

## Guidelines for Student Admission to the Graduate Program in Pharmaceutical Sciences

All applications are reviewed in a holistic manner that takes into account all aspects of a particular application (academic performance, research and other experiences, etc.) There is no minimum cognitive score for selection to interview, but rather this decision is made by consensus vote of the admission committee following a discussion of the complete application.

1. Applicants are evaluated for admission to the Graduate Program in Pharmaceutical Sciences based on an Admission Score consisting of a Weighted Composite Score AND an Applicant Profile Score.
2. The Weighted Composite Score consists of the sum of the following components:
  - *Verbal GRE divided by 42.5 (maximum weight = 4)*
  - *Quantitative GRE divided by 42.5 (maximum weight = 4)*
  - *Undergraduate GPA (maximum weight = 4)*
  - *Science Course GPA (maximum weight = 4)*

The highest total composite scores an applicant can receive with this formula is 16. It weights the GRE equally with undergraduate and graduate performance, so that a poor performance in either can be mitigated by an outstanding performance in the other. Credit for completed prior Graduate Studies is also considered.

3. Applications are then submitted to Graduate Program Committee members for review of the applicant's individual profile. Members rank the applications with a maximum score of 10.0. Committee members' profile scores will be averaged and added to the Weighted Composite Score, giving the applicant's Admission Score. The highest Admission Score an applicant can receive with this formula is 26. Criteria considered in determining the Applicant Profile Score:
  - *TOEFL Score*
  - *Applicant's letters of reference*
  - *Universities attended*
  - *Prior work history/Research Experience (if any)*

Following this method, the GPC has carefully weighted the components of the application; 30% for the applicant's GRE, 30% for prior undergraduate and graduate scholastic performance, and 40% for the committee evaluation of the applicant's individual profile.

4. Following discussion in Graduate Program Committee meeting, individual profile scores may be adjusted by GPC members. Final profile scores are only a starting point for a discussion to extend an invitation to interview and do not represent a minimum score for admission consideration.
5. Applicants considered for admission upon approval of the GPC, program advisor, department chair and final approval of the GSBS Admissions Committee.
6. An applicant who is not admitted may apply again.
7. An applicant who is accepted in the program, issued an offer, and then declines the offer must reapply and go through the admissions process again should s/he wish to be considered for admission in a later term.
8. Graduate Research Assistants, whether funded by the State or through alternative sources, are provided for the duration of the student's studies.
9. Applicant Admission Ranking Chart EXAMPLE (see next page).

### Applicant Admission Ranking Scores for Spring 2017

Student R#	Last	First	Last Degree Earned	Current Residence	Area of Interest	Type of Program Applied For	GRE Verbal / 425	GRE Quant. / 425	Anal. Writ.	*TOEFL >650 - PB >213 - CB > 79 - IB IELTS >6.5	Max Scores		16	10	26	
											GPA	Science GPA				
<b>Ph.D. Applicants</b>																
Student A					DD	Spring	3	4	3	79	2	3	12	6.7	18.7	GPA Member A
Student B					Med Chem	Spring	3	4	4	Waived - US Degree	4	4	15	5.8	20.5	GPA Member B
Student C					Pharm/Neuro	Spring	3	4	3	6.5 (IELTS)	3	3	13	7.0	19.9	GPA Member C
							3.4	3.7	3.0		<b>Minimum Score</b>		12			GPA Member D
											3.0	3.1	13.2	6.5	19.7	GPA Member E

\* TOEFL scores are not part of the Weighted Composite Score. Listed to validate international students have met the required min of 79 -Internet based, 213 Computer based or 550 written.

Abbreviations for Areas of Interest	
DD	Drug Delivery
DDD	Drug Design & Discovery
BBB	Blood Brain Barrier
PK	Pharmacokinetics
Med Chem	Medicinal Chemistry
Pharm./Neuro.	Pharmacology & Neuroscience