

Attendance: 21

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.