

**SOUTH COLLEGE  
SCHOOL OF PHARMACY**

*“These relationships  
that you build during  
your three years here will  
sustain you long  
after you graduate.”*

Dr. Shanleigh Bond, Class of 2015



**AT SOUTH COLLEGE,** we offer the only accelerated Doctor of Pharmacy program in Tennessee. Completing a PharmD in only three years instead of the traditional four requires hard work and



**William M.  
Gentry, PharmD**

commitment from our students. It also is made possible by the dedication and persistence of our instructors.

The work ethic and passion displayed by our PharmD students are the keys to success while enrolled in the program, as well as in their pharmacy careers. We develop practitioners who are knowledgeable, skilled, team-oriented, and compassionate in their care.

Our hope is that communities around the country feel confident knowing a South College School of Pharmacy graduate is handling their pharmacy needs.

We are encouraged that these graduates also remain actively involved in training and mentoring the next generation of PharmD students on their path of becoming pharmacists.

The excellence of the South College School of Pharmacy reflects the dedication and passion of our students, staff, and alumni, and we are proud to help dreams find direction at South College.

Dr. William M. Gentry  
Dean, South College School of Pharmacy



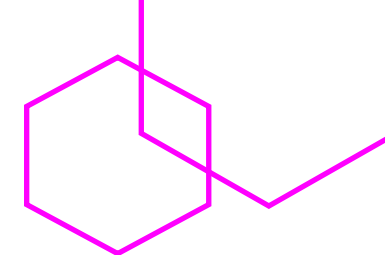
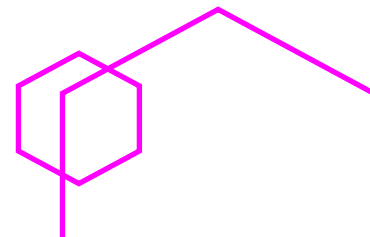
# DOCTOR OF PHARMACY

**South College offers the only three-year Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) program in Tennessee.**

This accelerated PharmD program lets you enter the workforce one year earlier or complete your degree and postgraduate year one (PGY-1) residency in four years, compared to five years through a traditional program.

## WHY SOUTH COLLEGE?

- Educating tomorrow's leaders since 1882.
- Hands-on learning environment with state-of-the-art classrooms and laboratories.
- Experienced instructors with low student-to-teacher ratios.
- Clinical facility partnerships and strong alumni support.
- Out-of-area clinical rotations.
- Quarter-based curriculum that fast-tracks a career.



# SCHOOL OF PHARMACY

The South College School of Pharmacy is committed to excellence through:

- Preparation of pharmacy students to be proficient practitioners who deliver team-oriented patient care with advocacy and compassion to diverse populations.
- Participation of scholarly activity including research, service, and patient care.
- Commitment to be a regional leader of pharmacy education, patient care, and research.
- Cultivation of a learning environment that respects the individual, values diversity, instills integrity, inspires professionalism, promotes leadership, and recognizes academic inquiry and freedom.

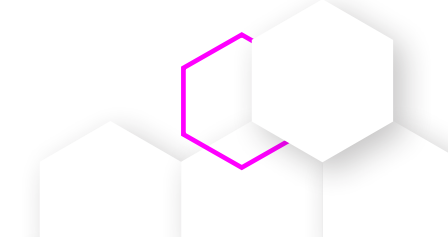


*Dr. Makerbie St. Fleur Rema, left, with Dr. Amar Thakkar, a South College graduate who served as St. Fleur Rema's preceptor for her professional rotation in Clermont, Florida.*

## SPEAR PROGRAM

The School of Pharmacy Early Admissions Readiness Program (SPEAR) is designed for high school graduates who know exactly what they want to do after graduation and allows them to stay on a fast track to pursue a career in pharmacy.

Students who successfully complete the program will earn an Associate of Science in Health Science (Pre-Pharmacy), Bachelor of Science in Pharmaceutical Science, and Doctor of Pharmacy. Completion of the SPEAR program takes five years for students who complete all requirements on schedule. To enter the program out of high school, a student must have at least a 3.25 GPA and a 26 on the ACT or 1260 on the SAT.





## A THRIVING INDUSTRY

A PharmD can provide career opportunities across the United States in a growing industry. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, demand is projected to increase for pharmacists in certain healthcare settings, including hospitals and clinics, through 2029\*.

*\*<https://www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/pharmacists.htm#tab-6>*

## WHAT CAN I DO WITH MY PHARMACY DEGREE?

### Registered Pharmacist

Prepares and dispenses prescriptions and counsels patients on the safe and appropriate use of their medications.

### Staff Pharmacist

Oversees inventory management, tech supervision, quality control checks on medications, and customer service.

### Hospital Pharmacist

Assists nurses and physicians in applying drug therapy to patients.

### Outpatient Pharmacy Manager

Oversees the day-to-day operations of a pharmacy, including managing staff, ensuring compliance, and addressing customers' questions and concerns.

### Clinical Pharmacist

Provides direct patient care that optimizes the use of medication and promotes health, wellness, and disease prevention.

### Pharmacy Informaticist

Evaluates the practice of the pharmacy field, including the acquirement, storage, evaluation, use, and distribution of medication.

### Pharmacist in Charge (PIC)

Signs the application for a pharmacy permit and assumes full legal responsibility for a pharmacy's operations.

The South College School of Pharmacy faculty are recognized in their fields of study, both in pharmacy practice and pharmaceutical sciences. Their knowledge, skill, and dedication to students support the School of Pharmacy's mission to develop proficient practitioners who can deliver team-oriented patient care with advocacy and compassion to diverse populations. As lifelong learners, our instructors are committed to the advancement of pharmacy through education, research, innovative and collaborative practice models, and public health initiatives.

*Above, from left: Nirali Patel, Lindsey Carson, Dr. Tim Smith, Rachel McKinney, and Kelsey Beth White*

*“Pharmacy students get exposed to a lot of expertise through the laboratories and faculty.”*

Dr. Kim Zitko, Assistant Professor

## CONNECT WITH ALUMNI

South College students can complete their clinical rotations throughout the United States and across the globe. Many students use this opportunity to connect with South College alumni serving as preceptors or explore possible destinations to work after graduation.

*“I always made sure to treat each rotation as if it were its own month-long job interview, and this attitude paid off when I was rewarded with a **job offer before I even graduated!**”*

— Dr. Hunter Owen, Class of 2016



### 3 DEGREES

Associate of Science  
in Health Science  
(Pre-Pharmacy)

Bachelor of Science  
in Pharmaceutical  
Science (Pre-Pharmacy)

Doctor of Pharmacy  
(PharmD)

### DIVERSE STUDENT BODY\*

**28**  
countries  
represented

**32**  
states  
represented

**27**  
languages  
spoken

\*Classes of 2021, 2022, 2023



# Admission

## REQUIREMENTS

For admission consideration to the Doctor of Pharmacy program (PharmD) at South College, the following criteria must be met:

- Candidates should have a preferred minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale in all coursework from all colleges or universities attended.
- A grade of “C” or higher in each course is required for pre-pharmacy courses taken at a college or university that is accredited by a regional accreditation agency that is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education. *There is a preferred seven-year time limit on prerequisite science coursework.*
- Candidates must submit an application for admission to PharmCAS conducted by the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (<http://www.pharmcas.org/>).
- International coursework must be evaluated by World Education Services (<https://www.wes.org/>) and submitted through the Pharmacy College Application Service (PharmCAS) application process.
- The South College School of Pharmacy strongly prefers three letters of recommendation. Two letters of recommendation are required. One letter must be submitted by the applicant’s pre-professional advisor at the college or university where the applicant completed the pre-pharmacy curriculum or by a faculty member who taught the applicant in the pre-pharmacy curriculum. It is preferred that one letter be submitted by a pharmacist. One letter may be submitted by any person chosen by the applicant, but it cannot be from a member of the applicant’s family, whether related by blood or marriage. All letters are to be submitted through the PharmCAS application.

- The Pharmacy College Admission Test (PCAT) or other graduate admissions tests scores are not required.
- Applicants whose first language is not English may be required to demonstrate proficiency in the English Language by scoring a minimum composite of 80, but 100 or higher is preferred, on the internet-based Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL iBT).
- Applicants must be able to fulfill the Technical Requirements for admission outlined at <https://www.south.edu/programs/doctor-pharmacy/admissions/>.
- Applicants must participate in an admissions interview with the South College School of Pharmacy. Invitations to interview will be extended to applicants judged most qualified (based on a holistic application review) to those judged less qualified until the class is admitted.

## PREREQUISITES

- General Biology with laboratory (8 semester hours or 12 quarter hours)
  - Anatomy and Physiology with laboratory (8 semester hours or 12 quarter hours)
  - General Chemistry with laboratory (8 semester hours or 12 quarter hours)
  - Organic Chemistry with laboratory (8 semester hours or 12 quarter hours)
  - Microbiology with laboratory (4 semester hours or 6 quarter hours)
  - Calculus (3 semester hours or 4.5 quarter hours)
  - Statistics (3 semester hours or 4.5 quarter hours)
  - English Composition (6 semester hours or 9 quarter hours)
  - Speech Communication<sup>^</sup> (3 semester hours or 4.5 quarter hours)
  - Economics<sup>^</sup> (3 semester hours or 4.5 quarter hours)
  - Electives in Humanities\* (9 semester hours or 13.5 quarter hours)
  - Electives in Social/Behavioral Sciences\*\* (6 semester hours or 9 quarter hours)
- Additional studies recommended but not required for admission: Immunology, Cell Biology, Biochemistry, Analytical Chemistry, Medical Terminology, and Pathophysiology.

**Total of 69 semester hours or 103.5 quarter hours**

<sup>^</sup>For applicants who have successfully completed a bachelor’s degree, the prerequisite requirements of speech and economics can be considered for substitution if competency in these content areas can be sufficiently demonstrated throughout the application and/or interview process.

\*Includes fine arts, literature, philosophy, religious studies, and foreign language.

\*\*Includes psychology, history, sociology, anthropology, and political science.

Students at South College have access to a range of financial aid for those who qualify, including federal, state, and private programs. Aid is available in the form of scholarships, grants and awards, work-study programs, and loans, including:



Federal Pell Grant

First Responder Grant



Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG)

South College Closed Institution Transfer Grant (SCCIT)

South College Teacher Education Grant



Federal TEACH Grant

South College Graduate Healthcare MBA Grant

Tennessee Student Assistance Award (TSAA)



Federal Work-study program

South College Military Grant

### TENNESSEE EDUCATION LOTTERY SCHOLARSHIPS

Tennessee HOPE Scholarship

"Aspire" Award

Tennessee Hope Access Grant

General Assembly Merit Scholarship

### PHARMACY SCHOLARSHIPS

AFPE First Year Graduate School Fellowships

Walgreens Diversity Scholarships

The F. Edward Hébert Armed Forces Health Professions Scholarship Program

William B. Simmons Memorial Scholarship

American Pharmacists Association Foundation Student Scholarship Program

American Society of Health System Pharmacists Student Leadership Awards

National Community Pharmacists Association Foundation Scholarships

Partners in Pharmacy

Walgreens Diversity & Inclusion Excellence Scholarship

Express Scripts Scholars

Tylenol Future Care Scholarships

For more information on the South College School of Pharmacy scholarships, visit [www.south.edu/programs/doctor-pharmacy/tuition-and-scholarships/](http://www.south.edu/programs/doctor-pharmacy/tuition-and-scholarships/).



# By the Numbers\*

## LOCATION

*Knoxville, Tennessee*

**65%**

out-of-state  
students

and

**35%**

in-state  
students

**64%**

female

**36%**

male

*\*As of June 2020*

## South College cultivates a culture of collaboration within its classes and wide variety of student organizations.

The majority of PharmD students relocate to Knoxville for the program, and student organizations provide an opportunity to meet like-minded students on campus while working on personal and professional development.

## COMMITMENT TO SERVICE

The South College School of Pharmacy actively participates in the social and intellectual growth of the communities we serve. The pharmacy industry and local communities benefit from the knowledge, experience, and expertise of our PharmD students in many ways, including:

- Local partnerships
- Collaborations
- Work-Study programs
- Community service
- Extension of school grants to partner organizations
- Industry associations
- Scholarly articles and presentations



*South College School of Pharmacy students visit a middle school to talk about medication safety.*





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