Can I get into the BPharm directly from school?

No. Applicants completing a secondary qualification in New Zealand or overseas are not eligible to apply directly for the Bachelor of Pharmacy (BPharm) programme at the University of Auckland.

There are only two application categories into the BPharm programme:

1. First Year (FY)

FY applicants must complete (in 1st and 2nd semester in one academic year) the 8 courses (or equivalent) specified below. This may be achieved through the first year of either the Bachelor of Science (BSc) (various majors including BSc in Biomedical Science, Medicinal Chemistry, Food Science & Nutrition, Pharmacology) or the Bachelor of Health Sciences (BHSc) at The University of Auckland. Applicants must achieve a minimum GPA of 4.0 (B- average) across the 8 courses (or equivalent) specified below, including the 4 core courses (highlighted in bold), in order to be eligible for consideration for an admission interview.

All applicants deemed eligible will then be ranked on their grades achieved in the four core courses (highlighted below in bold).

Required FY programme of study (120 points)

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* During your First Year, you will take one General Education course from either the Faculty Schedule (EMHSS) or the Open Schedule (O), excluding BIOSCI 100G, MEDSCI 100G, MEDSCI 101G, POPHLTH 103G, POPHLTH 104G, Pharmacy 111G.

In all cases admission to the BPharm is dependent on performance at the admission interview as well as academic achievement.

2. Alternative Admissions (AA)

Applicants must have completed at least two years of full-time study in a degree programme from a recognised University to be eligible to apply under this category. Applicants who have achieved a minimum Grade Point Average (GPA) or Grade Point Equivalent (GPE) of 4.0 across last 2 years of fulltime study are eligible for interview consideration with each year weighted equally.

The applicant’s last year of full-time study should not have been more than 5 years prior to the year of application. Alternative Admissions applicants gaining admission to the BPharm programme may be required to complete all or some of the required FY courses initially in order to proceed to Part II, depending on the nature of previous studies.

Preferential Entry Categories

RRAS

Up to 11 places are allocated each intake for students who have undertaken EITHER the Yr 1 – Yr 8 of their pre-secondary education OR at least 3 years of secondary education in a regional or rural area. For the purpose of the scheme, a regional rural area is defined as any part of New Zealand that does not fall within the local authority boundaries of the Auckland, Hamilton, Tauranga, Wellington, Porirua, Hutt, Upper Hutt, Christchurch or Dunedin City Councils. Applicants may apply through either the FY or AA category.

MAPAS

This category is for students of Māori or Pacific descent. Up to 25 places in the BPharm programme will be offered to MAPAS candidates in each intake. Those applying under this scheme must be able to demonstrate a willingness to participate in their culture. Applicants may apply through either the FY or AA category.

In all cases admission to the BPharm is dependent on performance at the admission interview as well as academic achievement.

Do I need to have done three science subjects at school to be admitted into the BPharm programme?

For potential applicants to the Pharmacy programme we strongly recommend both Biology and Chemistry at Year 13 level. The reason that Chemistry and Biology are encouraged is that most of the Pharmacy programme relies on a strong academic foundation in these subjects.

At least one English rich subject is also strongly recommended. Beyond university entry standard, you will be required to demonstrate the ability to communicate well in written and spoken English, both for selection and progress through the degree.

Mathematics with Statistics, Mathematics with Calculus, and Physics are useful additional subjects.

FAQ – Pharmacy (BPharm)

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For more information please consult

The University of Auckland, New Zealand

Medical and Health Sciences
What if I have completed the first year of a BSc/BHSc, but do not meet the FY entry requirements as outlined above?

If you are enrolled in the First Year of either a BSc or BHSc at the University of Auckland, but have not undertaken all 4 core courses listed under FY entry (above), please contact the Faculty Admissions Office for advice: fmhs@auckland.ac.nz

What if I already have completed a degree in Pharmacy from overseas but want to gain a University of Auckland BPharm to register to practice in New Zealand?

You will not be admitted to the Bachelor of Pharmacy degree at the University of Auckland if you have already completed a pharmacy degree elsewhere.

Overseas trained pharmacists are encouraged to visit the Pharmacy Council of New Zealand website for information on New Zealand registration process.

What if I have partly completed a degree in Pharmacy from overseas but want to gain entry into the BPharm at the University of Auckland?

You are welcome to apply to our BPharm, but will be treated in exactly the same way as any other Alternative Admissions (AA) applicant. You must meet the same entry requirements and successfully complete an admission interview before entry. Some credits may be given for previous studies, but in most cases completion of the Bachelor of Pharmacy will still take between three and four years.

Can I transfer from the School of Pharmacy at Otago?

There are no formal transfer arrangements between the two Universities for BPharm. Students will need to provide a release letter from the University of Otago School of Pharmacy if they wish to apply to Auckland.

Such applicants will be treated in the same way as other Alternative Admissions (AA) applicants, i.e. they will require a minimum GPA of 4.0 (B- average) and will be interviewed if eligible.

Is there a mid-year intake for the Bachelor of Pharmacy?

No.

Can I go straight into the Bachelor of Pharmacy if I’m a Pharmacy Technician?

Not automatically. You must meet the entry requirements listed above and successfully complete an admissions interview. In order to gain a place in the BPharm programme, you must be able to demonstrate academic achievement at a university level to a good standard. This is to ensure you will be able to meet the academic demands of the programme.

A number of Pharmacy Technicians have entered the Bachelor of Pharmacy, normally after completing the First Year programme (e.g. BSc or BHSc) at the University of Auckland.

Will I get an admissions interview to the Bachelor of Pharmacy if I am a mature student but have not completed any tertiary studies?

No. You must meet the entry requirements listed above to be considered for an admissions interview.

Can I move from the Bachelor of Pharmacy to other clinical programmes in the Faculty, such as Medicine, after my first year if I wish?

No. Students are not eligible to transfer from the BPharm programme to the MBChB (medical) programme. You may apply after the completion of your degree, or you may transfer to other non-clinical programmes, such as the BSc and BHSc programmes.

BPharm students may potentially transfer to the Bachelor of Nursing programme.

Do I need to sit UMAT for BPharm?

No.

Are Australian students considered as International applicants?

No. Citizens and permanent residents of Australia, and students from the Cook Islands, Tokelau or Niue who are New Zealand citizens, are eligible for enrolment on the same basis as New Zealand students.

What if I am an International Student?

International applicants may compete for a limited number of places in the BPharm programme under the same two categories as domestic applicants.

What are the Pharmacy entry requirements for competence in English?

The Bachelor of Pharmacy degree requires a high level of competence in written and spoken English.

In order to practise as a pharmacist in New Zealand, you must be able to communicate well in English, this is evaluated at the interview and throughout the programme.

If your entrance qualifications are from an overseas institutions and your first language is not English, you will have to meet the University’s English requirements for admission and provide evidence of one of the following:
• an IELTS academic module to 6.5 (with no band less than 6.0), or;
• TOEFL 575 (paper-based) plus Essay (TWE) of 4.5 or 90 (internet-based) plus a Writing score of 21, or;
• a statement from your previous educational institution confirming that you have been taught in the medium of English, full time for a minimum of two years. This cannot include English language acquisition courses.

In addition, all students entering the programme must complete an English language competency assessment. Those students who are identified as having insufficient written or spoken skills must successfully complete additional English language classes to continue to Part III of the programme.

Are there any other English language requirements necessary to enter the Pharmacy profession?

It is important to note that the Pharmacy Council of New Zealand requires acceptable English competence before you can register as a pharmacist.

Before applying for pharmacy, you are strongly encouraged to ensure that your English competence is at an acceptable standard.

Postgraduate study: Can I do postgraduate study or research on completion of the Bachelor of Pharmacy degree?

Yes, there are many opportunities to take a variety of postgraduate qualifications, both in New Zealand and overseas, on completion of the BPharm. Most graduates complete their one year pre-registration training and register as pharmacists before undertaking postgraduate study. The School of Pharmacy offers a variety of postgraduate programmes in pharmacy practice and the pharmaceutical sciences, ranging from postgraduate certificate to doctoral level.

For further postgraduate information, please see the postgraduate section of the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences website: https://www.fmhs.auckland.ac.nz/en/faculty/for/future-postgraduates.html

Applications for the BPharm close 1 October: Late or incomplete applications will NOT be accepted.
Application Checklist

Please note: all documents are required by 01 October

University Admissions Office

☐ Apply for the BPharm programme: Apply Now
☐ Make sure you have submitted all the required documentations

Phone: 0800 61 62 63 or +64 9 308 2386
Email: studentinfo@auckland.ac.nz

Faculty Admissions Office

☐ MAPAS applicants only: must complete online MH04 Supplementary Information Form by the application deadline.

Phone: 0800 20 20 99
Email: mapas@auckland.ac.nz

What next?

☐ Make yourself available during the interviewing period. See faculty website for Important Dates
   All admissions interviews are usually held in late November. You must attend in person. Applicants unable to attend their interview on the relevant date will not be considered further.

☐ Shortlisted applicants will be notified by e-mail in early-mid November. If offered an admission interview, please respond promptly to ensure your place.

☐ Ensure your contact details are up-to-date on the Student Services Online. Please also inform fmhs@auckland.ac.nz of any changes so that we can communicate with you effectively during the admissions period.

* As selection criteria may change from year to year, applicants should consult the faculty website, prospectus or the faculty admissions office for the latest information.