Valdosta State chemistry students have a guided pathway into the UGA Doctor of Pharmacy program and can receive a guaranteed interview. Those admitted to UGA will complete their bachelor's degree with transferred credits earned through the PharmD curriculum, allowing participants an earlier start to their pharmacy career.

The Timeline

Years 1-3
Complete the prescribed pre-pharmacy coursework while taking advantage of the Valdosta State experience, which provides an ideal foundation for a patient-centered healthcare career.

Complete at least 35 hours of prerequisite courses in time to formally apply to the UGA PharmD program by September 1 of your junior year.

Years 4-7
Matriculate into UGA's PharmD program where you will train to become a medication expert, managing and preventing drug-related issues. Dual MBA and MPH degrees are available as well as Certificates in Regulatory Sciences and Pharmacy Entrepreneurship.

Admitted students must satisfactorily (earn at least a C- in all courses) complete all 69 hours of prerequisite coursework and other requirements.

Why Choose UGA?
UGA Pharmacy is ranked 24th in the nation by U.S. News and World Report with a passage rate for the North American Pharmacists Licensure Examination (NAPLEX) that is #1 in Georgia and well above the national average. As a public institution, UGA provides the best PharmD education in the state at the most affordable price!

Why Choose a Pharmacy Career?
Pharmacists are an essential part of the interprofessional healthcare team. Career opportunities in pharmacy are increasing in Georgia with an estimated employment growth rate of 12% by 2028 (Bureau of Labor Statistics).

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*Program participation does not ensure PharmD admission
**1) Meet with UGA Pharmacy Advisor at least once during the Program, 2) Obtain proper licensing through a state board of pharmacy, 3) Consent to a criminal background report

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