I. Program Description:

A. First 3 years are composed of course work, followed by a 1 year clerkship
   1. 9 different clerkships from which to choose.
   2. Pharmacy employers are recommending more clinical experience.
B. Applicants who pursue a pharm. D / Ph. D degree must first receive a bachelor’s degree.
C. The U. of U. Pharmacy school is part of the health care complex, which includes their medical school.
D. Graduates do exceptionally well on their board exams.
E. Pharmacists can now give immunization shots. Becoming more hands on.
F. The average salary for graduating pharmacist is $90,000 / year plus signing bonuses. Currently there is a real shortage of pharmacists.
G. About 50% of students have scholarships to help with the cost.
H. About 25% of students do residencies.

II. Admissions:

A. From approximately 200 applicants, 50 students are accepted into the program each year, all of which are Utah residents.
B. General education requirements must be met before admitted into the program.
   1. Applicants having a bachelor’s degree do not receive any advantage.
C. An average of classes taken multiple times is factored into the overall GPA.
D. Committee places greater emphasis on the science cumulative GPA than the overall GPA.
E. A writing component has been added to the PCAT.
F. The statement of purpose is the single most important part of the application process for the U.
   1. Students would do well to focus on the questions they are to address in their personal statement and build those area.
   2. If you botch a semester or do particularly poor in a class, you had better provide an explanation in your statement of purpose.
   3. Remember what you wrote in your statement of purpose. They will likely ask you about it.
G. Applicants should have at least 50 hours of experience working with a pharmacy. It is recommended these hours be gained through volunteer service.
H. The admission committee also highly recommends service throughout the community - interaction with the community in which they live.
I. All interviews are completed by March. Students can apply before they take the
PCAT and if they have no more than 3 core science courses pending.

J. Committee recommends calculus based physics, which helps with problem solving skills.

K. Applicants need 2 letters of recommendation. One from a science faculty and one from a work supervisor.

L. Recommend you take the KAPLAN if you can afford it in preparation of the PCAT. Barrons guide is to elementary.