The VCU School of Pharmacy offers combined degree programs for highly motivated and qualified pharmacy students. These programs offer formal training in research in pharmaceutical sciences or in areas such as business administration, public health, and aging. The combined degree programs take advantage of efficiencies in both the professional and graduate programs while maintaining sufficient rigor, scope, and depth. These efficiencies typically allow students to graduate in a shorter period of time when compared to completing each program separately. Currently, there are four combined degree options available:

- PharmD/PhD
- PharmD/MBA
- PharmD/MPH
- PharmD/Certificate in Aging Studies

**Application process**

Students are strongly encouraged to contact the appropriate faculty representative of the combined degree programs before submitting a formal application. The list of faculty representatives is provided on the next page. The application deadlines are provided below; however, students are encouraged to apply as early as possible. A list of admissions requirements is provided on the next page.

### Required components CHECKLIST

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**Application to Graduate School**

(Box 843051, Richmond VA 23284)

- Online application – *be sure to indicate on the application which Combined Program you are applying. This will allow Graduate School to send us your application.*
- $50 nonrefundable application fee
- Test score (see Admission Requirements below)
- Statement of purpose - Please be sure to discuss which combined program you are applying for, previous research or other relevant experience, and why you are interested in the particular program.
- Transcripts – an original VCU transcript is needed
- 3 letters of reference
- Combined degree application form – see below

**Application to Combined Degree Program**

(Dr. Wu-Pong, 5th floor or Box 980581 Richmond VA 23298)

- A current version of your résumé or CV
- Letter of support from your prospective advisor - The letter should indicate whether the advisor or department will provide financial support if funding from the Dean’s Office is not available. (**only required for PhD applicants**)
All completed application packets consisting of BOTH a completed Combined Degree Program Application and photocopies of required components from the Graduate School application should be submitted directly to Dr. Susanna Wu-Pong, Director of the Pharmaceutical Sciences Graduate Program. Remember that applications must be reviewed first by the School of Pharmacy and then by the respective graduate programs (e.g., business, public health or gerontology), therefore the review process and the final admissions decision may take up to three (3) months. Applications should **not** be submitted directly to the external degree program.

### Program Admission Deadlines

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*The MPH and PharmD/PhD programs accept students only in the fall semester.

### Combined Degree Program Subcommittee Chairs

The chairs of the individual combined degree subcommittees are provided below. Please contact these individuals with any questions related to a specific program.

- **PharmD/PhD**
  - Dr. Jürgen Venitz
  - Associate Professor of Pharmaceutics
  - jvenitz@vcu.edu

- **PharmD/MBA**
  - Dr. David Holdford
  - Associate Professor of Pharmacotherapy and Outcomes Science
  - daholdfo@vcu.edu

- **PharmD/MPH**
  - Dr. Amy Pakyz
  - Associate Professor of Pharmacotherapy and Outcomes Science
  - apakyz@vcu.edu

- **PharmD/Cert. in Aging Studies**
  - Dr. Patricia Slattum
  - Associate Professor of Pharmacotherapy and Outcomes Science
  - pwslattu@vcu.edu

### Combined Degree Program Admission Requirements

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**GRE scores: V = Verbal Reasoning score; Q = Quantitative Reasoning score; W = Analytical Writing score.**

**BS equivalency can be certified by the VCU School of Pharmacy when a student has earned at least 120 cumulative credit hours at the time of application.**

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Instructions:
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The application deadline dates and subcommittee chairs are provided in the instruction packet. Upon approval by the appropriate Combined Degree Program Subcommittee the VCU Graduate School application will be forwarded to the appropriate program. Completed application packages should be submitted directly to the Director of the Pharmaceutical Sciences Graduate Program.

Name: ____________________________________________  V#____________________
Mailing address: ____________________________________________  Term of Entry____________
Street address or PO Box
____________________________________
City, State, ZIP code
Contact number: ____________________________________________
Email Address: ____________________________________________
Please select the desired combined degree program (Check only one):

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Do you have a previous degree? (If yes, describe in the area provided.)
Yes
No

What is your current year in pharmacy school?
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GPA: _____  Action: [ ] Forward  [ ] Reject  Date: __________

Student signature ____________________________________________  Student name (printed) ____________________________  Date __________

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