

**Southwestern Oklahoma State University
College of Pharmacy**

Spring 2011 Update

Admission Data

2010 - From the 346 qualified applicants, 86 were admitted (36 for Spring 2010, 50 for Fall 2010). The demographics and basic stats for this class are as follows. The gender breakdown remains almost even: Female 48% and Male 52%. Most, 81%, are Oklahoma residents. The PCAT composite average was 70, while ACT was 26.5, GPA was 3.55, and average Age was almost 24 (23.6 yrs).

Tentative Admission Data Spring 2011

From 126 qualified applicants, 35 were admitted. Mean GPA (3.53), ACT (25.03), Age (28.83) were almost identical to the 2010 figures. Average PCAT was 61. Gender breakdown for this Spring 2011 group was Female 54%, Male 48%. Eighty-six percent were Oklahoma residents.

Interim Dean Selected

Dr. Dennis Thompson, Associate Dean for Pharmacy Practice, was named Interim Dean of the COP in March 2011. Dr. Barry Gales will serve as Interim Chair of Pharmacy Practice in Dr. Thompson's place.

Dean Search Committee Activated

The search for a new dean for the COP has begun. Dr. Steve Pray serves as chair of the dean search committee, composed of faculty, students, alumni, and other stakeholders. The opening has been submitted nationwide, and the COP hopes to fill the position by the end of 2011.

Student-Related News

- The Dean's Council of Students established a program of Tuesday/Thursday lunches for students at nominal cost. Sponsorship of the lunches is available to interested parties
- Students Robert Gholson and Patrick Kelley won the local Clinical Skills Competition and represented SWOSU at the ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting in Anaheim, CA.
- Around fifty students attended the annual OPhA Legislative Day in February.
- COP students presented research posters at the Regional Colleges Research Day at Cameron, the annual SWOSU research day, and at the annual APhA/ASP Annual Convention in Seattle this spring.
- Almost all (98%) of the graduating students passed the NAPLEX during recent exam cycles. All passed the Multistate Pharmacy Jurisprudence Exam (MPJE).



Faculty News

- After a ten-year battle with metastatic breast cancer, Dr. ElGenia French, Professor of Pharmaceutical Sciences, passed away suddenly January 12, 2011. A more than thirty-year veteran of the SWOSU COP, she taught several generations of students with a firm hand and kind heart. Always a fighter, she had rarely missed work over the last decade and was working the very day of her final hospital admission. A memorial fund has been established at the Southwestern Pharmacy Alumni Foundation. Please contact the pharmacy alumni office (swpharmacy@swosu.edu; 580-774-3190 or 580-774-7197).
- Dr. Faruk Khan was awarded an INBRE Junior Investigator Award (JIA) of \$335,000. Additionally, he has been promoted to Associate Professor.
- Dr. Rahmat Talukder has been selected to serve as a visiting ACPE Accreditation Inspection team member.
- Dr. Nancy Williams has been awarded FASHP (Fellow of the American Society of Health-Systems Pharmacy) status from ASHP. In addition, Dr. Williams has been appointed by ASHP to serve on the Commission on Affiliate Relations for 2010-2011.
- Dr. Nancy Williams is the current OSHP president; Dr. Chelsea Church is the OSHP past-president.
- Faculty have written and presented numerous scholarly-research papers in the past year. For details, refer to the SWOSU Pharmacy Alumni website at www.southwesternpharmacy.com/news.htm#faculty or watch for links to the latest COP newsletter link at the COP website: www.swosu.edu/academics/pharmacy/gen-info/index.asp.

Calendar of Events for 2011

- April 30: CE Seminar, Tulsa
- May 6: Pharmacy Alumni Association Council Meeting, SWOSU
- May 6: College of Pharmacy Graduate Recognition Ceremony/Doctor of Pharmacy Hooding, SWOSU
- May 7: SWOSU Convocation
- June 1: Summer Semester Starts
- June 4: CE Seminar, Oklahoma City
- June 9: SW Pharmacy Alumni Reception, OPhA Annual Convention, Branson, MO
- June 24: SW Pharmacy Alumni Reception, TPA Annual Convention, Fort Worth, TX
- July 26-27: Final Exams
- August 17: Fall Semester Starts
- September 10: Parent's Day
- September 10: Pharmacy Alumni Association Council Meeting, SWOSU
- October 1-2: CE Seminar, Tulsa
- October 15: College of Pharmacy Open House, SWOSU Homecoming
- October 16: CE Seminar, Weatherford
- October 20-23: Fall Break
- October 20-22: CE Travel Seminar, Nashville
- November 12-13: CE Seminar, Oklahoma City
- November 23-27: Thanksgiving Break
- December 8-14: Final Exams
- December 26-January 2, 2011: Holiday Break



Links

- SWOSU College of Pharmacy Website - <http://www.swosu.edu/academics/pharmacy/index.asp>
- Southwestern Pharmacy Alumni Website - <http://www.southwesternpharmacy.com/>
- SWOSU College of Pharmacy Alumni Facebook group page - <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=6061304281&ref=ts>