



Masters in Pharmacy Administration: Pharmaceutical Economics and Policy Residency Program

The Pan-American Health Organization – World Health Organization (PAHO) and the College of Pharmacy, The Ohio State University (OSU) are pleased to announce the first edition of the Masters and Residence Program in Pharmaceutical Economics and Policy.

Course Work

The 2-year program will begin in September of 2003. Students will complete 50 credit hours of graduate course work during the two academic years at The Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio. The coursework will train students in the conceptualization, design, analysis, and evaluation of pharmaceutical policies. Students will develop expertise in such areas as economic evaluation, the evaluation of pharmaceutical programs, drug policy, drug regulation, principles of personnel management, pharmaceutical marketing, research methodology, and current trends in pharmacy and the pharmaceutical market.

The PAHO Residency piece of the program will require that students spend two summers and the University quarter breaks in Washington, DC, where they will work under the supervision of PAHO technical experts in the various aspects of the “Pharmaceutical Clearinghouse of the Americas (PCA).”

The PCA is a joint initiative of the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), and the World Bank(WB) and several other key institutions, aimed at providing the most up-to-date, relevant and comparable information on the pharmaceutical sector for all the countries of the Americas. The PCA includes a description and analysis of the pharmaceutical sector and constitutes a supportive tool for designing, implementing and monitoring pharmaceutical policies.

The PAHO residency component of the Masters Program will provide the setting in which students may put into practice the theories they have studied in the classroom. Assigned project agreed between the student and PAHO supervisors will be carried out through practical application and collaboration with PAHO technical experts during the residency. Students will continue their residency assignment work during the academic year through independent research. Updates and reports will be submitted to their PAHO project supervisors at regular intervals throughout the year.

Graduates will earn a Master of Science degree from The Ohio State University (OSU), College of Pharmacy. The Ohio State University is one of the most comprehensive academic health science centers in the United States, and the OSU College of Pharmacy is one of the top ranking Colleges of Pharmacy in the United States. In addition, graduates will gain a more profound knowledge of the pharmaceutical sector and pharmaceutical policy issues in the Americas, and a practical experience in how to apply their academic training to address these issues.

Who Can Apply

University graduates and early-career professionals are encouraged to apply. Successful applicants will come from professional work and/or academic study in the fields of Pharmacy, Economics or Public Policy.

Application Process

Deadline for submitting applications to start in September 2003 is **July 15, 2003**. Only complete applications will be accepted. Incomplete applications will be returned. Submit the application form with a cover letter (preferably in English) indicating why you are interested in the program and what you expect to gain from the experience.

Students will be notified whether or not they have been admitted on **July 30, 2003**.

Cost of the Program

Upon acceptance into the program, students must register at the OSU (Please consult OSU web site at www.osu.edu).

The OSU will require proof of financial support to cover all fees and costs related with the Master. Payment schedules may be arranged with the University Financial Office.

- Tuition (including all fees) for the course is US\$21,000
- Health Insurance, which will be arranged through the PAHO office, is required for all international students. Cost of insurance will be \$1,550 for the two-year period.

In some cases, Fellowships will be awarded to applicants with exceptional qualifications. Students will be notified if they qualify for Fellowship funds.

Course Schedule (exact dates will vary each year)

Academic year at OSU begins mid September of each year and ends mid June.

Residency program begins mid June of each year and end mid September. In addition, students will be required to spend their university quarter breaks in Washington, DC working with their PAHO project supervisors on the Pharmaceutical Clearinghouse of the Americas.

Vacation

Students will have two weeks of vacation over the Christmas/ New Year holidays, and two weeks of vacation during the summer.

International Applicants

Students who are admitted to the program must be proficient in English. Application requires proof of English proficiency. Upon acceptance into the program, international students will be advised on the process for obtaining a U.S. J-1 visa.

For more information

For additional information on the course descriptions, and the University professor backgrounds, please consult the Handbook for Graduate Study or write to:

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