

Union Graduate College/Albany College of Pharmacy Combined Programs: BS Pharmaceutical Sciences / MS Clinical Leadership in Healthcare Management BS Pharmaceutical Sciences / MBA in Healthcare Management

Union Graduate College (UGC) and Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences (ACPHS) offer combined programs that allow BS Pharmaceutical Sciences students to complete an MS in Clinical Leadership in Healthcare Management or an MBA in Healthcare Administration in combination with the BS degree. These combined programs significantly reduce the time and expense of obtaining the master degree when compared to completing the programs independently.

The Pharmaceutical Science program is a four year program leading to a Bachelor of Science degree. By selecting appropriate electives, graduates have many opportunities including employment in pharmaceutical research, manufacturing and production technology or pharmaceutical marketing/sales. Graduates are prepared to attend graduate school in the biological, chemical or pharmaceutical sciences or to pursue professional degree programs in medical, dental, business, or law school.

The MBA program prepares students for analytical, managerial and executive-level positions in the pharmaceutical industry and more broadly, the healthcare industry. The design and delivery of the curriculum emphasize broad exposure to core business disciplines; the building of analytical, computer, communication and human management skills; and the development of an ethical, systems-oriented, cross-functional perspective for decision making. The MS Clinical Leadership in Healthcare Management degree is designed for future clinicians who wish to better understand the health care industry and the environment in which it exists or who aspire to clinically-related leadership roles.

Admission to the Program

Admission Procedure and Requirements

- Meet with the combined Program Advisor at Union Graduate College. Contact John Huppertz at huppertj@uniongraduatecollege.edu or call at 518-631-9892 or contact Joanne Fitzgerald at fitzgerj@uniongraduatecollege.edu or call 518- 631-9842.
- Generally an undergraduate grade point average of 3.0 is required to be considered for admission.
- Students with an ACPHS GPA of 3.2 by start of the 3rd year at ACP can waive the GMAT requirement.
- Candidates may take up to three UGC courses for credit toward the MBA or MS degree before completing the UGC application process.
- Application materials can be found on-line at www.uniongraduatecollege.edu
- Application materials include
 - Application form
 - Essay
 - Three recommendations
 - Resume
 - Transcript
 - GMAT- a score of 500 minimum (GMAT only required for MBA. The GMAT is waived with a GPA of 3.2 or above by the start of the third year at ACPHS)

Requirements Once Accepted into the Combined Program

Once accepted into a combined program, students must maintain a cumulative overall GPA at ACP of 3.0 or higher. If the GPA at ACP falls below 3.0 for two consecutive semesters, the student may be removed from the program.

Tuition and Financial Aid Considerations

Students will be full-time ACPHS students throughout their BS program. Tuition for the first UGC course is covered through the Hudson Mohawk Consortium but is subject to the “Cross Registration Guidelines” in the Consortium Agreement. Tuition for additional UGC courses will be payable directly to UGC. Tuition for UGC courses may be included in student loan requests if the course qualifies as an elective at ACPHS.

Contact Information

ACPHS students interested in either the BS Pharmaceutical Sciences/MBA in Healthcare Management or the BS Pharmaceutical Sciences/MS in Clinical Leadership should first consult with their ACPHS academic advisor.

Further information about the program and the application process can be obtained from:

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After speaking with an ACPHS academic advisor, students may contact UGC.

Admissions questions are directed to:

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