. Physical therapy education requires the accumulation of scientific knowledge as well as the simultaneous acquisition and demonstration of psychomotor skills and professional attitudes and behaviors. The faculty is committed to an educational environment where students may “identify, define and grow to fulfill the responsibilities of a professional within society” (Program Philosophy).

The purpose of technical standards is to delineate the psychomotor, cognitive and affective skills and abilities deemed essential for matriculation into, continuation in and completion of the educational program. Technical standards are necessary to create specific expectations for student performance in the classroom, laboratory and clinical education environments. Technical standards must be met with or without reasonable accommodations consistent with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Technical Standards

Psychomotor Skills/ Observation

The student must possess sufficient sensory and motor function to independently perform a physical therapy examination and intervention utilizing procedures including observation, palpation, auscultation, percussion, bariatric assessment, manual assistance and manual resistance. In general, this requires functional use of vision, hearing and somatic sensation including the ability to perceive position, pressure, movement, weight and vibration. Examples of specific observation skills include examination of non-verbal patient communication, skin integrity, radiographic findings, graphic representations of data, changes in body position/movement and gauges on equipment. A student must be able to respond to occurrences such as a patient calling from behind a curtain, warning calls from anyone and machine alarms. In the classroom, a student must be able to independently observe and participate in laboratory dissection of cadavers, the microscopic analysis of tissues, and lecture and laboratory demonstrations in all courses.

A student must be able to perform motor movements required to provide general and emergency care to all patients. These skills necessitate coordination of gross and fine movement of the trunk and limbs, equilibrium, strength and the integrated use of touch and vision/hearing. Examples of specific motor abilities include writing or use of a keyboard, performance of gait training using therapeutic aids and orthoses, manual mobilization techniques, non-surgical wound debridement, cardiopulmonary resuscitation and lifting/moving a patient on a bed/mat or during an assisted transfer between surfaces. A student must be able to possess a level of physical endurance to function under physically challenging workloads or in stressful environments.

Communication

A student must be able to understand and communicate in English effectively with patients and their families. A student must be able to understand and communicate in both written and spoken forms and demonstrate the ability to use therapeutic communication to attend, clarify, coach, facilitate and touch during the patient-provider encounter.

Conceptual/ Integrative Abilities

To effectively solve problems, a student must be able to measure, calculate, reason, analyze, integrate and synthesize information in a timely manner. For example, a student must be able to synthesize knowledge and integrate relevant aspects of the patient history and examination findings in order to develop an accurate physical therapy diagnosis and determine the appropriate intervention within reasonable time constraints imposed by the needs of the patient, the facility and the standards of care.

Behavior, Social Skills and Professionalism

Empathy, integrity, honesty, concern for others, good interpersonal skills, interest and motivation are all required personal qualities. A student must possess the emotional health necessary for the full use of their intellectual abilities, the exercise of good judgement (including the maintenance of patient confidentiality), prompt completion of all responsibilities attendant to course assignments and the development of mature, sensitive and effective patient relationships. This requires the ability of the student to be aware of and appropriately react to one's own immediate emotional responses. A student is expected to be able to accept and reflect upon appropriate suggestions and criticisms and, if necessary, respond by modifying personal behaviors. Students should also conduct themselves at all times in a manner consistent with the American Physical Therapy Association Code of Ethics and Guide for Professional Conduct.

Attainment of Technical Standards

All students should review the *Policy on Student Compliance with Technical Standards* and return a signed copy to the SPAHP Office of Admission acknowledging that the policy has been read and the student attests they are in compliance with the policy. If the student believes that he/she has a disability that necessitates accommodation to meet these technical standards, the student must submit documentation of the disability, along with a request for reasonable accommodation, to the Director of Admission and the Assistant/Associate Dean for Academic Affairs.

The technical standards are integrated into syllabi in all courses across the curriculum. In certain cases, compliance with technical standards is a prerequisite for a course. In some cases, compliance with technical standards must be maintained to successfully complete a course. Students who fail to meet technical standards that are defined as prerequisite course requirements should request a leave of absence from the program. If a student fails to meet technical standards while participating in a course, the student should discuss the situation with the Instructor(s) of Record and their academic advisor. Students who cannot meet technical standards while participating in a course may request a grade of Incomplete from the Instructor(s) of Record or request a leave of absence from the program. Otherwise, inability to meet technical standards may result in course failure. If a student believes he/she has a disability that necessitates accommodation to meet these technical standards, the student must submit documentation of the disability, along with a request for a reasonable accommodation, to the Director of Admission and the Assistant/Associate Dean for Academic Affairs.

POLICY ON ELECTIVE COURSEWORK

Students who wish to register for an elective offered during the same time as a course in the professional curriculum must discuss and obtain permission from the Instructor of Record of the course offered in the professional curriculum and complete an Override/Exception Form before registering for the elective course.

REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATION

To satisfy the requirements for graduation, the student must successfully complete all courses in the physical therapy curriculum (including any and all pre-physical therapy requirements) while achieving a grade-point average of not less than 2.00. All candidates for the Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) degree must be determined by the faculty to be of good moral character and fit for the practice of the profession. All indebtedness to the University must be paid, and the graduate must be present at the ceremonies where the degree is conferred (unless excused under University rules). To participate in Commencement, a candidate must submit an application for degree through the Registrar's Office by the University deadline. Additionally, in an effort to comply with accreditation and ongoing programmatic quality assurance, completion of all course evaluations and senior assessments is required in order for the student to be assigned a course grade and/or graduate.

LIVING ACCOMMODATIONS

On-campus housing is not able to accommodate family members when students are on campus for short periods of time such as New Student Welcome Week or summer intensive sessions to take laboratory courses. When housing is needed for family members in such situations, the actual arrangements for off-campus housing are left to the individual students. Several local Omaha hotels are either in walking distance from the Creighton University campus or offer shuttle service to the campus.

TUITION AND FEES

See Tuition and Fees Section in this *Bulletin*.

Special fees may be required for purchase of professional resource materials, professional memberships, liability insurance and licensure.

FINANCIAL AID

See Financial Aid Section in this *Bulletin*.

OTHER INFORMATION

Contact the Associate Dean for Student Affairs in the Office of Academic and Student Affairs if assistance is needed in special situations.

APTA MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) is strongly recommended.

LICENSURE

All graduates will be eligible to sit for the national examination in physical therapy when they graduate. Every state requires licensure, sets a passing standard, and may require additional written or practical examinations.

PLACEMENT

The Office of Academic and Student Affairs will maintain a list of positions available and a list of recruitment fairs on campus, in Omaha and at other locations. The School hosts an annual Career Fair that is well attended by potential employers, and effectively assists graduates with job placement.

PHYSICAL THERAPY STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

CUSAPTA

The Creighton University Student American Physical Therapy Association (CUSAPTA) was recognized as an official student organization for physical therapy students in 1995. The purpose of the Association is to provide an intellectual and social forum whereby Creighton physical therapy students can interact and associate with peers both within the physical therapy profession and from other health care disciplines. The Association supports the professional development of students through service and educational experiences outside the didactic and clinical curriculum.

Physical Therapy Leadership Guild

The Physical Therapy Leadership Guild is an organization promoting leadership, campus and community service and pursuit of high academic achievement. The Guild develops quality student leaders in the Creighton physical therapy program by creating opportunities to lead, and offering organization memberships and scholarships. The purpose of the Guild is to encourage members to contribute to the beneficence of society by organizing and promoting campus and community service projects as well as providing enriching educational opportunities.

Creighton University Sports Physical Therapy Association

The Creighton University Sports Physical Therapy Association consists of DPT students desiring to learn more about the physical therapists role as part of the sports medicine team. The Association was organized to become active in the community and to further incorporate service into the profession of physical therapy. Students will utilize faculty expertise, local physical therapists and other health care professionals to broaden their knowledge and skill level in relation to sports prevention and rehabilitation.

Physical Therapy for Pediatrics

Physical Therapy for Pediatrics is an organization for physical therapy students interested in pediatric physical therapy. The purpose of this organization is to provide members with additional knowledge, exposure, and experience in pediatric physical therapy and to assist students in understanding the role of the pediatric physical therapist in the health care system. Physical Therapy for Pediatrics was established to foster and integrate student involvement in the community with active learning in pediatrics. Members have the opportunity to interact with children, pediatric physical therapists, and other health care professionals involved in the care of children.

RECOGNITION OF SCHOLARSHIP, LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE

The Creighton University School of Pharmacy and Health Professions administers endowed scholarships derived from gifts and donations through the Physical Therapy Student Awards Committee. Each January, students are invited to apply for selected awards which are announced at the School Honors Convocation that is held in the spring. Students are informed of miscellaneous scholarships through the School's email announcements, and may consult with the School Academic Success Specialist regarding any such scholarships.

The following awards are given annually to physical therapy students:

Doctor of Physical Therapy "Spirit" Awards

Criteria—commitment to the mission and goals of Creighton University and the Physical Therapy Department.

Physical Therapy Faculty Scholarship Awards

Criteria—demonstrated a high level of professionalism, spirit and class camaraderie; commitment to academic excellence; financial need.

Physical Therapy Leadership Guild Scholarship

Criteria—presented to a member of the Physical Therapy Leadership Guild (PTLG) who demonstrates a high level of leadership, service and academics.

Developing Clinician Award

Criteria—demonstrated excellent progress towards becoming a skilled and compassionate physical therapist.

Nick Steichen Memorial Scholarship Award

Criteria—a first year student chosen by her/his classmates as possessing the characteristics of scholarship, optimism, humor, helpfulness and happiness.

John and Lydia Stohs Scholarship Award

Criteria—a student in the School of Pharmacy and Health Professions who has demonstrated high academic achievement and need.

Sidney J. Stohs Endowed Scholarship Award

Criteria—a student in the School of Pharmacy and Health Professions who has demonstrated high academic achievement and need.

Other Awards

Physical Therapy students have been recognized for their academic, leadership and service achievements by being selected to Alpha Sigma Nu, Omicron Delta Kappa and the Physical Therapy Leadership Guild.

Faculty Awards

Physical Therapy Department Awards are presented by each Doctor of Physical Therapy class to the faculty members who have made significant contributions to their education and professional development for that year.

TRANSITIONAL DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY PATHWAY

In 1999, the School instituted a Transitional (nontraditional) Doctor of Physical Therapy pathway to make doctoral education readily accessible to licensed practitioners. The Doctor of Physical Therapy degree advocates a commitment to patients and society by inculcating a lifelong commitment to learning, service, and reflective inquiry-based practice. The post-professional pathway emphasizes integration of theory and practice from foundational, professional and clinical sciences, critical self-assessment, clinical reasoning and decision-making skills, advocacy and health policy.

The transitional DPT pathway permits distance-learners access to required course work through print, videotape, CD-ROM, and web technology. The professional practice component of the curriculum (reflective practicum) is tailored to each individual student's self-assessment and career goals. This experiential, practicum component is arranged at sites in the student's geographical region.

The transitional DPT curriculum consists of 35 semester hours of required course work. Students who have had courses that may fulfill part of the didactic curriculum or who have had experience and work that has led to certification or specialization may apply for course waivers.

Professionals eligible for this program must have an earned physical therapy degree, hold current U.S. licensure in one or more states, have practiced physical therapy for a minimum of one year and have access to computerized mechanisms of information gathering (Internet browsing) and communication (word processing, e-mail).



DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY CURRICULUM

Entry-level

First Professional Year

<i>First Semester (Fall)</i>	<i>Sem. Hrs.</i>	<i>Second Semester (Spring)</i>	<i>Sem. Hrs.</i>
PTD 310 Human Anatomy	7	PTD 314 Professional Development Seminar II	1
PTD 312 Prof. Development Seminar I	1	PTD 320 Human Neurobiology	3
PTD 315 Histology	3	PTD 329 Kinesiology/ Pathomechanics II	4
PTD 319 Kinesiology/Pathomechanics I	4	PTD 405 Clinical Exercise Physiology and Prescription	3
PTD 324 Physical Therapy Interventions I	1	PTD 437 Physical Therapy Interventions II	3
PTD 375 Information Retrieval and Literature of the Health Sciences	<u>1</u> 17	PTG 105 Introduction to Pathology of Human Disease	<u>3</u> 17

Second Professional Year

<i>First Semester (Summer)</i>	<i>Sem. Hrs.</i>	<i>Second Semester (Fall)</i>	<i>Sem. Hrs.</i>
PTD 328 Motor Control and Motor Learning	3	PTD 431 Pharmacotherapeutics	2
PTD 432 Professional Dev. Seminar III	1	PTD 442 Professional Dev. Seminar IV	1
PTD 433 Psychological and Sociocultural Aspects of Human Interaction	3	PTD 444 Professional Practice II	3
PTD 434 Professional Practice I	3	PTD 448 Neuromuscular Physical Therapy I	4
PTD 438 Physical Therapy Interventions III	3	PTD 556 Critical Inquiry I	1
PTD 447 Musculoskeletal Physical Therapy I	<u>3</u> 16	PTD 557 Musculoskeletal Physical Therapy II	<u>4</u> 15

Third Professional Year

<i>First Semester (Spring)</i>	<i>Sem. Hrs.</i>	<i>Second Semester (Summer)</i>	<i>Sem. Hrs.</i>
PTD 435 Ethics in Physical Therapy Practice	3	PTD 439 Physical Therapy Interventions IV	2
PTD 443 Health Care Systems	2	PTD 445 Health and Human Behavior: Educational Strategies for Health Professionals	2
PTD 449 Cardiovascular, Pulmonary and Integumentary I	3	PTD 450 Intro to Differential Diagnosis/ Physical Assessment	2
PTD 552 Professional Dev. Seminar V	1	PTD 553 Physical Therapy Management Systems	2
PTD 554 Professional Practice III	4	PTD 559 Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Physical Therapy II	2
PTD 558 Neuromuscular Physical Therapy II	4	PTD 562 Professional Development Seminar VI	1
PTD 566 Critical Inquiry II	<u>2</u> 19	PTD 564 Directed Study	<u>2</u> 13

Fourth Professional Year

<i>First Semester (Fall)</i>	<i>Sem. Hrs.</i>	<i>Second Semester (Spring)</i>	<i>Sem. Hrs.</i>
PTD 680 Professional Practice IV	<u>20</u> 20	PTD 688 Expert Practice in Physical Therapy	2
		PTD 690 Professional Practice VII (Feb/Mar/Apr)	<u>16</u> 18

DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY CURRICULUM

Transitional Distance

<i>Course Number</i>	<i>Course Title</i>	<i>Sem. Hrs.</i>
NPT 501	Professional Assessment	2
NPT 515	Cell Biology for Physical Therapy	3
NPT 520	Motor Control and Motor Learning	3
NPT 526	Physical Assessment	3
NPT 531	Pharmacotherapeutics	3
NPT 540	Ethical and Legal Issues in PT Practice	3
NPT 543	Health Care Systems	3
NPT 545	Health Education/Promotion in PT Practice	3
NPT 555	Radiology	3
NPT 556	Evidence-Based Practice and Decision Making	3
NPT 590	Differential Diagnosis	3
DIDACTIC TOTAL		32

PROGRAM TOTAL Semester Hours 32

Elective Courses:

NPT 511	Regional Clinical Anatomy	3
NPT 529	Advanced Biomechanics	3
NPT 560	Professional Practice	3

ON-SITE COURSES

There will be one on-site visit to the Creighton University campus for laboratory or seminar-based course work for NPT 501 Professional Assessment; and one for NPT 526 Physical Assessment. These will be done in a four-day intensive format. There will be online course preparation prior to and following the on-site time.

Application forms are available online at www.spahp.creighton.edu or can be obtained by writing to:

Admission Office
School of Pharmacy and Health Professions
Creighton University, 2500 California Plaza, Omaha, NE 68178
Telephone: 800- 325-2830 or (402) 280-2662
Fax: (402) 280-5739
Email: phaadmis@creighton.edu
Internet: www.spahp.creighton.edu

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

(See Key to Symbols on Page 53)

ENTRY-LEVEL DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

Enrollment in any course in the Physical Therapy curriculum requires admission and full-time participation in the professional phase of the Physical Therapy program and satisfactory completion of all professional coursework preceding the offering or permission of both the Instructor of Record and Department Chair.

PTG 105 Introduction to Pathology of Human Disease (3)

Pathology is the study of disease with emphasis on the structural alterations in tissues and organs, and metabolic alterations caused by disease. A proper foundation in the understanding of pathology is essential for the understanding the diagnosis and treatment diseases. This course presents the fundamentals of understanding the major diseases of humans, the organization of which is presented first in fundamental processes, then directing attention to approach of the major organ systems of the body.

PTD 310 Human Anatomy (7)

Regional and comprehensive study of the human body with an emphasis on the back, thorax and extremities. Developmental anatomy, surface anatomy and radiologic anatomy segments are included. The course utilizes lecture, dissection laboratories, and discussion formats.

PTD 312 Professional Development Seminar I (1)

Professional Development Seminar I is an introduction to the discipline of Physical Therapy. Students learn about the development of the profession and other issues related to Jesuit mission, values, service, practice and education. Students will be introduced to the *Guide to Physical Therapist Practice*, documentation, reflective critical thinking, portfolio development, and professional Core and Care abilities. Students will also initiate the process of facility site selection for clinical education experiences.

PTD 314 Professional Development Seminar II (1)

This is the second of a six-course sequence threading every semester of the didactic curriculum. The Professional Development sequence is designed to provide a forum for introduction, development and mastery of essential skills needed to function as a physical therapy professional. This course continues the discussion of themes related to professional formation and development, reflection, evidence-based practice, professional responsibility, learning, and inter-professional health care. Themes will be expanded and developed during subsequent semesters. In addition, students will broaden their experience-base learning through personal engagement with a variety of local communities, and by exploring opportunities for service within the profession. Students will also demonstrate a synthesis of knowledge acquired from all course work to date by assessment on a final comprehensive examination.

PTD 315 Histology (3)

An overview of the cells, tissues and organs that make up the human body. The emphasis is on those types of cells and tissues that are most relevant to the practice of physical therapy including the connective tissues, muscle and nerve. Relevant research articles will be introduced throughout the semester. The course utilizes lecture, laboratory and discussion formats.

PTD 319 Kinesiology/Pathomechanics I (4)

Study of selected anatomical, structural, and functional properties of human connective tissues, muscular tissues, nervous tissues, and skeletal structures. Emphasis will be placed on mechanical, neuroregulatory, and muscular influences upon normal and pathological motion.

PTD 320 Human Neurobiology (3)

An overview of the development, structure and function of the human nervous system. While this course is designed to be an introduction to the field of neurobiology the emphasis of this course is on the motor and sensory systems. Research material will be introduced throughout the semester. The course utilizes lecture, laboratory and discussion formats.

PTD 324 Physical Therapy Interventions I (1)

This course is the first of a three-part sequence introducing the student to the basic interventions fundamental to the practice of physical therapy. These interventions include patient handling skills, safe and effective patient care techniques, transfers, gait training, and massage. A case-based approach will be utilized to teach clinical skills in the laboratory.

PTD 328 Motor Control and Motor Learning (3)

This course emphasizes the integration of the neuroscience underlying the clinical practice related to assisting a client regain motor control. It is the link between Human Neurobiology and Neuromuscular Physical Therapy. The scientific foundation of the theories of motor control and motor learning are used to discuss a systems theory of motor control, and task-oriented approach to examination and intervention of postural control, mobility, and reach, grasp and manipulation disorders covering the lifespan. By means of lectures, independent learning experiences, small group discussions, and case presentation, students are introduced to a conceptual framework for their clinical practice.

PTD 329 Kinesiology/Pathomechanics II (4)

A continuation of PTD 319. Study of selected anatomical, structural, and functional properties of human connective tissues, muscular tissues, nervous tissues, and skeletal structures. Emphasis will be placed on mechanical, neuroregulatory, and muscular influences upon normal and pathological motion.

PTD 375 Information Retrieval and the Literature of the Health Sciences (1)

This course provides students with the basic skills and knowledge needed to retrieve and utilize information from the literature of the health sciences and related fields. It provides an overview of how to conduct a literature review. Selected handbooks, directories, other traditional resources and web resources will be studied, but primary emphasis will be given to bibliographic database searching. Three aspects of database searching will be emphasized. The first emphasis is understanding the mechanics of searching with the focus on understanding Boolean operators and records structure. The second emphasis is learning to use a problem solving approach to search and developing a few basic strategies for modifying unsuccessful searches. A comparative study of the bibliographic databases relevant to physical therapy is the third emphasis.

PTD 405 Clinical Exercise Physiology and Prescription (3)

This course is designed to provide students with an overview of bioenergetics in addition to a study of acute and chronic physiologic adaptation to aerobic and anaerobic exercise. The impact various disease states have on exercise capacity will also be explored. In addition, the application of therapeutic exercise prescription and medical documentation will be emphasized as related to pathologic conditions commonly seen in physical therapy practice.

PTD 431 Pharmacotherapeutics (2)

Utilization of knowledge of physiology and neuroscience to develop an understanding of effects of medication on human performance throughout the lifespan within the context of various physical and mental dysfunctions. Designed to develop an understanding of substance abuse, drug interactions, drug compliance, age, and dosage recommendations.

PTD 432 Professional Development Seminar III (1)

This is the third of a six-course sequence threading every semester of the didactic curriculum. The Professional Development sequence is designed to provide a forum for introduction, development and mastery of essential skills needed to function as a physical therapy professional. This course continues the discussion of themes related to professional formation and development, reflection, evidence-based practice, professional responsibility, learning, and inter-professional health care. Activities of the Nebraska Physical Therapy Chapter, the APTA House of delegates, professional practice, and governing regulations of physical therapy are explored, in addition to policies related to clinical education. Students will also demonstrate a synthesis of knowledge acquired from all course work to date by assessment on a final comprehensive examination.

- PTD 433 Psychological and Sociocultural Aspects of Human Interaction (3)**
General principles of human interaction, communication, and relationships including self, professional-patient and interdisciplinary; strategies for understanding adaptations to disease and disability; and development of cultural sensitivity and competence skills for practice.
- PTD 434 Professional Practice I (3)**
Prior to the beginning of the course, students are assisted in developing specific outcome objectives for a three-week clinical learning experience. Students participate in a three-week professional practice experience in an assigned clinical site.
- PTD 435 Ethics in Physical Therapy Practice (3)**
This course prepares physical therapy students to approach ethical dilemmas objectively with a thorough understanding of professional moral responsibility. This course assists students to: distinguish ethical from other kinds of issues in health care; identify the morally relevant features of a case; identify the options open to a therapist faced with a moral problem; provide justification for the best options; consider counter arguments for one's positions; and enhance commitment to promoting the dignity of others.
- PTD 437 Physical Therapy Interventions II (3)**
A course developing fundamental physical therapy skills, including examination and patient handling skills, introductory soft tissue mobilization, manual therapy and Proprioceptive Neuromuscular Facilitation techniques, and therapeutic exercise.
- PTD 438 Physical Therapy Interventions III (3)**
Continuation of PTD 437; PTD 438 is a course developing fundamental physical therapy skills, including examination and patient handling skills, and application of physical agents in a clinical science examination/intervention framework.
- PTD 439 Physical Therapy Interventions IV (2)**
The course includes two topical sections. One section focuses on the examination, evaluation, and interventions for patients with upper and lower extremity amputations. The other section focuses on clinical electrophysiologic examination and evaluation of patients.
- PTD 442 Professional Development Seminar IV (1)**
This course is a continuation of PTD 312, 314 and 432. This course will explore the professional role of physical therapists and how it relates to a changing health care environment. The broader scope of physical therapy in relation to local and national communities, other health care professionals and the political arena will also be discussed. In addition, the course will focus on clinical learning, development of self-responsibility, self-assessment and understanding of professional competence.
- PTD 443 Health Care Systems (2)**
A study of the organization of health care delivery and health care policy as it affects the practice of Physical Therapy. Principles of access, cost and quality of health services are introduced as they affect patient, payer and provider. The course includes the examination of government and regulatory systems; insurance; economic; political and cultural forces; professional and social values which influence the development of health care policy and contemporary practice.
- PTD 444 Professional Practice II (3)**
This course focuses on clinical learning and assisting students in developing self-responsibility, self-assessment, and an understanding of professional competence. The course is comprised of a three week clinical education experience.
- PTD 445 Health and Human Behavior: Educational Strategies for Health Professionals (2)**
Examination of individual and social factors that influence health and wellness throughout the lifespan, including application of behavioral theories. Coverage of key concepts in teaching and learning essential to patient and family education. Introduction to health promotion/education interventions-based social, cultural, and economic influences; introduction to epidemiological assessment and program evaluation.

PTD 447 Musculoskeletal Physical Therapy I (3)

Musculoskeletal Physical Therapy I incorporates the study of physical therapy and the medical management of neuromusculoskeletal disorders. Examination and intervention of the lower extremity from the orthopaedic perspective will be emphasized.

PTD 448 Neuromuscular Physical Therapy I (4)

This course serves as an introduction to the Physical Therapy examination, evaluation, planning, and intervention for the adult and child with acquired or congenital nervous system dysfunction and their social unit. Emphasis will be placed on the examination and evaluation components of patient management. A clinical decision making model is presented with an emphasis on understanding normal function and the components of a thorough examination/evaluation within a context of individual growth, development and change across the lifespan. Discussion, integration of case studies, evidence-based practice, and practice of psychomotor skills will be used to facilitate learning. This course is foundational for PTD 558 emphasizing Physical Therapy management and interventions for specific congenital and acquired pathologies, impairments, and functional limitations.

PTD 449 Cardiovascular, Pulmonary and Integumentary Physical Therapy I (3)

This course is part one of a two-part sequence designed to prepare the student in the physical therapy management of patients/clients with diagnosis involving the cardiovascular, pulmonary and integumentary systems. Physical therapy examination, evaluation, prognosis, diagnosis, intervention, and outcome assessment across the lifespan will be emphasized across the continuum of care. Student learning experiences will include lecture, small group discussions, projects and case study preparation, laboratory practice and clinical observations.

PTD 450 Introduction to Differential Diagnosis/Physical Assessment (2)

An introduction into differential diagnosis/physical assessment as it applies to physical therapy will focus on the diagnostic process and the physical examination process in evaluation of musculoskeletal, cardiopulmonary, GI/GU/renal and psychological systems. Readings will be applied to case discussions. Laboratory experiences will provide practical, hands-on application of assessment skills in health examination of well adults. **P: Enrolled full-time as a third year student in the professional program with satisfactory completion of all course work to date.**

PTD 499 Directed Independent Study (Variable credit hours)

Independent study time during which students engage in a self-designed learning experience under the direction and guidance of a designated faculty member. This experience may occur in any area of physical therapy.

PTD 552 Professional Development Seminar V (1)

This is the fifth of a six-course sequence threading every semester of the didactic curriculum. This course continues the discussion of themes related to professional formation and development, reflection, evidence-based practice, professional responsibility, learning, and inter-professional health care. Topics related to the current health care environment will be discussed including evidence-based practice, professionalism, and global perspectives in physical therapy. In addition, students will broaden their experience-base learning through personal engagement with a variety of local communities, and by exploring opportunities for service within the profession. Students will also demonstrate a synthesis of knowledge acquired from all course work to date by assessment on a final comprehensive examination.

PTD 553 Physical Therapy Management Systems (2)

An introduction to management theory and practice in physical therapy including human resources, organizational change, leadership and team building, strategic planning, financial management, quality management, legal and regulatory issues, facility planning and marketing. Management decision making regarding investment, financing and operating is emphasized within the context of a business system. The field of case management is introduced.

PTD 554 Professional Practice III (4)

A continuation of the Professional Practice course sequence. This course focuses on clinical learning and assisting students in developing self-responsibility, self-assessment, and an understanding of professional competence. The course is comprised of a four-week professional practice experience. This course is graded Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory.

PTD 556 Critical Inquiry I (1)

This course develops students' inquiry skills as consumers of the literature with the ability to read and critique, as well as to identify researchable problems and questions. Students will begin to formulate ideas for the scholarly project. An evidence-based decision making process will be introduced, with emphasis placed on review of the literature and overview of research designs in preparation for PTD 566. Principles and application of inquiry and investigation are explored and related to the clinical environment. A conceptual overview of research design is discussed and used in the analysis of the literature. Applications for use in clinical practice are emphasized.

PTD 557 Musculoskeletal Physical Therapy II (4)

A continuation of PTD 447, Musculoskeletal Physical Therapy II incorporates the study of physical therapy and medical management of neuromusculoskeletal disorders. Examination and intervention of the upper extremity and axial region (spine, pelvis and temporomandibular joint) from the orthopaedic perspective will be emphasized.

PTD 558 Neuromuscular Physical Therapy II (4)

Continuation of PTD 448. Application of the psychomotor skills/ problem solving abilities introduced in PTD 448 is emphasized for various acquired and congenital neurologic disorders. Pathology, related co-morbidities, impairments, functional limitations and disabilities for these disorders are presented and discussed. Physical therapy management for an episode of care is emphasized.

PTD 559 Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Physical Therapy II (2)

This course is a continuation of PTD 449 designed to provide the student with foundational and clinical knowledge of the cardiovascular and pulmonary systems with respect to physical therapy practice. Physical therapy examination, evaluation, prognosis, diagnosis, intervention, and patient management as it relates to the cardiac system across the lifespan will be emphasized.

PTD 562 Professional Development Seminar VI (1)

This is the sixth of a six-course sequence threading every semester of the didactic curriculum. This course continues the discussion of themes related to professional formation and development, critical self-reflection, evidence-based practice, professional responsibility, learning, and inter-professional health care. Topics related to the current health care environment will be discussed including evidence-based practice, interdisciplinary health care, professionalism, and clinical learning. Students will also demonstrate a comprehensive synthesis of knowledge by assessment on the Practice Examination Assessment Tool (PEAT) and will use their results to develop a study strategy for the NPTE.

PTD 564 Directed Study (2)

Individually designed independent study time during which students work on a "scholarly project," under the direction and guidance of a designated faculty member.

PTD 566 Critical Inquiry II (2)

Continuation of PTD 556: Consistent with recommendations in the Normative Model for Physical Therapy Education Programs, and characteristics of the "scholarly clinician," this course continues to build on concepts introduced in Critical Inquiry I. Students' inquiry skills are further developed, including the ability to access and appraise research literature in search of the best available evidence to answer questions and problems encountered in clinical practice. Principles and application of inquiry and investigation are explored and related to the clinical environment. Research design and statistical methods are discussed and used in the analysis of the literature. An evidence-based decision making process will be modeled, emphasizing applications for use in clinical practice. Students will implement scholarly project activities by developing the Introduction and Method sections of the manuscript, including critical literature review, methodology, measurement and data analysis plan.

PTD 680 Professional Practice IV (12)

This course is a 20-week professional practice experience that requires the student to integrate the knowledge and skills from all previous academic and clinical coursework.

PTD 688 Expert Practice in Physical Therapy (2)

This is the capstone course for students returning from their extended clinical affiliations. Students are encouraged to reflect upon their professional development to date and recognize the opportunities and professional duties for moving from novice to expert practitioner in the future. Certification as a clinical specialist, graduate school, utilization of the scientific literature, reflection on practice, professional writing and public presentation skills are explored. Life-long learning and the responsibilities/opportunities of assuming the role of program alumnus related to professional development and the Creighton University mission are emphasized.

PTD 690 Professional Practice V (16)

This course is a 16-week professional practice experience that requires the student to integrate the knowledge and skills from all previous academic and clinical coursework.

Transitional Distance Doctor of Physical Therapy (NPT)

NPT 501 Professional Assessment (2)

Self-assessment and evaluation of professional and career goals, as well as clinical competence across the systems areas (musculoskeletal, neurologic, cardiopulmonary, and integumentary) using a portfolio model. The portfolios are meant to be dynamic, changing over time and representing performance-based assessment using a variety of evidence.

NPT 511 Regional Clinical Anatomy (3)

An in-depth analysis of the structure and function of a body region (selected by the student and the instructor). Prior to dissecting this region the student will research a clinical question related to the selected body region and develop individual learning goals and objectives. Results of the research and dissection will be shared through formal presentation at the end of the course.

NPT 515 Cell Biology for Physical Therapy (3)

The study of the cells and tissues of the human body with the objectives of understanding the relationship of cell structure to function and the dynamic nature of cells and tissues and relevant research. Those tissues most relevant to the practice of physical therapists are covered. There will be an introduction to the inflammatory and healing processes and the repair and regeneration of muscle, nervous and connective tissues.

NPT 520 Motor Control and Motor Learning (3)

Study of the neuroscience research underlying the clinical practice related to assisting a client regain motor control. The scientific foundation of the theories of motor control and motor learning will be used to discuss a systems theory of motor control and task-oriented approach to examination and intervention of postural control, and upper and lower extremity mobility disorders.

NPT 526 Physical Assessment (3)

This course focuses on the physical examination process in evaluation of the musculoskeletal, neuromuscular, cardiopulmonary, integumentary, GI/GU/renal and cognitive/behavioral systems. An on-site laboratory experience will provide practical, hands-on application of assessment skills in health examination of well adults.

NPT 529 Advanced Biomechanics (3)

Critical examination of the current literature related to normal and pathological musculoskeletal biomechanics including kinematic and kinetic analysis. Emphasis is placed on utilizing information found in the contemporary biomechanics literature to critically analyze and scientifically select: evaluation/assessment protocols, functional measurements, diagnosis, prognosis, clinical interventions, and outcomes measures for motion dysfunction.

- NPT 531 Pharmacotherapeutics (3)**
Designed to develop an understanding of basic concepts in drug pharmacology and how to apply those concepts to the practice of physical therapy. Emphasis is placed on the mechanism of action of drugs, pharmacokinetics, side effects and therapeutic use. Specific patient characteristics that impact drug action will also be stressed. The overall goal is to develop a knowledge base that will allow the physical therapist to better adjust treatment care plans for their medicated patients.
- NPT 540 Ethical and Legal Issues in Physical Therapy Practice (3)**
Ethical and legal analysis applied to clinical and administrative decision making in contemporary practice environments. Theoretical frameworks, concepts, and case analysis will be used to address current challenges in practice.
- NPT 543 Health Care Systems (3)**
Study of the delivery of health care and its influence on physical therapy practice. Includes introduction to organizations and organizational structure, examination of governmental issues, and review of current literature as it relates to each topic.
- NPT 545 Health Education/Promotion in PT Practice (3)**
Examination of individual and social factors that influence health and wellness throughout the lifespan including application of behavioral theories, introduction to health promotion/education and interventions based on social, cultural, and economic influences. Focus on the role of physical therapist in health promotion/prevention activities with individuals as well as communities. Students will design, implement, and evaluate a health promotion/education module.
- NPT 555 Radiology (3)**
Includes basic principles and interpretation of diagnostic imaging modalities as they apply to the physical therapist. Emphasis on plain film radiography, including basic physics of the imaging technique, viewing and interpreting radiographs, radiographic anatomy and clinical correlation with patient cases. Other types of imaging, including contrast films, magnetic resonance imaging, and computed tomography will also be introduced.
- NPT 556 Evidence-based Practice and Decision Making (3)**
Review of basic concepts of the clinical research process and critical analysis of the literature. Exploration of knowledge and theory development with application to practice. Examination of the clinical reasoning and decision making models and process as relates to evidence-based practice and assessment of patient outcomes.
- NPT 560 Professional Practice (3)**
In-depth experience in 1) clinical practice focused on proficiency and management of patients in a specialized field of physical therapy, 2) didactic or clinical pedagogy, 3) research, 4) administration and/or health care management, or 5) the investigation of a policy-related or ethical/legal issue. Partnership with a faculty and/or clinical mentor is encouraged. Competencies are generated through self-assessment in NPT 501.
- NPT 590 Differential Diagnosis (3)**
This course focuses on diagnostic process and clinical reasoning skills used in patient/client management. Therapists will apply clinical reasoning to patient cases from their own clinical experiences. Emphasis will be placed on the differential diagnostic process in physical therapy and indications for referral.

FACULTY—Physical Therapy Program

- EDWARD D. ADICKES, *Associate Professor of Physical Therapy* (secondary appointment) (1996; 1997).
B.S., Albright College, 1971; D.O., College of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery, 1977.
- J. BRADLEY BARR, *Assistant Professor of Physical Therapy* (1998).
B.A., Stanford University, 1991; DPT, Creighton University, 1996.
- LISA BLACK, *Assistant Professor of Physical Therapy* (2004; 2006).
B.S., University of Nebraska Medical Center, 1982; D.P.T., Creighton University, 2006.
- CHUN C. CHAO, *Assistant Professor of Physical Therapy* (2000; 2005).
B.S., Briar Cliff College, 1997; D.P.T., Creighton University, 2000.
- TERESA M. COCHRAN, *Vice Chair, Department of Physical Therapy* (2004); *Assistant Professor of Physical Therapy* (1998).
B.A., University of Nebraska at Omaha, 1989; M.A., 1994; D.P.T., Creighton University, 1996.
- JULIE EKSTRUM, *Assistant Professor of Physical Therapy* (2003; 2006).
B.A., Augustana College, 1991; MPT, Hahnemann University, 1998; D.P.T., Creighton University, 2006.
- JENNIFER A. FURZE, *Assistant Professor of Physical Therapy* (2000).
B.S., University of Scranton, 1995; D.P.T., Creighton University, 1998.
- JUDITH R. GALE, *Associate Professor of Physical Therapy* (1993; 1997; 2006).
B.A., San Francisco State University, 1981; M.A., Stanford University, 1984; M.P.H., University of Alabama at Birmingham, 1991; D.P.T., Creighton University, 2002.
- CAROLINE GOULET, *Associate Professor of Physical Therapy* (2001); *Director, Transitional D.P.T. Programs* (2002).
B.Sc., McGill University, 1986; M.Sc.A., Université de Montréal, 1989; Ph.D., 1995.
- NATALIE S. HARMS, *Assistant Professor of Physical Therapy* (1999); *Director, Department of Physical Therapy, Creighton University Medical Center*.
A.A.S., Colby College, 1983; M.P.T., University of Nebraska Medical Center, 1993; D.P.T., Creighton University, 2006.
- RONALD J. HOSPODKA, *Associate Dean for Student Affairs* (2000; 2003); *Associate Professor of Physical Therapy (secondary appointment 2003)*; *Associate Professor of Pharmacy Sciences* (1978; 1995); *Associate Professor of Occupational Therapy (secondary appointment 2003)*.
B.S.Pha., University of Nebraska, 1965; M.S., 1971; M.B.A., 1976.
- GAIL M. JENSEN, *Dean, Graduate School and Associate Vice President for Faculty Development* (2006); *Professor of Physical Therapy* (2000).
B.S., University of Minnesota, 1973; M.A., Stanford University, 1978; Ph.D., 1987.
- ANTHONY E. KINCAID, *Associate Professor of Physical Therapy* (1995; 2002).
B.S.P.T., California State University-Long Beach, 1979; M.S., Anat., University of Michigan, 1987; Ph.D., 1991.
- JOAN S. LANAHAN, *Assistant Professor and Chaplain, School of Pharmacy and Health Professions* (1998; 2000).
D.Min., McCormick Theological Seminary, 1984.
- KELLY S. NELSON, *Adjunct Assistant Professor of Physical Therapy* (2006).
B..S., Iowa State University, 1996; M.S., University of Kansas Medical Center, 1999.
- KAREN A. PASCHAL, *Associate Professor of Physical Therapy* (1994; 2005).
B.A., University of South Dakota, 1972; M.S., Duke University, 1974; D.P.T., Creighton, 2006.

- KIRK PECK, *Assistant Professor of Physical Therapy* (2002).
B.S., Kansas State University, 1988; M.S., University of Kansas Medical Center, 1990; Ph.D., University of Nebraska, 2004.
- JOSHUA C. RICHLING, *Adjunct Assistant Professor of Physical Therapy* (2006).
B.S., University of Nebraska, 1996; D.P.T., Creighton University, 2000.
- VICTORIA F. ROCHE, *Senior Associate Dean* (1992; 2000; 2003); *Professor of Physical Therapy (secondary appointment 2003)*; *Professor of Pharmacy Sciences* (1982; 1995); *Professor of Occupational Therapy (secondary appointment 2003)*.
B.S., Nebraska Wesleyan University, 1973; M.S., University of Nebraska College of Pharmacy, 1976; Ph.D., University of Nebraska Medical Center, 1981.
- ROBERT SANDSTROM, *Chair, Department of Physical Therapy* (2001); *Associate Professor of Physical Therapy* (1995; 1996).
B.S., University of Wisconsin, 1979; M.S., University of Nebraska Medical Center, 1986; Ph.D., 1989.
- LINDA S. SCHEIRTON, *Associate Dean for Academic Affairs* (1998, 2003); *Associate Professor, Physical Therapy* (2003) (*secondary appointment*); *Associate Professor, Pharmacy Sciences* (2003) (*secondary appointment*); *Associate Clinical Professor of Periodontics* (1997) (*secondary appointment*); *Associate Professor, Occupational Therapy* (2003).
A.A.S., Del Mar College, 1974; B.S., Texas A & I University at Corpus Christi, 1975; M.A., University of Texas at San Antonio, 1978; Ph.D., University of Texas at Austin, 1990.
- ANNE M. STANCO, *Assistant Clinical Professor of Physical Therapy* (2005).
B.S., Marquette University, 1987; M.S., University of Nebraska Medical Center, 1993; Ph.D., University of Kansas Medical Center, 1997.
- A. JOSEPH THRELKELD, *Associate Professor of Physical Therapy* (1992).
B.H.S., University of Kentucky, 1976; Ph.D., 1984.
- RUI-PING XIA, *Assistant Professor of Physical Therapy* (2006).
B.S., Tiajin University (China), 1986; M.S., 1989; Ph.D., University of Bristol (U.K.), 1997.



* The year appearing in parentheses after the academic rank and official position indicates the beginning of service at Creighton University. The second date, if given, indicates the year of appointment to present rank.

OTHER EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES IN THE SCHOOL OF PHARMACY AND HEALTH PROFESSIONS

There are currently two programmatic opportunities for graduate education in the School of Pharmacy and Health Professions.

Masters programs are available in Pharmaceutical Sciences and Business Administration. Interested students should contact the School's Admission Office at <http://spahp2.creighton.edu/> or (402)-280-2662, or the Creighton University Graduate School at (402) 280-2870.

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN HEALTH SCIENCES

Program Description

Students have the opportunity to earn a Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences (BSHS) from Creighton University in conjunction with their doctoral studies in the School of Pharmacy and Health Professions (SPAHP). The BSHS will serve as recognition of the credits accumulated by students at their prior institutions. A BSHS degree will be awarded to students who do not already hold a bachelor's degree who successfully complete requirements in one of the SPAHP professional programs - Occupational Therapy, Pharmacy, or Physical Therapy - along with the specialized core curriculum requirements. The degree will be awarded when students complete the professional program. The receipt of a B.S. degree in Health Sciences **does not** qualify a student to practice as an Occupational Therapist, Pharmacist or Physical Therapist.

- Major areas of specialization will be occupational therapy, pharmacy or physical therapy.
- Students must earn at least 48 hours in residence (campus or distance) to qualify for the degree.
- Each candidate must file with the Registrar a formal application for the degree. The deadline for application submission is October 1 for graduation at the end of the first semester, by February 15 for graduation at the end of the second semester and by June 15 for graduation at the end of the Summer session.

Degree Requirements

In accordance with Creighton University undergraduate degree requirements, Occupational Therapy, Pharmacy and Physical Therapy students must complete a minimum of 128 semester hours to obtain a B.S. in Health Sciences degree distributed as follows:

Students must take a minimum of 51 semester hours in fulfillment of the Core Curriculum requirement outlined below. Core courses may be taken either prior to entering the professional program or while enrolled as a professional student if necessary, but requirements in all categories must be met prior to graduation.

(In order to gain admission to the entry-level Doctor of Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy and Pharmacy programs, students must already have completed the pre-professional program of study specified for their program in the School Bulletin. Those programs total at least 60, 63, and 90 semester hours respectively. Courses taken in fulfillment of these pre-professional requirements may also be applied towards the Core Curriculum as appropriate.)

Students will normally earn an additional 68 hours as a result of completing the first two years of the entry-level Doctor of Occupational Therapy, Pharmacy, or Physical Therapy programs. The remaining 9 semester hours required for graduation may be drawn from a student's pre-professional courses or taken as electives.

B.S., Major in Health Sciences: 128 credits

Course Requirements

PharmD., O.T.D., or P.T.D. Curriculum

73-77 credits

Core Category A*: Theology, Philosophy and Ethics (9 credits)

Must take one course in each of the three sub-categories below.

Theology course

3 credits

(One of the following:)

THL 2XX Scripture Course

(THL 209 offered as independent study course is acceptable. THL 250 will not satisfy this requirement).

THL 3XX Christian Theology

Philosophy

3 credits

PHL 320 God & Persons: Philosophical Reflections

*Ethics**

3 credits

(One of the following:)

PHL 250 Philosophical Foundations for Ethical Understanding

THL 250 Theological Foundations for Ethical Understanding

Students may fulfill the ethics requirement with their professional program ethics course (OTD 562, PTD 435 or PHA 456).

**The THL 100 and PHL 107 prerequisites for these courses will not be waived for Creighton undergraduates. Students entering the program from other institutions may substitute equivalent prerequisite courses from their parent school.*

Core Category B: Cultures, Ideas, Civilizations (9 credits)

Must take one course in each of the three sub-categories below.

History

3 credits

World Literature

3 credits

ENG 120 World Literature I

ENG 121 World Literature II

International and Global Studies

3 credits

-May include any course approved for International and Global Studies status by the Creighton College of Arts and Sciences.

-Students may use their professional program Third World experience course (OTD 374, PTD 689 or PHA 528) to fulfill three semester hours of credit in the International and Global Studies sub-category.

Core Category C: Natural Sciences (15-18 credits)

Must be taken from one or more of the following departments:

Biology, Chemistry,**Biomedical Sciences, Physics,**Medical Microbiology and Immunology

****Biomedical Sciences and Medical Microbiology & Immunology courses taken as a foundational course requirement cannot be used to satisfy requirements for Core Category C.**

Core Category D: Social and Behavioral Sciences (6 credits)

Must take one course in two separate departments.

Anthropology/Psychology/Sociology/Social Work/Political Science/Economics

Core Category E: Skills (12-13 credits)

One course must be taken in each of the sub-categories below. The remaining semester hours listed below may be taken in the sub-category of the student's choice:

ENG 150 Rhetoric and Composition 3 credits

(One of the following:) 3 credits

MTH 135, MTH 137, MTH 141, MTH 201, MTH 245, PSY 211

SOC 212, SOC 214

Skills 6 credits

(May be taken from any of the following departments:)

Fine and Performing Arts

Modern Language/ Classical or Near Eastern Studies

Communication Studies

CORE courses

51-55 credit hours

Requirements for Graduation

The University will confer the degree of Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences on School of Pharmacy and Health Professions' students who successfully complete all prescribed prerequisite (pre-professional), foundational, and core courses and fulfill the graduation requirements. The degree will be conferred at the same time students will receive their professional degree – Doctor of Occupational Therapy, Pharmacy, or Physical Therapy.

A candidate for a degree must have earned 128 semester hours of credit with a quality grade-point average (GPA) of 2.00 or above for all courses attempted at this University, and a 2.00 average or above for all required courses in the major area of specialization – Occupational Therapy, Pharmacy, or Physical therapy.

If students do not complete the professional program, they will not be allowed to take additional classes offered by the School of Pharmacy and Health Professions to obtain this degree. Normally, such students will be referred to the College of Arts and Sciences to pursue a traditional degree in the College.

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENCES

Program Description

The graduate program in Pharmaceutical Sciences encompasses a multidisciplinary approach to graduate training, culminating in the M.S. degree. The program of study leads to either a joint (dual track) Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.)/M.S. degree or to an M.S. degree alone. The program of study is based on the background and career objectives of each student and tailored to meet individual needs. Students will complete a series of required and elective courses, conduct an original research project in the laboratory of a faculty mentor, and submit a thesis based on the outcome of their research. The program provides the opportunity for students to specialize in the following areas: pharmacology, toxicology, pharmaceuticals, pharmacokinetics, or medicinal chemistry.

Application and Admission

Students who wish to apply for admission to this program should obtain an application from the Graduate School of Creighton University or from the Director of the Pharmaceutical Sciences Graduate Program. Applications will be accepted until April 15 of each year for admission in the fall semester of the following academic year. Prospective students will be admitted to the M.S. program on a competitive basis. To inquire about the program or to request an application, contact the Director of the Pharmaceutical Sciences Graduate Program, Department of Pharmacy Sciences, School of Pharmacy and Health Professions, Creighton University, 2500 California Plaza, Omaha, NE 68178.

CERTIFICATE IN HEALTH SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

Program and Objectives

The Health Services Administration (HSA) Program is an interdisciplinary program designed to prepare graduates to assume leadership positions in health services organizations, e.g., hospitals, long-term care facilities, managed care organizations, insurance industry, community health organizations, medical group practices, integrated delivery systems. The HSA Program provides graduate education in a learning environment where ethical leadership, creative problem resolution, service to patients and communities, interdisciplinary enriched learning, teamwork, appreciation of diversity, and commitment to performance excellence are the hallmarks.

Prerequisites for Admission

- A baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited U.S. college or university or a recognized university abroad. A minimum grade-point average of "B" (3.0) on a 4-point scale for either the entire undergraduate program or the last 60 semester hours of earned credit is a criterion for unconditional admission.
- An introductory accounting course (ACC 201 and 202 or MBA 501 or an equivalent) is a prerequisite to Accounting for Health Services Organizations. This prerequisite can be completed after admission to the program.

The Health Services Administration (HSA) Certificate Program is an interdisciplinary program developed by the College of Business Administration, the School of Nursing and the School of Pharmacy and Health Professions. The HSA certificate program provides students with knowledge and skills in fundamental areas of health care organization and financing that are essential to preparing for roles and responsibilities in health services administration.

The Certificate Program is ideal for those managers who are new to the health care sector and for those with clinical training and experience who have moved to leadership positions.

Creighton University offers the five courses leading to the Certificate to distance learners, via the World Wide Web.

HSA 601	Health Services Information Management	4 credits
HSA 602*	Ethical Dimensions of Health Services Leadership	2 credits
HSA 603	Contemporary Health Services Management	3 credits
HSA 611	Accounting for Health Services Organizations	3 credits
HSA 612	Financial Management of Health Services Orgs.	3 credits

* Students who have successfully completed a graduate or professional ethics course may apply to the program director for waiver of HSA 602.

DOCTOR OF PHARMACY/MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

The School of Pharmacy and Health Professions has developed a dual degree program in pharmacy and business administration. The program replaces the ten semester hours of electives required in the Doctor of Pharmacy program with foundational and advanced business administration courses. Students may complete the MBA within one year of successful completion of the Doctor of Pharmacy degree. However, with careful planning, some students are able to complete the two programs simultaneously.

To be eligible for this dual degree program, students must apply and be accepted to the Doctor of Pharmacy program, as well as the MBA program housed in Creighton's College of Business Administration. Pharmacy students seeking admission to the College of Business Administration will be subject to the same admissions standards as all other MBA program applicants, and must furnish all credentials required for the admissions process, including a GMAT score. Only students eligible to enroll in a graduate program (e.g., those who have successfully completed a minimum of 120 semester hours of college work) may apply.



TUITION, FEES and FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

TUITION AND FEES

Entry Level Students

Students are responsible for full-time tuition for all semesters in which they are enrolled and completing required didactic or clinical course work, including summers. No student will be allowed to pay tuition on a per-credit-hour basis without the written permission of the Assistant/Associate Dean for Academic Affairs.¹

Ordinarily tuition and fees and board and room charges are payable in advance for an entire semester or summer session¹ (see Financial Arrangements). All rates are subject to change without notice.

For 2007-2008 Academic Year

Application for admission fee\$ 60.00

Enrollment reservation deposit payable when admitted to
Pharmacy and Health Professions (credited to tuition).....400.00

Tuition per semester:

(Entry-level pathway students)

Occupational Therapy (nine total semesters).....11,669.00

Pharmacy (nine total semesters)³13,193.00

Pharmacy, distance (eleven total semesters)³10,795.00

Physical Therapy (eight total semesters)11,669.00

Student health insurance premium1732.00

Hepatitis B vaccination fee

vaccination (each)70.00

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First-year Program Fee (one-time).....250.00

University Fee

Campus students806.00

Distance students210.00

Technology Fee

Campus students212.00

Distance students810.00

Part-time students: Entry-level students in the School of Pharmacy and Health Professions may register as part-time students only with the written permission of the Assistant/Associate Dean for Academic Affairs. Such students are subject to registration, laboratory, and any other applicable fee.

¹ Registration is not complete until financial arrangements have been made.

² This charge for each full-time student may be waived if the student presents evidence that he or she carries insurance that provides coverage at least comparable to the student insurance offered by the University.

³ Enter prior to August 2005.

Post-Professional Students

Application for admission fee	\$60.00
Enrollment reservation deposit payable when admitted to Pharmacy and Health Professions, credited to tuition	400.00
Tuition per-credit-hour	please call (402) 280-1824
University Fee, per course	25.00

Extra Costs

All students are expected to bear the costs of books, notes and manuals, annual immunizations, or other incidentals necessary for a course, laboratory, or clinical rotation. Students assigned to clinical rotation sites that are outside Omaha must bear any additional costs of transportation and/or board and room. In estimating the overall costs one should include allowances for personal expenses.

FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

Tuition and fees, and board and room charges are payable at the time of registration. However, arrangements may be made to pay monthly installments by using the University's Monthly Electronic Transfer (MET) plan. Participation in this plan will be limited to the unpaid balance after all financial aid credits have been applied. Folders describing the payment plans and services of MET are mailed to prospective and returning students in late April.

Books and supplies may be purchased at the campus bookstore or, in some cases, through student professional organizations. These items must be paid for when they are obtained.

Students are invited to pay tuition and other expenses by personal check or money order. *This is recommended especially to avoid the risk involved in carrying large amounts of cash.* All students are urged to establish checking accounts in Omaha or hometown banks. The University will ordinarily cash small checks for students. However, it reserves the right to revoke or to deny this privilege to any individual at any time. There is a \$200 limit for each student per day at the Business Office.

Late Payment Policy

A late payment fee will be added to charges assessed at registration that remain unpaid after the period for late registration. This fee is \$125 for the first month and an additional \$64 for each subsequent month that the account remains unpaid. Accounts with unpaid balances under \$500 will be subject to a \$125 fee the first month, and \$49 each month thereafter.

Students with questions regarding their financial responsibilities are invited to contact the Business Office to set up an appointment for individual counseling.

WITHDRAWALS AND REFUNDS

Students withdrawing before the end of a semester will be charged tuition and recurring fees on the following basis:

<i>Period of attendance from date of enrollment¹</i>	<i>Percent of the semester rate to be charged</i>
During the first week	10%
During the second week	20%
During the third week	40%
During the fourth week	60%
During the fifth week	80%
Over five weeks	100%

Refunds of room rent due to withdrawal from the University will be prorated on a weekly basis.

Non-recurring fees, the application fee, the registration fee, and penalty fees will be charged in full, regardless of the period of attendance.

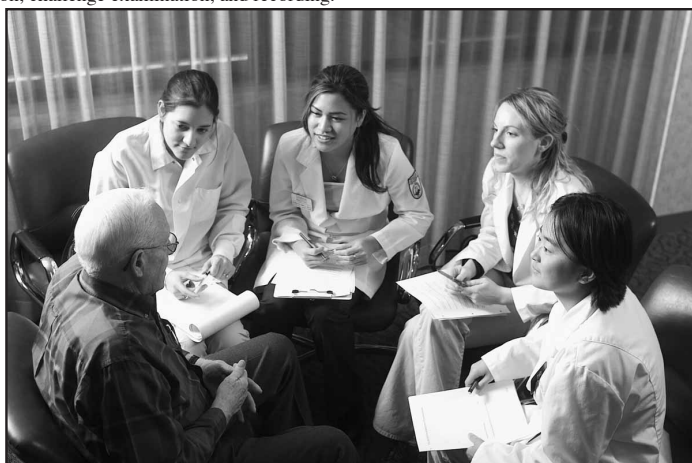
Full-time students who drop courses after the last day for late registration but remain full-time receive no refund. Students assessed tuition on a per-credit-hour basis will be charged for courses dropped in accordance with the schedule applicable in the event of total withdrawal.

Entry-level students will be considered as having withdrawn from the University after two consecutive weeks of unexplained absence. However, this policy is not to be considered as revoking the regulation which requires a student to notify the Assistant/Associate Dean for Academic Affairs in person or in writing of his/her withdrawal. **Refunds are made to the student on the basis of the date he/she has formally notified the Assistant/Associate Dean for Academic Affairs in person or in writing of his/her withdrawal.**

Loss or damage to University property and equipment and excessive use of laboratory materials are charged to the student or students responsible.

Property and equipment, including laptop computers, library books, military uniforms, laboratory apparatus, etc., loaned to a student for use during a period of instruction must be returned by the time specified. In case of delinquency, grade reports, transcripts, and diplomas will not be released until proper return or restitution is made.

¹ Non-recurring, penalty, and special service fees include University fee, late payment, special examination/evaluation, challenge examination, and recording.



STUDENT FINANCIAL AID

Financial aid available for Pharmacy and Health Professions students is described below. Students wishing financial aid should review this material and familiarize themselves with the various programs. Federal financial aid is not available to students who are not citizens or permanent residents of the United States or its possessions. Financial aid benefits previously granted to undergraduates do not necessarily extend into the School of Pharmacy and Health Professions or other professional schools. Additional information is available at www.creighton.edu/finaid.

Questions regarding financial aid for Pharmacy and Health Professions students should be directed to the Associate Director for Graduate and Professional Students, Creighton University, Financial Aid Office, 2500 California Plaza, Omaha, NE 68178-0062, (402) 280-2731.

Distance learning students enrolled at least half-time may qualify for federal loans for direct costs. Contact the Financial Aid Office for more information.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

- Apply for admission to Creighton's School of Pharmacy and Health Professions. No financial aid commitment can be made until a student is accepted for admission.
- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). This application is normally available at high school guidance offices and university financial aid offices after December 1. Students should complete this application as soon as possible after January 1. Students are encouraged to apply online at www.fafsa.ed.gov for faster processing. Copies of tax returns may be required, and should be forwarded directly to the Financial Aid Office if requested.
- Students will receive an award notification letter, which must be signed and returned to Creighton's Financial Aid Office.

It is recommended that applications for financial aid be made between January 1 and March 1 preceding the fall semester in which one plans to enroll. Early application is desirable in order to insure the availability of funds. However, no student will be considered for or granted financial aid until that student is accepted by the University for admission and/or is in good standing with the University.

DEADLINES FOR APPLICATION AND REVISIONS

1. April 1—FAFSA
2. April 1—Deadline for summer financial aid applications.

DISBURSEMENT AND USE OF AWARDS

All financial aid advanced by Creighton University must be used to pay tuition, fees, and University board and room charges before any other direct or indirect educational costs. The stated limits refer to the maximum amount of loan eligibility; the specific amount awarded will be governed by the need of the student, and by the funds available at the time of application. Ordinarily, one half of the total annual award will be available at each fall and spring registration.

Satisfactory Academic Progress

The Education Amendments of 1980 require Creighton University, as an institution of higher learning, to define and monitor standards of satisfactory academic progress for students receiving Federal financial aid. These standards are established for students who are receiving Federal Title IV financial aid.

Standards of satisfactory academic progress are established for two reasons: (1) To encourage students to meet and maintain the University's minimum academic standard or GPA and (2) to insure that students progress toward a degree by completing a minimum number of credit hours each academic year.

Qualitative Measurement

A student enrolled in a program of study offered by the School of Pharmacy and Health Professions must maintain a cumulative 2.00 GPA which is evaluated at the end of each spring semester.

Quantitative Measurement

Students enrolled in the School of Pharmacy and Health Professions may receive financial aid up to the following credits or until obtaining the intended degree, whichever comes first. A student must receive credit for a minimum of 75 percent of the total number of credits attempted. This will be monitored on a cumulative basis each semester. Grades of "AF", "F", "NP", "UN", "WF", "X", incompletes, and withdrawals will not count as credits earned.

Students enrolled in the Doctor of Occupational Therapy program receive financial aid up to 108 credits or until the Doctor of Occupational Therapy degree is received, whichever comes first. Students enrolled in the Doctor of Pharmacy program receive financial aid up to 228 credits or until the Doctor of Pharmacy degree is received, whichever comes first. Students enrolled in the Doctor of Physical Therapy program receive financial aid up to 192 credits or until the Doctor of Physical Therapy degree is received, whichever comes first.

Financial Aid Termination/Reinstatement of Aid

Following the student's failure to meet the above criteria, the student's financial aid will be terminated until such time as the minimum cumulative standards have been met. Students may also use summer courses (at their expense) to reinstate eligibility for financial aid.

Appeal

If extenuating circumstances have affected a student's progress, a written appeal outlining the reason(s) for failure as well as appropriate third-party documentation will be required. The following circumstances may qualify for a legitimate appeal:

1. Student illness—requiring physician's care (in excess of two weeks).
2. Major illness or death in the student's immediate family (spouse, mother, father, brother, sister, child, grandparents).

Academic Program/Degree Change

If a student changes his/her academic program or degree, the maximum course credits of eligibility will be re-evaluated.

Incompletes

It is the student's responsibility to notify the Financial Aid Office when incompletes have been completed satisfactorily. Credit may then be given toward a student's total completed hours.

Transfer Students

Credit hours transferred to Creighton University will be monitored from the point of enrollment at Creighton. The number of credits accepted by Creighton from another institution(s) will be added to the credits attempted at Creighton.

Repeating Courses

Should a student repeat a course in which a grade of “AF”, “F”, “NP”, “UN” or “W” was received and earn credit for it (thereby eliminating the previous grade), the newly earned credit hours will be applied in calculating the student's academic progress.

GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Indian Fellowship Program (Native American)

The Indian Fellowship Program is authorized by the Indian Education Act of 1972. It provides fellowships to Indian students pursuing graduate study in medicine or related fields, and in other designated fields of study. A fellowship may be awarded for up to four years, and provides tuition, fees, books, supplies, a monthly stipend and dependency allowance.

Eligible applicants are qualified Indian students or prospective students. The purpose of the award is to enable Indian students to pursue a course of study of not more than four academic years leading toward a post-baccalaureate degree or an undergraduate degree in designated fields of study. The deadline for application is late January prior to the following fall enrollment. For an application, contact: Indian Fellowship Program, Office of Indian Education, U.S. Office of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20202. Telephone (202) 245-2975.

Creighton University Scholarships

Academic scholarships awarded as an entering freshman student at Creighton are renewable for up to four years (eight fall/spring semesters) regardless of the school in which the student is enrolled. Once the maximum term length has been reached, the scholarship(s) will end for the balance of the student's academic program.

Scholarships awarded to entering undergraduates can be continued if you are admitted to one of Creighton's post-baccalaureate programs before the end of the eight semester limit. If you enter a program of study leading to a DPT, PharmD, OTD, or PhD degree, your scholarship is continued until eight consecutive semesters have expired. Scholarship values based on a percentage of tuition will be calculated on the prevailing undergraduate tuition rate in effect during the time you are in a post-baccalaureate program of study.

PHARMACY AND HEALTH PROFESSIONS SCHOLARSHIPS

A limited number of academic and need-based scholarships are available to entry-level students in the School of Pharmacy and Health Professions. A call for applications is issued each year in January through the Awards Committees. The selection of the scholarship recipients and designation of the amount of aid granted is left to the discretion of the School Awards Committees. Details on these scholarships are available from the Dean's Office. Additional scholarships offered through outside sources are listed on the School's website as the School receives notification. Students are advised to constantly check the website for application requirements.

LOAN PROGRAMS

Long-Term Loans

A loan is a type of financial aid that is repaid according to the terms of the promissory note. Also, HPSL and Federal Perkins recipients must return the Rights/Responsibilities Statement sent with the Award Notification. Finally, all HPSL, Federal Perkins, and/or Federal Stafford/SLS borrowers must have an exit interview with the Business Office and/or Financial Aid Office prior to leaving Creighton.

Health Professions Student Loan (HPSL)

To qualify for assistance under this program a student must be enrolled in the pharmacy program and demonstrate financial need. The maximum loan that may be awarded per academic year is \$2,500 plus tuition. Funding at Creighton is limited to approximately \$6,000. Interested students must complete the FAFSA, and in all cases parents' financial information must be included regardless of dependency status. A copy of the parents' tax form is *required* and must be submitted to the Financial Aid Office. No awards may be made to a student under this program unless parents' information is provided. The loan is repayable over a ten-year period, which begins one year after the student ceases to pursue a full-time course of study. The loan carries an interest rate of five percent which does not start to accrue on the principal until repayment commences.

Federal Perkins Loan

This program offers a five percent loan to students demonstrating financial eligibility. Students in a bachelor's program of study may borrow an aggregate maximum of \$20,000. Students obtaining a doctoral degree may borrow up to an aggregate maximum of \$40,000, including undergraduate borrowing. The totals will also include any Federal Perkins Loan money that one may have received prior to enrolling in Creighton's Pharmacy and Health Professions programs. The principal and accruing interest payments will commence nine months after the student graduates or drops below half time. Due to limited funding, the Federal Perkins loan may be limited to undergraduate students.

Federal Subsidized Stafford Student Loan (FSSL)

A student may borrow from a lender offering the FSSL and a state or private guaranty agency will stand behind the loan. A Pharmacy, Physical Therapy or Occupational Therapy student may borrow up to \$8,500 annually and up to \$65,500 for the entire program of study, including undergraduate borrowing. The Federal Government pays interest on the loan while the student is in school. Repayment begins six months after the student graduates or drops below half-time.

Application: If a student is eligible to receive a Federal Stafford Student Loan, a Master Promissory Note (MPN), instruction sheet, and preferred lender list will be sent from Creighton with the award notice. The MPN must be returned to the Financial Aid Office immediately if the student wants to apply for a Federal Stafford Student Loan. The signed award notice must also be returned to the Financial Aid Office. The MPN will then be forwarded to the lender indicated by the student.

Federal Unsubsidized Stafford Student Loan (FUSSL)

A student may borrow from a lender offering the federal Unsubsidized Stafford Student Loan and a state or private agency will stand behind the loan. This loan program allows students who are ineligible for the need-based Subsidized Stafford Loan or wish to borrow additional loan funds the opportunity to apply for an unsubsidized Stafford. Pharmacy students may borrow up to \$22,500 annually; distance students are limited to direct cost only while Physical and Occupational Therapy students may borrow up to \$10,000 annually from a lender offering the FUSSL program and a state or private non-profit agency will stand behind the loan. Professional students may borrow up to an aggregate maximum amount of \$138,000 minus all Federal Subsidized Stafford Student Loans (including undergraduate borrowing). An origination and guarantee fee, paid by the borrower, will be deducted from the loan before it is dispersed. The student is responsible for paying accruing interest on the loan while in school. Repayment of principal and interest normally begins within 60 days following the date of disbursement. However, the student may defer the payment of principal (and in some cases the accruing interest) until graduation. Information regarding deferment options

are listed on the promissory note. Unsubsidized Stafford loans received on or after 7/1/94 will have a variable interest rate not to exceed 8.25 percent. The variable rate is recalculated on an annual basis, and for 2002-03 was 3.46 percent.

Alternative Loans

Students needing additional loan funds may be interested in a private loan. Eligibility is dependent on a good credit history. Information on private loan programs will be enclosed with the award notification letter.

Emergency Short-Term Loans

There are various University-controlled short-term loans available to students on emergency need basis. The funds a student borrows per year is to be used toward educational or emergency expenses. The loan must be repaid prior to registration for the following semester. In the case of a graduating student, it must be repaid prior to graduation.

Please note that academic transcripts will not be released until all outstanding short-term loans are repaid in full.

EMPLOYMENT

Federal Work-Study

If you wish to earn a portion of your educational expenses, and can demonstrate financial need, you may qualify for the Federal Work-Study program.

Eligible students are paid at least the Federal minimum wage per hour. They work at jobs on campus or at approved off-campus locations. The Financial Aid Office determines the number of hours you may work. Your exact work schedule should be designed flexibly so that it won't interfere with classes.

The normal Federal Work Study award is approximately \$2,000, and can be earned by working approximately 11 hours per week during the academic year. Students are paid twice a month. Students must assume a normal employer-employee relationship under the program.

Student Employment Services

Departments and offices on campus hire a number of students each year. Most office jobs are filled by College Work-Study students, but other jobs are also available on campus, i.e., environmental services, dormitory desk work, food service, libraries, Kiewit Fitness Center, and the Student Center.

For a listing of available on-campus and off-campus jobs, contact the student employment counselor in the Student Employment Office. The counselor is available to assist students in locating on- and off-campus part-time employment.

Employment, Internships, CO-OP Programs

The Career Planning and Placement Office maintains contacts for both internships and full-time jobs in the Omaha metropolitan area, as well as opportunities nationwide. Seniors may use this office to secure jobs through on-campus interviews prior to graduation. A complete job search and resume service is available to all students upon request. Alumni are entitled to the same services as currently enrolled students. The Career Planning and Placement Office is located in Room BO3, Brandeis Hall.

ACADEMIC ADMINISTRATION

Section I: Introductory Material

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITY

Each student is personally responsible for completing all requirements established for his or her degree by the University, the student's College or School and the department. It is the student's responsibility to inform himself or herself of these requirements. A student's academic advisor may not assume these responsibilities and may not substitute, waive, or exempt the student from any established requirement or academic standard. The University reserves the right to modify requirements at any time.

Although the University encourages the widest amount of student responsibility with a minimum of administrative regulation, it expects each student to maintain appropriate standards in his or her academic and personal life. The University reserves the right to terminate the registration of any student who does not meet the standards acceptable to the University.

THE ACADEMIC YEAR

The School's academic year is divided into three semesters. The first begins in August and ends before the Christmas holidays; the second begins in January and ends in May; the third begins in May and ends in August.

The standard University calendar allows for a one-week mid-semester holiday in the fall, a short Thanksgiving recess, a vacation of approximately three-four weeks between fall and spring semesters, and a one-week mid-semester holiday in the spring. Didactic instruction is also suspended on legal holidays. Students on clinic assignment may not always be released from clinical rotation or fieldwork commitments during these holiday periods.

The School of Pharmacy and Health Professions maintains several program specific academic calendars. Please refer to the School's website <http://spahp.creighton.edu> or the Calendar published on pages 5-8 of this *Bulletin* for information on individual program schedules.

Clinical education courses (clinical rotations/fieldwork) are offered on a year-round basis for full-time semester credit and at regular full-time tuition rates (including the summer semester). Campus Doctor of Occupational Therapy and Doctor of Physical Therapy students must enroll in summer courses in their second and third professional years. Distance Doctor of Pharmacy students will be involved in summer courses throughout their curriculum. Campus Doctor of Pharmacy students must enroll in summer intensive courses during their fourth professional year only.

UNIT OF INSTRUCTION

The semester hour is the unit of instruction used for computing the amount of work required for graduation. One semester hour is equivalent to one fifty-minute period of lecture or two fifty-minute periods of recitation per week for one semester. Three fifty-minute periods of laboratory are equal to one period of lecture.

CLASS ATTENDANCE

Creighton University's primary obligation is the total education of students. Implicit in the achievement of this goal will be the student's conscientious attendance of classes, recitations, laboratory sessions, web discussions and chats.

At the start of the semester each faculty member will publish his or her specific procedures concerning class attendance, verification of excused absences, etc. It is the student's responsibility to note these procedures and to follow them carefully. No faculty member will drop the last class before or the first class after a University recess.

Officially excused absences for University-sponsored affairs must be cleared with the Assistant/Associate Dean for Academic Affairs by the responsible faculty moderator.

A student who has been unavoidably absent but cannot make up the work of the course, will be permitted to withdraw without penalty. The student receives a "W" and no credit. A student who is dropped from a course for unexcused absences will receive the grade of "AF" (absence failure). Once a grade of "AF" has been assigned, the student is not eligible to receive a "W".

Section II: Registration

Registration is conducted electronically. The registration period for the summer and fall semesters begins in March-April of each year, and students are allowed access to the web-based registration system in October-November to register for spring semester classes. Electronic registration for courses in a given semester is permitted until a few days after the beginning of classes.

Prior to the early registration period, all students are provided with class schedules and instructions for accessing their registration page in the online, N.E.S.T. Registration System. Each entry-level student is administratively registered by the School's Office of Academic and Student Affairs staff for all required courses during the registration period.

Students are required to meet with their academic advisor to discuss enrollment plans and verify academic progress, and to receive the individualized pin number required to access the web-based registration system. Students are responsible for verifying that the course load for which they have been registered by the Office of Academic and Student Affairs staff is accurate and complete, and for adding any elective courses of interest to their schedule.

Students in the Nontraditional Doctor of Pharmacy, Transitional Doctor of Physical Therapy and Distance Doctor of Occupational Therapy pathways register through the Office of Nontraditional Programs.

FULL-TIME STUDENT STATUS AND TUITION ASSESSMENT

Entry-Level Pathways

In general, entry-level students in the School of Pharmacy and Health Professions are expected to be full-time. A full-time course load for students in occupational therapy, physical therapy and pharmacy (both campus and distance) entry-level programs is defined as 12 or more semester credit hours during the fall and spring semesters, and 9 or more semester credit hours during the summer semester. Semester course loads are based on the expectation that students will register for all required and elective courses as prescribed by the pathway's curriculum. A student may not take less than a full-time course load per semester or more than 21 credit hours for any given semester unless permission is granted by the Assistant/Associate Dean for Academic Affairs. The student's academic adviser will communicate with the Assistant/Associate Dean for Academic Affairs if a semester hour load greater than 21 hours is planned. The student will need the approval of their academic advisor and the Assistant/Associate Dean on a Change of Schedule form available in the SPAHP Office of Academic and Student Affairs.

Students are responsible for full-time tuition for all semesters in which they are enrolled and completing required didactic or clinical course work, including summers. Tuition for entry-level students is assessed for each semester of required study (including summers) on a flat-rate basis. No additional tuition beyond the flat tuition rate for the semester will be charged for credit hours taken above those required for the prescribed curriculum, with the exception of 500 or 700-level MBA courses taken during a summer term.* If a student is permitted to take fewer than the number of semester credit hours prescribed by the curriculum for a given term, he/she will be required to pay the full semester's tuition.

No entry-level student will be allowed to pay tuition on a per-credit-hour basis without the written permission of the Assistant/Associate Dean for Academic Affairs. Only in unusual circumstances will part-time status be approved by the Assistant/Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, which allows the student to pay tuition on a per-credit-hour basis. Requests to register for fewer than the number of prescribed credit hours must be submitted in writing to the Assistant/Associate Dean for Academic Affairs for each semester the part-time status is requested.

Post-Professional Pathways

In general, post-professional, distance (Nontraditional Doctor of Pharmacy, Transitional Doctor of Physical Therapy, and Distance Doctor of Occupational Therapy) students take 6 semester credit hours of didactic course work or 8 semester credit hours of clinical course work during an enrollment period. They are subject to most of the same policies and procedures as full-time entry-level counterpart students.

**The cost to take MBA classes during the fall and spring semesters is included as part of the flat tuition rate that pharmacy students pay as long as it doesn't exceed 21 total hours. Pharmacy students who take 500 or 700-level MBA classes during most summers or after they have received their Pharm.D. degree will be assessed additional tuition on a per-credit-hour basis.*

AUDITING COURSES

Students will be permitted to register as auditors only for exceptional reasons, and only with the explicit authorization of the Assistant/Associate Dean for Academic Affairs. Auditors are not held responsible for the work expected of regular students, are not admitted to examinations, and receive no grade or credit for the course. Regular attendance at class is expected, however, and auditors are subject to being dropped from the course for excessive absences. In this event auditors receive a "W". Changes in registration from credit to audit or audit to credit will not be permitted after the published deadline.

Students who have previously enrolled as auditors may not take the course for credit during any succeeding semester except by special permission of the Assistant/Associate Dean for Academic Affairs.

Charges for courses audited are one-half of the regular per-credit-hour tuition rate when the per-credit-hour rate is applicable. Special courses, workshops, and institutes offered at a special flat-rate tuition charge are excluded from the auditor discount.

CHANGES IN REGISTRATION

Any change requested after the student's initial registration is permitted only with the written consent of the Assistant/Associate Dean for Academic Affairs. A Change of Schedule form, signed by the student's academic adviser, must be submitted. This form is available in the Office of Academic and Student Affairs.

Changing Pathways or Taking Courses Outside Current Pathway

Under certain circumstances, conditions may necessitate a student changing pathways or taking classes in a pathway other than the one in which he or she entered. To have such a change considered for approval, a student should discuss the plan with his or her academic adviser and must make a formal request to the Assistant/Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, explaining why the change is needed.

COURSE WAIVERS

A completed waiver application form, accompanied by the course description as it appears in the university, college or school catalog, along with the copy of a detailed course syllabus, must be submitted to the Assistant/Associate Dean for Academic Affairs for review before action will be taken.

Medical Science Foundation Course Examples: BMS 404, Physiology; PTD 310, Human Anatomy; OTD 339, Clinical Anatomy; OTD 340, Clinical Anatomy Laboratory; PHA 304, Anatomy; BMS 301, Biochemistry; MIC 541, Microbiology; PTG 105; Introduction to Pathology of Human Disease, etc.

Discipline-Oriented Professional Course Examples: PHA 444, Biostatistics and Research Design; OTD 408, Research Process I, etc.

Changes in instructions for submitting the Course Waiver Application Form and policy revisions can be found on the School's website.

Course Waiver Policy

The purpose of the course waiver process is twofold: (1) to minimize the possibility that a student will be required to complete courses which are equivalent to previous educational (undergraduate or graduate) or professional experience; and, to (2) insure that students have attained proficiency in the content areas encompassed by the proposed waived course.

Waiver of any required medical science foundation course or professional course:

1. will require documentation of (a) having successfully completed, within the past seven¹ years and with grade of "C" or better, (b) professional competencies equivalent in both breadth and depth of content to that required by the Creighton University School of Pharmacy and Health Professions;
2. may require, at the discretion of the instructor of record, successful completion of a comprehensive challenge examination prepared by the Instructor of Record of the course in which waiver is requested. The passing score on each challenge examination will be set by the Instructor of Record, but shall not be less than 70 percent; and, if required;
3. will require administration of the challenge examination by a proctor either on the Creighton campus or via the web.

Medical Science Foundation Courses: All medical science foundation challenge examinations for entry-level programs will be administered during or in close proximity to the New Student Orientation. The examinations are only offered once and must be taken at that time². The results of the challenge examination will be forwarded to the student by the Assistant/Associate Dean for Academic Affairs when they are made available by the Instructor of Record. Students who successfully pass the challenge examination will be excused from taking the required course³. To be considered for a waiver or challenge examination, the student must complete and submit the Course Waiver Application Form found on the Academic and Student Affairs website.

Discipline-Oriented Professional Courses: Waiver of discipline-oriented professional courses in the student's program of study is rare, but can occur under selected circumstances (e.g., transfer students coming to Creighton from accredited OT, PT or pharmacy programs, students who hold a professional or graduate degree in the discipline, etc.). To be considered for a waiver or challenge examination, the student must complete and submit the Course Waiver Application Form found on the Academic and Student Affairs website. Required documentation for all discipline-oriented professional course waivers must be submitted not later than two weeks after the first day of classes for courses taken during the first semester of enrollment. All other course waivers can be submitted anytime prior to the end of the student's first semester of enrollment in the program. Students who want to waive an experiential component of the curriculum will be required to follow the program specific procedures for experiential waiver requests.

Procedure for applying for a course waiver: All faculty wishing to require a challenge examination prior to considering waiver requests, and all students wishing to waive a professional (OTD, DPT, NPT, PHA, or NDP) course or medical science foundation course should follow the procedure outlined below.

Students will be notified by the Admission Office of the opportunity to apply for a course waiver when informed of their acceptance into the Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy or Pharmacy program. Students will be advised regarding the documentation that must be submitted to permit a complete review of pertinent academic

¹ In rare cases, if the course was taken more than seven years ago, but the knowledge is utilized daily in the workplace, the course may be considered.

² Post-professional challenge examinations will be considered no later than the semester prior to the semester in which the course to be waived is scheduled.

³ The grade received on the challenge exam or the grade received in the course at another institution will not be used to calculate the student's Creighton University grade-point average.

experience in the discipline under consideration, the deadline for submission of the required documentation, and the date by which they should expect to receive notification of eligibility to sit for a challenge examination, if applicable. All correspondence and documentation of previous coursework should be sent to the Assistant/Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, who will forward the documentation to the appropriate Instructor of Record or Director of the appropriate nontraditional program.

The Instructor of Record will communicate to the Assistant/Associate Dean for Academic Affairs:

1. which students are eligible to sit for a challenge examination;
2. the format of the challenge examination;
3. the minimum score necessary to pass the challenge examination;
4. the date by which challenge examination results will be available;
5. individual student performance on the challenge examination.

Students applying for a course waiver will be advised by the Assistant/Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, in writing or via electronic mail, of their eligibility to sit for the challenge examination, the specifics of the examination as enumerated above, and the date, time and place of the challenge examination; or, if the course is waived without a challenge exam. Documentation materials will be returned or placed in the student's record, and each student eligible to sit for the challenge examination will receive a copy of the course objectives to assist in preparation.

*** Waiver policy changes and procedure updates can be found on the School of Pharmacy and Health Professions Bulletin website.**

TRANSFER OF CREDIT

The Creighton University School of Pharmacy and Health Professions will evaluate all hours submitted by the transfer applicant, and reserves the right to accept or reject any of the credit offered for transfer.

Credit hours earned with grades of "C" or better at an accredited institution of higher education prior to admission to the Creighton University School of Pharmacy and Health Professions may be transferred at the discretion of the Assistant/Associate Dean for Academic Affairs. Transcripts will be evaluated by the Assistant/Associate Dean only after a transfer student has been officially accepted for admission. In some instances, the Assistant/Associate Dean may require that the transfer student successfully complete at least one semester at Creighton, consisting of not less than twelve semester hours, before the exact amount of credit to be transferred will be determined.

Credit hours are transferred, but quality points are not. The grade-point average of the transfer student will be determined only by work done at Creighton.

If a student successfully completes a course ("C" or better) normally required as part of the professional program as a pre-professional student at Creighton, the credit and grade for that course will be transferred to that student's professional transcript and computed in the student's professional grade-point average.

PREREQUISITES—FOLLOWING OUTLINED CURRICULUM

No student will be allowed to register for a course without having satisfied all prerequisites unless written permission is obtained from the Assistant/Associate Dean for Academic Affairs.

ADD/DROP COURSES

After the start of the term all course changes must be officially made by filling out a Change of Schedule form. Changes in schedule will only be accepted during the first few days of the semester, must be signed by the academic advisor and the Instructor(s) of Record, and must be approved by the Assistant/Associate Dean for Academic Affairs.

DROPPING COURSES

Withdrawal from any course requires sufficient cause, and may be made only with the approval of the Assistant/Associate Dean for Academic Affairs (traditional students) or the Director of the appropriate nontraditional (Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, or Pharmacy) pathway. After the first week of class (the period for late registration and change of schedule) the Assistant/Associate Dean for Academic Affairs or the nontraditional program Director will solicit the recommendation of the instructor(s) involved and the student's academic adviser before acting upon the student's petition to drop a course or to change status from credit to audit. Course withdrawals with a "W" may not be made later than the date posted each semester, which is approximately one week after mid-semester grades are available. A student who drops a course without approval of the Assistant/Associate Dean for Academic Affairs receives a "WF" for the course (failure because of unauthorized withdrawal).

COURSE WORK TIME LIMIT

All coursework for the Doctor of Occupational Therapy, Doctor of Pharmacy or Doctor of Physical Therapy degree must be completed within eight (8) years from the date of credit for the first course in the program.

Section III: Examinations and Grading

Final examinations in all courses are held at the close of each term. Written tests and quizzes are held from time to time during the term, with or without previous notice to the students, at the discretion of the instructor. A student's scholarship rating in each of his or her courses is determined by the combined results of examinations, class, laboratory, and other assigned work. This rating is reported by the instructor in accordance with the following grading system:

- A outstanding achievement and an unusual degree of intellectual initiative
- B+ high level of intellectual achievement
- B noteworthy level of performance
- C+ performance beyond basic expectations of the course
- C satisfactory work
- D work of inferior quality, but passing
- F failure—no credit
- AF failure for excessive absences
- WF failure because of unauthorized withdrawal
- I work incomplete
- X absence from final examination
- NR No report (used only at midterm)
- IX Work is both incomplete and absent from final examination
- AU audited course only—no credit
- P pass—credit
- NP not pass—no credit
- SA satisfactory work
- UN unsatisfactory work (failure)—no credit
- W official withdrawal from a course—no credit

“SA” and “UN” are used to report student performance in a course that does not use regular grading. It is not an individual grading option as is “P/NP”, but applies to all students in the course. Credit earned with “SA” (Satisfactory) may be counted toward graduation but is not included in the grade-point average; “UN” (Unsatisfactory) functions as a failure in computing the grade-point average.

The “NR” grade is to be used only at midterm for 1) didactic courses that are compressed and have not started by the time mid-semester grades are reported, or 2) clinical rotations not begun by midterm.

PHARMACY STANDARD GRADING SYSTEM

90-100	A
85-89	B+
80-84	B
75-79	C+
70-74	C
60-69	D
BELOW 60	F

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY STANDARD GRADING SYSTEM

92-100	A
87-91	B+
83-86	B
78-82	C+
73-77	C
68-72	D
BELOW 68	F

PHYSICAL THERAPY STANDARD GRADING SYSTEM

89.5-100	A
87.5-89.49	B+
79.5-87.49	B
77.5-79.49	C+
70-77.49	C
60-69	D
BELOW 60	F

INCOMPLETE AND ABSENCE FROM FINAL EXAMINATION

The “I” and “X” are marks used, as explained below, to reflect a student's irregular status at the time final end-of-term grade reports are due.

“I” (Incomplete). A student who has failed to fulfill all requirements of a course may petition the instructor before the close of the term to assign an end-of-term mark of “I” indicating incomplete performance. The instructor may agree to this mark when, as a result of serious illness or other justifiable cause, the work cannot be completed by the end of the term. An “I” will not be granted to a student who has been excessively absent during the term or who has simply failed to complete the work of the course before the close of the term without an exceptionally good reason.

The responsibility for completing all course work rests with the student. The maximum time limit for clearing an incomplete is one year from the end of the course. The “I” carries no penalty and does not affect the grade-point average. Student records will be audited periodically, and students who show a consistent pattern of “I” grades may be placed on academic probation.

An “X” is given to a student who missed the regularly scheduled final examination, and the “X” functions as a failure until it is cleared. If the reason for absence is acceptable to the Dean, an examination must be taken as soon as possible but not later than one month from the date of the regular final examination. A permanent grade is recorded after the final examination is taken. If the examination is not taken as specified, or if the reason for absence was not acceptable, the student receives an “F” in the course.

A student who is both incomplete and absent from the final examination will receive both an “I” and “X” (IX), which will function as a failure until cleared as specified above.

PASS/NO PASS OPTION

The Pass/NoPass (P/NP) grading option is available for students in good academic standing for selected courses at Creighton. With this option the instructor of record is not informed which students have registered “P/NP.” The instructor's letter grade assignment will be changed to the appropriate “P” or “NP” designation when final grades are processed. A “C” is the lowest possible passing grade. The hours passed by this option are counted toward graduation requirements, but the “P” or “NP” grade does not affect the student's grade-point average. Students may not register “P/NP” for required and supporting courses in their major area of study. Thus, the “P/NP” option is not available to professional students for courses offered within any department of the School of Pharmacy and Health Professions, or for any biomedical science or elective courses which are taken in partial fulfillment of the requirements for a degree in pharmacy, occupational therapy or physical therapy.

SATISFACTORY/UNSATISFACTORY (SA/UN) OPTION

The Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory (SA/UN) grading option differs from the “P/NP” option in that the faculty member decides when it will be utilized, and must apply it consistently to all students enrolled in the course. Faculty who utilize the “SA/UN” grading system in required or elective courses must so indicate in the course syllabus. Hours passed with grades of “SA” are counted toward the hours required for graduation but do not figure into the grade-point average. The “UN” grade functions as an “F” in computing the grade-point average and in determining scholastic standing. The “SA/UN” grade designations may be used by faculty when reporting student midterm performance, even if letter grading will be utilized to record performance at the end of the term.

REMOVAL FROM CLINICAL ROTATION SITE

Any student whose clinical competence and/or attitudes and behaviors are sufficiently deficient or inappropriate so as to warrant removal from a clinical rotation site prior to the completion of the clinical rotation experience will receive a failing (F) or unsatisfactory (UN) grade for that experience. Both the appropriate Clinical Education Coordinator and the clinicians/administrators of the practice site have the authority to remove students from the practice site if their clinical performance or their behaviors compromise patient safety or are disruptive to staff and/or clinic operation. Required courses in which grades of “F” or “UN” are earned must be repeated at the student's expense in order to graduate. Students are urged to contact their Clinical Education Coordinator at the first sign of difficulty so that problems can be addressed and resolved in a timely and professional manner.

GRADE REPORTS

Grade reports are made available to students electronically each Spring and Fall mid-semester and at the end of each semester. Access to the system may be gained by logging on to the Registrar's Home Page and following instructions. Security is assured by requiring the entering of the student's ID number followed by the special access code number (pin number). Grades are available only through the Web. Additionally, in an effort to comply with accreditation and ongoing programmatic quality assurance, completion of all course evaluations and senior assessments is required in order for the student to be assigned a course grade and/or graduate.

QUALITY POINTS

Degree candidates are not only required to complete a given quantity of hours, but must also achieve a certain quality of excellence which is determined on the basis of quality points.

Quality points are obtained by multiplying the number of hours assigned to a course by the quality-point value of the grade received in the course:

A yields 4 points for each hour	C yields 2 points for each hour
B+ yields 3.5 points for each hour	D yields 1 point for each hour
B yields 3 points for each hour	F, AF, and WF yield no points
C+ yields 2.5 points for each hour	

The grade-point average (GPA) is based only on work taken at Creighton, and is computed by dividing the total quality points earned by the total number of credit hours attempted. Thus 16 hours at straight "C" grades would give 32 quality points. Clearly, this GPA would be 2.00 (32 quality points earned divided by 16 semester hours attempted).

Note: The terms "quality point" and "grade point" are synonymous, as are "quality-point average" and "grade-point average." The latter is abbreviated GPA.

REPEATING COURSES

A student cannot repeat any course at Creighton for which a final grade of "C" or better (including "P" and "SA") has been earned. A student who has received a final grade of "D" or "F" (including "NP" or "UN") in a course may repeat the course. The course is most commonly repeated at Creighton through the School of Pharmacy and Health Professions, as that is the only way in which the original "D" or "F" grade earned can be discounted when calculating the cumulative grade-point average. If the student repeats the course at Creighton, she/he registers for the course in the normal way. The repeated course and the grade earned will be entered on the student's record in the term in which the repeated course was completed. The credit and grade points for the higher grade earned (one grade only) will be used to calculate the student's GPA. As with all other course work attempted, the original course entry and grade ("D", "F", "NP", or "UN") remain on the student's permanent record, and will appear on any transcript issued. Similarly, courses with marks of "AF", "WF", "AU" or "W" also remain permanently on the student's record.

The course may be repeated at another accredited institution only with the permission of the Assistant/Associate Dean for Academic Affairs (traditional students) or the Director of the appropriate nontraditional pathway (Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, or Pharmacy). Permission will be granted only if the external course is judged equivalent in both breadth and depth to the course offered at Creighton. The student must submit documentation of course content to the Assistant/Associate Dean for Academic Affairs (traditional students) or the Director of the appropriate nontraditional

pathway (Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, or Pharmacy) which includes 1) the course description as it occurs in the University catalog, 2) a course syllabus which specifies any required text(s), and 3) any other official document which describes the course scope, objectives and format. The Assistant/Associate Dean for Academic Affairs (traditional students) or the appropriate nontraditional pathway Director will consult with the Creighton Instructor of Record in order to determine equivalency between the Creighton course and the external course. If the student receives permission to enroll in the external course and passes the course with a grade of "C" or better, the student is relieved of the responsibility for repeating the course at Creighton. However, the external course **does** appear on the Creighton transcript and the grade earned in the external course is **not** used to calculate the student's GPA. The Creighton grade-point average is determined **only** by work done at Creighton University. Grades and credit earned as a Creighton undergraduate student for professional coursework will be brought into the professional GPA and earned credits.

DEAN'S LIST

Full-time students who have completed a semester with a grade-point average of 3.5 or higher, and with no grades of "I", "IX", "IF", or "X" are placed on the Dean's List for that semester in their respective college or school. Full-time students with a grade of "SA" (Satisfactory) or "P" (Pass) in a given semester qualify for the Dean's List if a 3.5 grade-point average is earned in the graded courses. Dean's List designation appears on the student's report card. Students who receive **only** "SA" grades in a given semester are not eligible for the Dean's List.

Section IV—Leaving the University

WITHDRAWAL FROM THE UNIVERSITY

A student is considered in attendance until he or she has formally notified the University in person or in writing of his or her withdrawal.

Permission to withdraw from the University is granted by the Assistant/Associate Dean for Academic Affairs of the School of Pharmacy and Health Professions. This is required as a condition of honorable withdrawal. A withdrawal card complete with all of the necessary clearances is sent electronically to all offices including the Business Office and the Registrar's Office.

The policy of considering a student as withdrawn from the University after two consecutive weeks of unexplained absence in no way is to be interpreted as allowing withdrawal without formally notifying the Assistant/Associate Dean for Academic Affairs in person or in writing of the withdrawal.

A student withdrawing from the University during any semester before the final examinations forfeits credit for work done in that term. Students who withdraw with permission of the Assistant/Associate Dean for Academic Affairs receive "W" on their official record; those who withdraw without permission of the Assistant/Associate Dean for Academic Affairs receive "WF" for all courses (failure because of unauthorized withdrawal).

Students who have decided to withdraw from school and plan to return within the following year may wish to consider a leave of absence (see next page).

Withdrawals and Refunds—See Page 126.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

A leave of absence is a planned interruption in a student's formal education program. It is normally short term (one or two semesters) and designed for full-time students in good academic standing (cumulative GPA of 2.00 or above). The principal advantage of a leave of absence is that it offers a student the opportunity to leave college temporarily with the assurance that she/he will be able to resume studies with minimal administrative difficulty. To initiate a leave of absence, the student should discuss his/her plans with the academic advisor and then make a formal request in writing to the Assistant/Associate Dean for Academic Affairs (traditional students) or the appropriate post-professional pathway Director (Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, or Pharmacy) explaining why the leave is needed and the expected date of return to School. Students on leave will not be classified as enrolled students by the University; however, they will be eligible for limited transitional services of the University Counseling Center, the Career Planning and Placement Center, and have limited use of library facilities.

Section V: Graduation

GRADE-POINT AVERAGE REQUIREMENTS

A cumulative grade-point average of at least 2.00 is required for graduation in all programs in the School of Pharmacy and Health Professions. The average shall be computed only on the basis of all work attempted while enrolled in Creighton's School of Pharmacy and Health Professions.

GRADUATE RECOGNITION AND HOODING CEREMONY

Each year on the day preceding May and December Commencements, the School of Pharmacy and Health Professions holds Graduate Recognition and Hooding Ceremonies for all May, August, and December graduates. Students wear their gowns. At these special ceremonies, selected awards are distributed and student addresses are delivered, students recite the oath or creed of their profession, and doctoral students are hooded. Parents, family and friends are invited to attend.

COMMENCEMENT

Annual University Commencement Ceremonies are held in May and December. Students who complete their degree programs in the spring semester are required to be present at the Annual Commencement Exercises in May to receive their degrees. Students who complete their degree programs in the fall semester may attend Commencement ceremonies in December. Diplomas will be mailed upon confirmation of the completion of all degree requirements by the respective Dean. Students who complete their degree programs during the summer receive their degrees at the end of the summer sessions, but no ceremony is held; these students may participate in the preceding May Commencement. All candidates who receive degrees at the end of a fall semester or summer session are listed in the next Annual Commencement Program.

NOTE: A student may participate in only one Commencement ceremony for each degree granted.

To participate in the May Commencement, a candidate must have successfully completed all degree requirements and must be approved for graduation, or be able to and plan to complete all requirements by the date for conferral of degrees in the following August. The respective deans of the Schools and Colleges of the University shall have the responsibility for clearing all participants in the Commencement. Those participants in the May ceremony who have not completed all degree requirements shall be so designated in the Commencement Program.

GRADUATION HONORS

Graduation honors are awarded to the top 15 percent of the students in each graduating class, who have at least a 3.65 grade-point average (GPA). Graduation honors are based on a student's work while enrolled in a professional program in the School of Pharmacy and Health Professions at Creighton University. To be eligible for graduation honors, a student must have completed at least half of the prescribed semester hours for the degree in the School while enrolled at Creighton University. The diploma of a student who qualifies for graduation honors is inscribed "with Honors".

Section VI: School Policies

The School of Pharmacy and Health Professions regularly revises existing policies and implements new ones. **Complete copies of all School policies are available on the School's website at <http://spahp.creighton.edu> and in the Office of Academic and Student Affairs.** This section of the *Bulletin* summarizes important School policies that directly impact or apply to students. Students are strongly encouraged to review the Creighton University Student Handbook to familiarize themselves with University policies. The School recognizes its responsibility to accommodate the needs of distance learners when applying policy to nontraditional students.

HONOR CODE

Purpose:

This Honor Code is predicated upon the premise that students, as developing professionals, will foster professional maturity and integrity through a system of self-governance. It is expected that by signing this Code, students will exhibit and demonstrate the moral standards that are the cornerstone of the academic community, the greater society, and the profession.

Presumptions:

- The Honor Code is primarily an undertaking of the students, individually and collectively, to define standards of conduct while in a professional program.
- Cooperation exists between students and faculty to share responsibility for modeling and maintaining academic honesty, integrity and professional behavior.
- The Honor Code embodies the concept of personal honor in the framework of a covenantal pledge and is aligned with Creighton University's Code of Conduct and the School of Pharmacy and Health Professions' Misconduct Policy.
- The School is committed to students' professionalism as evidenced by having students abide by the Honor Code and their specific professional association's Code of Ethics.
- The Honor Code creates an environment where academic dishonesty is socially and professionally unacceptable, where institutional expectations are clearly understood and where students assist their peers.
- Students are obligated to take action in the event they learn that a fellow student has violated the code. The student can take action by asking the violator to refrain from the behavior and/or to report him/herself and/or the student can report the behavior to designated student, faculty, or administrative representatives.

Principles and Duties:

Fidelity/Honesty/Truthfulness: The student maintains high standards of academic and professional honesty and integrity.

- The student exhibits honesty during academic and clinical communications and evaluations.
- The student refuses to provide unfair advantage by assisting another student during an academic or clinical evaluation in a manner not prescribed by the instructor.
- The student refuses to alter, forge, falsify or fabricate information, documentation, or service.
- The student maintains confidentiality of patient information.
- The student strives to attain high levels of competence, admit errors and not knowingly mislead others or promote oneself at the expense of others.

Responsibility and Sense of Duty: The student fulfills duties and obligations of the profession which are expected by the public.

- The student becomes familiar with and adheres to his or her specific professional association's Code of Ethics.
- The student's responsibility parallels the responsibility of professional practitioners who maintain high professional standards by monitoring the conduct of their peers.
- The student is dedicated to helping patients, colleagues, the profession and society reach their maximal potential.
- The student maintains quality of care while addressing conflicts of interest.
- The student engages in conduct that reflects positively on the School and profession.

Justice and Respect for the Rights of Others: The student respects the rights, privileges and property of other members of the academic and clinical community.

- The student deals with faculty, staff, peers and patients in a dignified, considerate manner and with a spirit of cooperation.
- The student is respectful towards the learning process.
- The student views and treats all people encountered in an academic or clinical capacity equally with regard to liberties, rights, respect, acceptance and opportunities.
- The student submits his or her own original work in a manner prescribed by the instructor and with the expectation that the grade reflects only that student's achievement.
- The student respects the ideas and words of others by attributing the quoted or paraphrased portions to their original sources.
- The student strives to uphold the dignity and respect of his or her profession by his or her dress, personal appearance, conduct and conversation.

The student signs a pledge annually, acknowledging that s(he) has read the Honor Code, understands its principles and agrees to abide by and support them. The student on an advanced clinical practice experience continues to abide by the last pledge signed.

SCHOLASTIC STANDING POLICY

Academic Probation

A student will experience an Academic Probationary Event when any of the following occur:

1. The student receives a failing grade (F, WF, or AF) or unsatisfactory grade (UN) in any required or elective course of the curriculum (including clinical rotations). If the student receives a second failing or unsatisfactory grade in any required or elective course of the curriculum, s/he will be dismissed from the program (see section on Dismissal).
2. The student receives two grades of D in any required or elective courses of the curriculum (including clinical rotations).
3. The student receives a third grade of D in any required or elective course of the curriculum, regardless of the semester in which this third grade of D is received. If the student receives a fourth grade of D in any required or elective course of the curriculum, s/he will be dismissed from the program (see section on Dismissal).
4. The student fails to earn a semester grade-point average of at least 2.00.
5. The student receives an academic probationary event sanctioned by the program faculty for repeated or serious incident(s) of unprofessional behavior (See SPAHP Professional Behavior Policy).

While a cumulative GPA below 2.00 is not counted as an Academic Probationary Event in the School of Pharmacy and Health Professions, all are reminded that this performance level must be met or exceeded in order to graduate from Creighton University.

Students may earn more than one academic probationary event in a single semester, as exemplified in Appendix A. However, a semester grade-point average of less than 2.00 will not be counted as a second or third academic probationary event within a given semester if it is the mathematical inevitability of substandard performance (e.g., two or three grades of D, or a failing or unsatisfactory grade). Academic probationary events become a component of the student's academic history, and are not removed secondary to subsequent acceptable academic performance.

Didactic Component

A student enrolled in the didactic component of his/her professional curriculum who is placed on academic probation will be notified of his/her status in writing by the Assistant/Associate Dean for Academic Affairs. This letter will outline School and University sources of academic and/or behavioral support and inform the student of the requirement to meet with his/her academic advisor to develop a mandatory Corrective Action Plan. The Corrective Action Plan must be signed by the academic advisor and submitted by the student to the Assistant/Associate Dean for Academic Affairs within ten working days of official notification of probationary status. If this time frame cannot be met due to legitimate reasons (e.g., schedule conflicts), the student and his/her academic advisor may jointly request an extension from the Assistant/Associate Dean for Academic Affairs.

Copies of the Corrective Action Plan will be forwarded to the members of the Academic Review and Support Committee for review and possible amendment. The structure and purpose of this multidisciplinary standing committee are delineated in the School's Bylaws. The student may be required to appear before the Academic Review and Support Committee after the submission of the Corrective Action Plan. In this event, the student's academic advisor will be invited to participate in the meeting. Any additional recommendations of the Committee will be summarized and appended to the student's Corrective Action Plan and forwarded to the student, his/her academic advisor and the appropriate department chair(s). Copies of the Corrective Action Plan, and any additional documents generated by the Academic Review and Support Committee, will be placed in the student's file housed in the Office of Academic and Student Affairs.

Experiential Component

A student enrolled in the experiential component of his/her professional curriculum who is placed on academic probation will be notified of his/her status in writing by the Assistant/Associate Dean for Academic Affairs. This letter will be sent immediately following the end of the rotation and will inform the student of the requirement to meet with the experiential education director for the program in which s/he is enrolled to develop a mandatory Corrective Action Plan. It is recommended that the student's academic advisor also be involved in the development of the Corrective Action Plan. The experiential education director is responsible for consulting with any faculty s/he deems necessary to address deficiencies and remediate the situation, and to ensure that all pertinent improvement strategies are incorporated into the Corrective Action Plan. The experiential education director has the right to delay the next clinical experience(s), reassign the student to a different clinical site(s), or allow clinical rotations to proceed as previously planned.

Within ten working days of official notification of probationary status by the Assistant/Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, the student must submit the Corrective Action Plan that has been signed by the experiential education director to the Assistant/Associate Dean for Academic Affairs. If this time frame cannot be met due to legitimate reasons (e.g., schedule conflicts), the student and the experiential education director may jointly request an extension from the Assistant/Associate Dean for Academic Affairs.

A copy of the Corrective Action Plan will be forwarded to the experiential education director, appropriate department chair(s), and the student's academic advisor. A copy of the plan will also be placed in the student's file housed in the Office of Academic and Student Affairs, but will not be reviewed by the Academic Review and Support Committee.

Academic Dismissal

A student will be immediately and automatically dismissed from the program upon the occurrence of any one of the following events:

1. The student receives a second failing (F, WF, AF) or unsatisfactory (UN) grade in any required or elective course of the curriculum, regardless of the semester in which the failing grades were earned, and/or whether the previously failed course has been repeated for a passing grade.
2. The student earns a semester grade-point average of less than 2.00 for a third time, regardless of whether any courses have subsequently been repeated for higher grades.

3. The student receives a fourth grade of D in any required or elective course of the curriculum, regardless of the semester in which the D grades were earned.
- 4 The student is officially notified of a third academic probationary event.

Academic dismissal means the student is immediately and automatically terminated from the program upon receipt by the Office of Academic and Student Affairs of written documentation of final grade(s) and/or a dismissal-precipitating probationary event resulting from sanction of unprofessional behaviors from the course or program faculty. The Assistant/Associate Dean for Academic Affairs shall promptly notify all dismissed students of their status. A dismissed student who believes s/he has grounds for a grade appeal must pursue that appeal before seeking reinstatement or s/he forfeits the right to appeal the grade. Students appealing a grade have the right to attend classes or clinical rotations, participate at assigned clinical education sites and exercise the privileges of all other School students pending the outcome of the appeal, except in cases where there are reasons relating to the physical or emotional welfare of the student or of others, or reasons involving the safety of persons or property. The decision on student status will be made by the Assistant/Associate Dean for Academic Affairs. Students who request reinstatement after notification of dismissal without pursuing a grade appeal forfeit their right to appeal any grade earned in their program of study up to the date of the dismissal. Any student who has questions about filing a grade appeal and its effect on any request for reinstatement should confer with his/her academic advisor, the Chair(s) of the department(s) within their program, and/or the Assistant/Associate Dean for Academic Affairs.

A dismissed student who wishes to be considered for reinstatement must submit this intent in writing to the Assistant/Associate Dean for Academic Affairs within ten working days of the date on which the written notification of dismissal was sent. Electronic notification of dismissal and the intent to appeal for reinstatement is permitted. The dismissed student appealing for reinstatement has the right to attend classes and exercise the privileges of all other School students pending the outcome of the appeal except when prohibited by department policy or in cases where there are reasons relating to the physical or emotional welfare of the student or of others, or reasons involving the safety of persons or property. The decision on student status will be made by the Assistant/Associate Dean for Academic Affairs.

The student will make an appeal for reinstatement in person or by telephone at a meeting of the faculty of the program in which s/he is enrolled. If the student also elects to submit a written statement to the faculty, it must be received by the Assistant/Associate Dean for Academic Affairs no later than 8:30 a.m. (Central time) on the day prior to the scheduled reinstatement hearing. The Assistant/Associate Dean for Academic Affairs has the right to delay the hearing based on information contained in the student's written statement.

The reinstatement hearing will be held as soon as possible after notification of dismissal. The Senior Associate Dean will notify the student and the program faculty of the date, time and place of the reinstatement hearing. When scheduling the hearing, consideration will be given to the student's need to prepare an appeal and the need to secure a quorum of program faculty. A quorum is defined as not less than one half of the voting membership within the program. Academic administrators will attend the reinstatement hearing but will vote on reinstatement only if they hold a primary academic appointment in a department of that program, or if they have teaching responsibilities in that program. The Senior Associate Dean and Assistant/Associate Dean for Academic Affairs abstain from voting.

All faculty and administrators permitted to attend the hearing will receive a copy of pertinent documents from the student's file housed in the Office of Academic and Student Affairs, including all Corrective Action Plans and all recommendations of, and correspondence from, the Academic Review and Support Committee. The student may have an advisor present during their oral presentation before the faculty, but that individual may not address the faculty. Witnesses are not generally called, although the student can provide written statements of support by appropriate individuals (e.g., teachers, counselors) with the materials submitted to faculty prior to the hearing via the Assistant/Associate Dean for Academic Affairs (see above). If a motion to reinstate is made and seconded, the student will be reinstated upon the passing of the motion by at least a simple majority of those present and voting. In the case of a tie the motion fails.

Any faculty-generated binding conditions for reinstatement must be made as amendments to the motion to reinstate. If a student is reinstated (with or without binding conditions) the faculty will also be given an opportunity to propose non-binding recommendations to the Assistant/Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, who has the responsibility and the authority to construct programs of study, with or without additional conditions, for reinstated students.

READMISSIONS POLICY

Students dismissed from the School for the first time for reasons of poor academic performance or misconduct (academic or non-academic), who either do not elect to appeal for reinstatement or who appeal but are not reinstated by faculty, may apply for readmission to the School. Students who have been twice dismissed from a School program are ineligible for readmission.

Students eligible to apply for readmission must wait a minimum of one calendar year from the date of dismissal before submitting a formal application. The application for readmission will be reviewed by the Admission Committee of the program to which the applicant is applying. Applicants for readmission will be held to the same standards of academic performance and motivation for the profession as other applicants seeking admission in the same cycle. The readmission applicant's academic history at the School of Pharmacy and Health Professions will be considered by the Committee, as will any additional academic performance documentation submitted by the applicant. Official transcripts from all schools, colleges or universities attended since leaving Creighton University must be submitted as part of the reapplication package.

The Admission Committee will have full access to the student's Creighton University permanent record, including correspondence generated as a result of the original dismissal action. In addition to submitting all required admission application paperwork, the individual seeking readmission has the right to submit documentation or evidence that the conditions and/or factors which resulted in the previous dismissal from the School of Pharmacy and Health Professions program have been remedied or have significantly improved. However, submission of such documentation or evidence is in no way a guarantee that the admissions petition will be successful.

Individuals who are readmitted will enroll in the curriculum that is in place for students beginning their first professional year during the academic year in which the readmitted student enrolls. Advanced standing status will be determined by the Assistant/Associate Dean for Academic Affairs. The readmitted student's prior academic record within the School will remain a part of her/his Creighton transcript. The grades for required professional courses successfully completed that are applicable to the student's current curriculum, and which are deemed acceptable when the decision on advanced standing is made, will be used in calculating the professional grade point average. Grades for all other previously completed courses will not be calculated into the readmitted student's professional GPA.

A readmitted student is subject to all policies affecting students in the School of Pharmacy and Health Professions. A readmitted student who is dismissed for poor academic performance under the School's Scholastic Standing Policy or for academic misconduct may appeal to the faculty for reinstatement. The readmitted student who is dismissed for non-academic misconduct may appeal through procedures outlined in the Creighton University Student Handbook. Readmitted students who are again dismissed and who elect not to appeal a dismissal, or who appeal and are denied reinstatement, may not apply for readmission to the School.

GRADE APPEALS POLICY

Preamble

The Instructor(s) of Record for courses offered to students in the School of Pharmacy and Health Professions have jurisdiction in assigning grades earned by students at the end of each term in which the course is offered. Instructors of Record will inform students of the criteria and mechanisms for performance evaluation at the beginning of the course, and to subsequently evaluate students in a manner that is fair, unbiased, and consistent with those criteria and mechanisms.

Appeals Process

Students have the right to appeal a grade that they believe to have been assigned in an arbitrary or capricious manner. The appeal process for all students in the School of Pharmacy and Health Professions taking courses offered by a department within the Health Sciences disciplines requires that the following steps be taken in the sequence listed below.

1. The student confers with the Instructor(s) of Record involved, outlining the basis for dissatisfaction with his/her original grade and attempts to come to resolution in the absence of third parties. It is the responsibility of the student to reach the instructor. If, at any point in this process, the Instructor(s) of Record agree(s) with the student and elects to alter the original grade issued, the process is terminated and the issue is considered closed. Likewise, if the student becomes convinced at any point in the process that the original grade was issued in a manner that was neither arbitrary nor capricious, the process is terminated and the issue is considered closed.
2. The student and the Instructor(s) of Record confer with the Chair of the department offering the course in question. It is much preferred that the student initially meet with the instructor alone as outlined in Step #1 above. However, if communication between the student and faculty member is such that one or both parties are not comfortable interacting alone, the joint meeting can be held directly. The Assistant/Associate Dean for Academic Affairs is available to serve as a resource to any and all parties involved in this joint meeting. If, at any time during this step of the process, the Instructor(s) of Record agree(s) with the student and elects to alter the original grade issued, or if the student becomes convinced that the original grade was issued in a manner that was neither arbitrary nor capricious, the process is terminated and the issue is considered closed. In this event, the Department Chair must write a memo to the Assistant/Associate Dean for Academic Affairs which summarizes the outcome of the meeting. Copies of this memo must be sent to the Instructor(s) of Record, the student, and to the student's academic file.
3. If resolution of the issue cannot be attained through a meeting of interested parties, a formal grade appeal may be filed by the student. If the grade being contested was issued in a course taught by a department or division outside of the School of Pharmacy and Health Professions, the Grade Appeals Policy of that department or division will be followed. If there is no external Grade

Appeals Policy in force, the School of Pharmacy and Health Grade Appeals Policy will be invoked and followed in resolving the dispute.

4. If the student elects to formally appeal the grade, s/he must inform the Assistant/ Associate Dean for Academic Affairs in writing. In the written appeal, the student must outline the specific grounds for the appeal, and clearly and precisely describe the basis for the complaint. A copy of the student's letter of appeal, and any supporting documentation provided, will be forwarded to the Instructor(s) of Record and the appropriate Department Chair.
5. If the grade being appealed was issued in a course taught by a department or division external to the School of Pharmacy and Health Professions which has an active Grade Appeals Policy, the Assistant/Associate Dean for Academic Affairs will obtain a copy of that policy to share with the student and his/her academic advisor. If the grade being appealed was issued in a course taught by a department within the School of Pharmacy and Health Professions, or by a department or division external to the School that does not have an active Grade Appeals Policy in place, the appeal will be forwarded to the School's Academic Issues Hearing Board via the Dean. It is on the basis of the student's written appeal and the supplemental documentation gathered by the Academic Issues Hearing Board that the Board will decide whether or not to hear the case.

Academic Issues Hearing Board

1. The Academic Issues Hearing Board will be a standing board consisting of one faculty member and one student from each program and will be chaired by the Senior Associate Dean or his/her designee. The chair shall be a non-voting member, except in the case of a tie when the chair shall cast the deciding vote. Faculty members serve a two year term. The Academic Issues Hearing Board members will be selected by the Dean. The Academic Issues Hearing Board will be convened by the Dean for the purpose of reviewing and acting upon written appeals of grades presented by students who have followed the process described in this policy.
2. When presented with a student appeal by the Dean, the Chair of the Academic Issues Hearing Board shall request from the Instructor(s) of Record copies of the course syllabus, as well as any additional written information on grading policy and all written documents evaluating student performance that have previously been shared with the student. To ensure due process, a copy of the information provided by the Instructor(s) of Record will be provided to the student appellant.
3. Within two weeks of being convened by the Dean, the Academic Issues Hearing Board shall initially review the student's allegations, the documentation provided by both the student and the Instructor(s) of Record, and information contained in the student's academic file and transcript, and determine whether sufficient evidence has been presented to proceed with a formal hearing. The burden of proving that a course grade was assigned arbitrarily or capriciously rests with the student.
4. If the data presented by the student are judged to be insufficient to warrant a hearing, the Chair of the Academic Issues Hearing Board will so indicate, in writing, to the Dean who will inform the student and Instructor(s), in writing, of this determination. At that point, the issue is considered closed. If sufficient evidence is presented by the student to warrant an appeal hearing, the Board will act in a timely manner to collect the information necessary to render a decision as to whether the grade issued to the student was assigned in a manner that was neither arbitrary nor capricious. All written documentation provided to the Board by the student petitioner and/or the Instructor will be shared with the other party.

5. The specific charge to the Academic Issues Hearing Board regarding grade appeals is to assess whether the mechanisms utilized by the faculty member(s) to determine the grade in question were applied consistently and fairly to all students enrolled in the course and, if not, to identify specifically which evaluation mechanisms were arbitrarily or capriciously applied. The Academic Issues Hearing Board should not attempt to determine the grade to be received by the student.
6. The Board shall rigorously evaluate all evidence pertinent to the case. In the course of its investigations, the Board may access the student's academic record (maintained in the Office of Academic Affairs), review course syllabi and policy documents, and interview the principals as well as other faculty and students who may provide insight and/or have direct knowledge about the events of the case. The Board should convene as soon as possible to begin deliberations and reach a decision on the case. The Board's decision will be reached by simple majority vote.
7. Once a decision is reached, the Chair of the Academic Issues Hearing Board will inform the Dean, in writing, of the decision. The Dean may wish to visit personally with the Academic Issues Hearing Board Chair or the Board in its entirety about the course of the deliberations. The Dean then communicates the final decision to the student and instructor(s) in question.
8. The decision of the Academic Issues Hearing Board as communicated by the Dean is considered final, and no further appeal may be made to the School faculty or administration.

Timeframe for Appeal

For didactic and experiential courses, the student will have three weeks after the start of the next semester in which the student is enrolled to file a formal grade appeal. This allows time to work through the process described above and submit a written appeal of a grade. It is the responsibility of the student to ensure that the Registrar's Office has the address to which final grades should be sent so that they are received by the student in a timely manner. It is also the responsibility of the student to obtain his/her final course grade from the Instructor(s) of Record or Registrar (via the end-of-term grade report). Failure to receive grades that have been appropriately sent out by the Registrar's Office will not be viewed as a reason to suspend any of the time deadlines set forth in this policy. If this time frame cannot be met due to legitimate reasons, the student can appeal to the Dean for an extension.

In the event that the grade in question for a course is issued at the end of the spring semester and the student involved is not enrolled in a course over the summer months, the student will have two weeks from the start of the next semester in which s/he is registered to submit a written appeal of a grade.

In cases where an experiential course is completed during the final semester prior to graduation, it will be the responsibility of the student to obtain his/her final course grade from the Instructor(s) of Record, either verbally or (preferably) in writing, prior to leaving the rotation. In cases where the student is out of the Omaha metropolitan area on an experiential assignment and cannot meet the appeals deadline, contact with the instructor of record and/or Department Chair may be made by phone or conference call, followed by written documentation by the student to the instructor, and copies to the Assistant/Associate Dean of Academic Affairs, and the student's advisor. Permission to proceed with Step #2 of the Grade Appeals process by conference call must be obtained from the Assistant/Associate Dean for Academic Affairs. If a conference call is deemed necessary, the cost of the call will be borne by the School. The formal appeal will be heard when the student is in town.

Failure of the student to adhere to the time deadlines described above will result in forfeiture of all rights to appeal the grade in question.

MISCONDUCT POLICY

The School of Pharmacy and Health Professions recognizes its duty to prepare students who are not only knowledgeable in their disciplines, but who also possess a character sufficiently moral and ethical to be deserving of the public trust. With this responsibility in mind, academic misconduct will be dealt with swiftly and fairly in accordance with policy. Briefly, students notified in writing by a faculty member of academic misconduct and the planned penalty may either accept the penalty or appeal the case to an Academic Issues Hearing Board. The Hearing Board includes one faculty representative and one student from each program of the School. The Senior Associate Dean serves as Chair of the Hearing Board. The Hearing Board's decision is considered final, but the student may make a secondary appeal to the Dean, Vice President for Health Sciences and, if warranted, to the University President. Students appealing a misconduct charge may attend class and exercise the privileges of all other students pending the outcome of the appeals process. A copy of the complete Misconduct Policy may be obtained from the Office of Academic and Student Affairs or on the School's website.

POLICY ON DEALING WITH STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

The School of Pharmacy and Health Professions recognizes its duty to provide student applicants with equal opportunity to admission into professional programs. There must be no discrimination to admission based on gender, race, age, creed, national origin, marital status or disabling condition. It is the responsibility of the Assistant/Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and the Special Needs and Assistance Committee to assist newly-admitted students with disabilities in achieving equal access to the educational experiences available to all other students.

The faculty and administration of the School of Pharmacy and Health Professions believe that:

1. The mission of the School is to educate competent, value-centered professionals who can serve others through the application of knowledge in their respective fields of study;
2. Only qualified persons may be admitted to the School or University, including those who have disabilities;
3. All students, disabled and non-disabled, are entitled to equal access to educational offerings in the most integrated setting;
4. Students with disabilities may achieve professional competency through a variety of educational approaches.

The Admission Office of the School provides applicants to the professional programs the opportunity to self-disclose their disability status at the time of acceptance. However, if there is no voluntary disclosure and documentation of special needs, Creighton University will not be able to provide accommodations. If provided, this information will be kept in strict confidence and will not be used to discriminate against the student in any manner.”

If special activities and/or performance testing are a part of the admission process, all applicants will be informed of this in advance. The students with a self-disclosed disability will be provided with necessary accommodations prior to testing to allow equal participation if possible. Once admitted, student requests for additional accommodations will require verification of disability by a qualified professional such as a physician or psychologist. A written verification of disability will allow the Special Needs and Assistance Committee and the student to determine if adjustments in the educational program are necessary. Recommendations regarding possible modifications to the course of study will be made by the Committee members in collaboration with the student and appropriate faculty and administrators.

Students with disabilities are encouraged to request assistance as soon as possible after notification of admission. Accommodations for the classroom and clinical settings are initially developed by the Coordinator for the Office of Disability Accommodations in concert with the student. At the beginning of each subsequent semester, students are expected to confirm or decline allowed accommodations through the Office of Disability Accommodations. The University is responsible for making reasonable accommodations, and for providing equal access to resources as determined and agreed upon by the student and the Committee. While the School of Pharmacy and Health Professions is required to make reasonable accommodations, the accommodations do not need to be made if they affect the substance of the educational program or compromise educational standards.

The School's Policy on Dealing with Students with Disabilities is in harmony with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), Title I, 42 U.S.C., Section 12101, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act and with the Creighton University Policy Applying to Nondiscrimination of the Basis of Disability (1992).

CHEMICAL IMPAIRMENT POLICY

The School of Pharmacy and Health Professions recognizes chemical impairment (including alcoholism) as a treatable disease. While needing to protect the public from chemically impaired students, the School is dedicated to assisting such students and their immediate families toward recovery. Students identified as chemically impaired are followed by the Student Recovery Advocacy Network (SRAN). Screening and treatment contracts made between the impaired student and School are an integral part of the process. All members of the SRAN are sincerely interested in helping impaired students and will hold all information obtained through their participation with the Network in strict confidence. It is the purpose of the SRAN to act in an advocacy capacity for impaired students; however, noncompliance with screening and/or treatment programs and contracts will result in the termination of this advocacy relationship, submission of a full report of the alleged impairment to the Dean, and possible dismissal of the student from the School. A copy of the complete Chemical Impairment Policy may be obtained from the Office of the Assistant/Associate Dean for Academic Affairs. The Chemical Impairment Policy is not intended to, and shall not have the purpose or effect of, displacing the academic performance review procedures and/or the nonacademic misconduct procedures set forth in the School of Pharmacy and Health Professions *Bulletin* and/or the Creighton University Student Handbook.

REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION IN EXPERIENTIAL PROGRAMS

To protect the health of Creighton University School of Pharmacy and Health Professions (SPAHP) students and the patients they serve, and in accordance with contractual arrangements with varied health-related institutions, students in programs which have an experiential education component must meet specified requirements including immunizations, health insurance coverage, and acceptable criminal background checks before being enrolled in any of the School's practice-based academic programs.

Students in programs which have an experiential education component must remain compliant with the immunization, health insurance coverage, and acceptable criminal background check requirements, as well as achieving and maintaining cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) certification, and completing training in universal precautions and HIPAA requirements before they can participate in experiential education activities. Proof of compliance with all of the items listed above will be required by Experiential Education Directors, and may be required by clinical instructors/preceptors, before

students can be placed or accepted at educational practice sites. Students who have failed to remain compliant with these requirements will not be allowed to participate in experiential education activities and may be subject to dismissal from the School. At a minimum, non-compliance with this policy may impact or delay the student's date of graduation.

Immunizations

Specific information on immunization requirements for Creighton University Health Science students is available online at <http://www.creighton.edu/StudentHealthServices/immunizations.html>. The cost for all immunizations, titers and screenings will be borne by the student.

All admitted, entry-level SPAHP students are required to submit a confidential health record to Student Health Services on the form sent to them by the Admissions Office. Students will not be allowed to enroll if documentation of vaccination against measles, mumps, rubella, polio, varicella (chickenpox), tetanus-diphtheria (the last dose or booster within the past ten years), and tuberculosis screening is not received by August 1st prior to their anticipated matriculation date. Tuberculosis documentation must include a two-step PPD skin test at the beginning of the annual testing cycle followed by a yearly PPD skin test (An explanation of the two-step PPD test is available online at <http://www2.creighton.edu/studenthealthservices/>). Any student with a positive PPD skin test (defined as a reaction greater than 10mm) must submit documentation in the form of a written physician's report and chest x-ray done in the U.S. within the past 12 months. A history of BCG vaccine does not preclude a student from PPD skin testing. By the end of the second semester of enrollment in the SPAHP, students are required to complete a series of hepatitis B vaccinations followed by a titer proving immunity. Students are also required to complete an annual tuberculosis screening each April.

Post-professional students who have an experiential education component are required to comply with the Creighton University Health Science students immunization requirements prior to engaging in experiential education activities. Each non-traditional, transitional and post-professional Program Director will inform post-professional students in advance of when required immunization documentation must be submitted and will monitor student compliance.

Students may request a waiver of immunization or screening only if they can document that they have been previously immunized or screened, or where there is a documented medical contraindication.

Students considering international experiential training should be aware that additional immunizations may be required in order to comply with health requirements outside of the United States.

Health Insurance Coverage

All students must be covered by a comprehensive health insurance plan for the entire year. The University sponsors a comprehensive health insurance plan at a group rate which provides year-round coverage. Upon matriculation, the premium for the University-sponsored Student Health Insurance Plan will automatically be added to the student's tuition and fees statement each year. In order to have this charge removed from an account, students must annually submit a properly completed waiver form and a copy of both sides of a current health insurance card to Student Health Services before the established deadline.

Criminal Background Checks

All entry-level and post-professional SPAHP students will be required to submit to and receive an acceptable criminal background check as a condition of enrollment. Acceptable student backgrounds for enrollment will be determined by each program's Admissions Committee in consultation with the Experiential Education Director. Background investigations will be conducted via a contractual arrangement with an outside vendor at a frequency to be determined by the Experiential Education Director of the student's program of study. Some clinical facilities may require additional background investigation(s) prior to permitting students to participate in experiential education activities. Program enrollment and clinical facility placement are contingent upon completion and receipt of an acceptable criminal background investigation. Acceptable student backgrounds for experiential education participation will be determined by the Experiential Education Director in consultation with selected faculty. The investigational screenings will include, but may not be limited to, the following for every state and county of residence: criminal record, alias name, warrants, protection orders, residential history, social security number, abuse registry, sex offender registry, Office of the Inspector General (OIG) cumulative sanction report.

Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) Certification

All entry-level students in the SPAHP are required to obtain and maintain biennial certification in CPR life support for the healthcare provider from the American Heart Association. All entry-level students must attend the mandatory CPR classes scheduled during the first month of the first semester of their program of study or in the summer immediately preceding their first semester, and repeat the certification if their program of study extends beyond two calendar years. The SPAHP will inform students of CPR life support for the healthcare provider courses offered on campus or in a facility located in close proximity to the Creighton University campus, as well as their respective costs. The students will be responsible for the cost of the certification program.

Post-professional students must fulfill the CPR requirement by taking an American Heart Association authorized Basic Life Support for Healthcare Providers training course or its equivalent prior to experiential education activities. Proof of CPR certification will be submitted to each program's Director one month prior to student participation in the experiential education program, and biennially thereafter for as long as the student remains enrolled.

Universal Precautions

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) standard for Occupational Exposure to Blood borne Pathogens (29 CFR 1910.1030) is designed to eliminate or minimize occupational exposure to Hepatitis B Virus (HBV), Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) and other blood borne pathogens. Healthcare professionals face a significant health risk as the result of occupational exposure to blood and other potentially infectious materials because they may contain blood borne pathogens, including hepatitis B virus, which causes serious liver disease, and human immunodeficiency virus, which causes Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS). OSHA has concluded that this exposure can be minimized or eliminated by using a combination of engineering and work practice controls, personal protective clothing and equipment, training, medical surveillance, Hepatitis B vaccination, signs and labels and other provisions. Therefore, all students in the SPAHP are required to attend training sessions on Universal Precautions to decrease exposure to blood borne pathogens prior to engaging in experiential education activities.

Each non-traditional, transitional, and post-professional Program Director will inform post-professional students in advance of when required universal precautions training documentation must be submitted and will monitor student compliance.

Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA)

To protect patient health information, the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) of 1996, Public Law 104-191, required the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to establish national standards for electronic health care transactions and national identifiers for providers, health plans, and employers, as well as the adoption of federal privacy protections for individually identifiable health information. In response to the HIPAA mandate, the HHS developed the Privacy Rule, which established national standards to protect and guard against the misuse of individually identifiable health information for certain health care entities (i.e., health plans, health care clearinghouses, and health care providers who conduct certain health care transactions electronically). Since students are routinely exposed to patients' protected health information and must comply with health care facilities' policies and procedures, all students in the SPAHP are required to attend HIPAA and Privacy Rule training sessions prior to engaging in experiential education activities.

Each non-traditional, transitional, and post-professional Program Director will inform post-professional students in advance of when required HIPAA and Privacy Rule training documentation must be submitted and will monitor student compliance.

Drug Testing

Some health care facilities require students to submit to and pass a drug test prior to participation in experiential activities at the facility. Most, but not all, facilities requesting drug testing have agreed to provide the testing at no expense to the student. Students who do not complete or do not pass a drug test as required by these facilities will not be allowed to participate in experiential education activities at the facility, and may face sanctions, including possible dismissal from the program.

Conclusion

Non-compliance with any portion of this policy may impact or delay the student's date of graduation or the ability to continue in their program of study. Students who fail to remain compliant with any of these requirements will not be allowed to participate in experiential education activities and may be subject to dismissal from the School.

SECTION VII: MISCELLANEOUS

TRANSCRIPTS

A copy of a student's academic record is called a transcript and is issued by the University Registrar upon written request of the student. A special Request For Transcript form is available at the Registrar's Office, A226 or on the Registrar's website. Copies are not made of transcripts of records on file from other institutions. Any additional copy of these must be requested by the student direct from the original issuing institution.

GRADUATION RATES

Creighton University is pleased to provide the following information regarding our institution's graduation/completion rates. The information is provided in compliance with the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended. The rates reflect the graduation/completion status of students who enrolled during the 2001-02 school year and for whom 150% of the normal time-to-completion has elapsed.

During the fall semester of 2001, 760 first-time, full-time degree-seeking Undergraduate students entered Creighton University. After six years (as of August 31, 2007) 75% of these students had graduated from our institution or completed their programs. Questions related to this report should be directed to: John A. Krecek, University Registrar, (402) 280-2702.

The School of Pharmacy and Health Professions at Creighton University reports graduation rates for each program based on attrition information. Students entering the Doctor of Pharmacy program between the years of 1995–2000, with the 2000 entering class graduating in May, 2004, averaged a graduation rate of approximately 87 percent. Students entering the Doctor of Physical Therapy program between the years of 1993 - 1998, with the 1998 entering class graduating in May, 2002, had a graduation rate of approximately 97 percent. The Entry-level Doctor of Occupational Therapy pathway, with its first entering class beginning 1999, graduated that first class in December 2002, with a 98% graduation rate.

While reviewing this information, please bear in mind:

- The graduation/completion rate is based on six years of attendance that equates to 150% of our longest program.
- We have elected not to report our transfer-out rate because our university's mission does not include providing substantial preparation for students to enroll in other institutions.
- The graduation/completion rate does not include students who left the school to serve in the armed forces, on official church missions, or in the foreign service of the federal government. Students who died or were totally and permanently disabled are also excluded.

CONFIDENTIALITY OF STUDENT RECORDS

Creighton's policy relating to the confidentiality of student records is in keeping with the "Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act" (FERPA). Information about students or former students will not be released without the consent of the student other than in the exceptions stated in the Federal Act. FERPA affords students certain rights with respect to their educational records. They are:

1. The right to inspect and review the student's educational records within 45 days of the day the University receives a request for access.

Students should submit to the Registrar, Dean, Department Chair, or other appropriate official, a written request that identifies the record(s) they wish to inspect. The University official will make arrangements for access and notify the student of the time and place where the records may be inspected. If the records are not maintained by the official to whom the request was submitted, that official shall advise the student of the correct official to whom the request shall be addressed.

2. The right to request the amendment of the student's educational records that the student believes are inaccurate or misleading.

Students may ask the University to amend a record that they believe is inaccurate or misleading. They should write the University official responsible for the record, clearly identifying the part of the record they want changed, and specify why it is inaccurate or misleading.

If the University decides not to amend the record as requested by the student, the University will notify the student of the decision and advise the student of his or her right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the student when notified of the right to a hearing.

3. The right to consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information contained in the student's educational records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosures without consent.

One exception which permits disclosure without consent is disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interests. A school official is a person employed by the University in an administrative, supervisory, academic or research, or support staff position (including Public Safety personnel and Student Health staff); a person or company with whom the University has contracted (such as an attorney, auditor, collection agency, the National Student Clearinghouse); a person serving on the Board of Directors; or a student serving on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee, or assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks.

A school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an educational record in order to fulfill their professional responsibility.

Upon request, the University discloses educational records without consent to officials of another school in which the student seeks or intends to enroll.

FERPA also allows the University to disclose directory information without the written consent of the student. Directory information is information contained in an educational record of a student which generally would not be considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if disclosed. Directory information includes the student's full name, the fact that the student is or has been enrolled full-time/part-time status, local and permanent address(es), e-mail address, telephone number(s), date and place of birth, dates of attendance, division (school or college), class, major field(s) of study and/or curriculum, degrees and awards received, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, weight and height of members of athletic teams, photograph, and previous educational agency or institution attended by the student.

A currently enrolled student may request any or all directory information not be released by completing and filing with the Registrar's Office a statement entitled "Student Request To Restrict Directory Information." Such filing of this request shall be honored for the remainder of the term in which the request is filed, except that such restriction shall not apply to directory information already published or in the process of being published.

4. The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by Creighton University to comply with requirements of FERPA. The name and address of the office that administers FERPA are:

Family Policy Compliance Office
U.S. Department of Education
600 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20202-4605

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