The Pharmaceutical Studies program aims to empower students to be life-long learners who can think critically, communicate effectively, lead projects and work in groups. Through our emphasis on in-depth scientific knowledge that is bolstered by a broad liberal arts education, Pharmaceutical Studies majors find that they are excellently prepared to accept the mantle of being a pharmacist, but more importantly they find that they are ready to take on the responsibilities of solving the many problems facing their community.
“As a Pharmaceutical Studies major, I feel that I was exposed to many facets of pharmacy that I wouldn’t have learned about in other pre-pharmacy programs. I was able to take classes not only in chemistry and biology, but in management and sociology as well. I believe this exposure ultimately will make me a better health care provider. I was also privileged enough to work with students pursuing all facets of health care. As a result, I believe I’m better prepared to work on an interdisciplinary team.”

PAIGE GREENE  
Pharm.D. Candidate, Class of 2020

“Belmont’s pharmaceutical studies program was truly a perfect fit for me because between the intentional professors and the applicable curriculum, I have built a strong academic foundation. The pre-pharmacy program here has led me to being accepted into the College of Pharmacy after two years of undergraduate studies and will continue to help me flourish throughout pharmacy school.”

TEAGHAN CHEN  
Pharmaceutical Studies Major

WHAT MAKES US UNIQUE?

• Early Assurance Program: Qualified freshmen applicants may receive offers of admittance from the Belmont University College of Pharmacy.

• Students have the opportunity to conduct relevant undergraduate-driven research under the guidance of chemistry, biology or pharmacy faculty during the College of Sciences & Mathematics Summer Research Programs.

• Students are encouraged to become members of the American Pharmacist Association-Academy of Student Pharmacist (APHA-ASP) in which:
  • They are mentored by current pharmacy students.
  • They can network and participate at the national APHA meetings.

• The Pharmaceutical Studies program is located in the state-of-the-art Ayers Academic Center with over 38 science laboratories and may have access to additional laboratory space within the College of Pharmacy facility.

• All students receive individual advising by faculty members in their home department who help students identify and achieve career goals.

• All students may utilize the College of Pharmacy faculty as mentors as they progress toward pharmacy school.

IN & OUT OF THE CLASSROOM

An interdisciplinary approach from the areas of biology, chemistry and business allows students to complete coursework that provides the necessary background to meet the challenges that are often faced when entering the field of pharmacy. The program has two tracks, one for students interested in pharmacy school and the second for students interested in pharmaceutical sales. All students are encouraged to participate in undergraduate research so that they have additional opportunities to develop critical thinking skills while enhancing their knowledge in pharmacy related scientific questions. The curriculum and research opportunities provide students with a solid foundation for a variety of career paths including:

Certified Pharmacy Technician—Assists in a pharmacy under the guidance of a pharmacist.

Registered Pharmacist (Pharm.D.)—Practices pharmacy in a hospital or other clinical setting, a retail environment or in a pharmaceutical or insurance company.

Pharmaceutical Scientist (Ph.D.)—Has a doctoral degree in pharmaceutical sciences and is equipped to perform research in a pharmaceutical company or become a professor in a pharmacy school.

Pharmaceutical Representative—Involved in sales and marketing for a particular pharmaceutical company.