The Dual Degree Doctor of Pharmacy and Master of Business Administration Program

Southwestern Oklahoma State University College of Pharmacy and the Everett Dobson School of Business and Technology have joined together to create the dual degree PharmD/MBA. This PharmD/MBA Dual Degree Program has been developed for students who have been admitted and enrolled in the College of Pharmacy at Southwestern Oklahoma State University.

This program enables qualified PharmD students to begin work on the MBA while still enrolled in the PharmD program. Students are allowed to apply to the MBA program during the second semester of their first year in the PharmD program. PharmD students will remain with their pharmacy school admitted cohort and complete their doctoral degree requirement at the same time as their classmates.

Upon application, pharmacy students will be considered for recommendation by a College of Pharmacy review committee to the MBA program. The dual degree program, while very attractive to many students, will require a high level of academic commitment in addition to the heavy demands of the PharmD program. Students must have demonstrated their academic preparedness and their willingness to take on the additional responsibilities. The College of Pharmacy is committed to the success of each of its PharmD candidates and will only recommend students for the dual degree program who are sufficiently qualified and motivated.

Policies and procedures have been developed that address admission to the MBA program, advanced standing, and progression through the dual program. Additional policies address leveling requirements, academic challenges, elective exchange, tuition concerns, and the joint program plan of study may be found at the site listed below.

The ultimate goal of the SWOSU PharmD/MBA program is to provide graduates with skills, knowledge, and practical experience needed for career enhancement. As the number of new pharmacy schools continues to increase and place pressure on employment opportunities, such a program as this will provide our pharmacy graduates with the opportunity to enhance their employment options and elevate their employment standing. As alumni, our graduates with the dual degrees will have the opportunity to shape the future of pharmacy through their acquired leadership, management, financial and business skills.

PharmD/MBA Program Policies

For PharmD/MBA Dual Program application materials and instructions, please contact Ms. Lisa Friesen (mbainfo@swosu.edu; Stafford 354) OR the Graduate Office (graduatestudies@swosu.edu; HEC 104).