



**P1 INFORMATIONAL BROCHURE**  
**2021**

# WELCOME CLASS OF 2025!

Congratulations on your acceptance to Xavier University of Louisiana College of Pharmacy!



*Kathleen Kennedy, Pharm D.,  
Dean College of Pharmacy*

The profession of pharmacy provides a wide range of career opportunities. Included in the College's mission is the goal to prepare pharmacists who will impact medically underserved communities through patient-centered care, community service, and scholarly work. During the recent COVID-19 pandemic, pharmacists have been called upon to take an active role in testing as well as educating the community about the disparities that have been revealed. As graduates, you will be an active member of the health care team working to improve the quality of care in these communities to move toward health equity. I look forward to getting to know each of you. Again, welcome!



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# P1 STUDENT ORIENTATION

The P1 Student Orientation will be held Aug 16-18, 2021 in the College of Pharmacy Qatar Pavilion. All first year students are required to attend the program in order to retain their seats in the first year class. The attire for this event is professional dress. Please refer to the student dress code on the College's webpage [www.xula.edu/cop/current-newp1.php](http://www.xula.edu/cop/current-newp1.php). A schedule of activities for the orientation program will be available on the webpage at a later date.



During the orientation, new students are given information about the College of Pharmacy (COP) experience in areas such as academic advising and registration, student retention and success (AEP Program and VIMS Initiative), professional development, the Professional Experience Program, student rights and responsibilities, professional organizations and leadership development, and Louisiana Board of Pharmacy requirements. All of these topics are presented to ease students' adjustment into the demanding pharmacy program. Failure to attend Orientation will result in forfeiture of student's seat in the incoming class.

We are looking forward to an exciting orientation session for our new pharmacy students. Your first day (August 16th) will be "Professionalism Day". On this day you will hear from the Dean's Office and staff in the Office of Student Affairs (OSA) and the Professional Experience Program (PEP) to review expectations of professional students and requirements that each student should fulfill both to get started and to continue on throughout the program.

OSA staff will review the "Academic and Ethical Handbook" and start preparations for your "White Coat Ceremony" where you will receive your first white coat (our universal symbol of professionalism) and take your professional student portrait. PEP staff will introduce you to the IPPE/APPE (Introductory/Advanced Professional Practice Experience) rotations required of pharmacy students throughout the curriculum. In addition, you will start your first Inter-professional practice reflection to begin documenting your professional development throughout your pharmacy education.

*Due to the current COVID19 Pandemic, orientation location is pending per university guidelines. More information to follow.*



## SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

The College of Pharmacy offers a scholarship opportunity for entering pharmacy students under the Title III Program. To be considered, applicants must have a minimum pre-pharmacy grade point average of 3.00 and financial need as indicated by the EFC index on FAFSA. Failure to submit a FAFSA to Financial Aid Office will deem an applicant for the Title III Scholarship ineligible. Additional consideration will be given to first-generation college students. In addition, an applicant must submit the following:

- (1) Title III application form [CLICK HERE](#)
- (2) a 300-word typed, double spaced essay that includes a statement of your professional goals (including any plans for post-graduate training and/or research) and personal financial need. Letters of recommendation submitted for the admissions applications will be used for the Title III evaluation process.

Deadline for submission: **June 18, 2021.**

For additional questions please contact by email: [rschexna@xula.edu](mailto:rschexna@xula.edu)

## TRANSIENT REGISTRATION FOR SUMMER COURSES

If you **are not** currently enrolled at Xavier University and you would like to complete College of Pharmacy (COP) prerequisite requirements this summer, you must apply to the university as a Transient Student. Applicants interested in applying to Xavier University as a Visiting/Guest student must complete a *Transient Student Application for Admission*. Upon completing the Transient Application, the University Admissions Office will send you an email with important information about the status of your application; (Complete or Missing documents). Health HOLD will not allow transient student to register themselves.

Transient Acceptance to the University Admissions Office will include:

1. ID# 900
2. DIRECTION LOGIN
3. XULA.EDU email
4. Send email to registrar's office
5. CRN #
6. TITLE OF CLASS

Contact the registrar's office at 504 520-6790 to register for class

Summer Session I-Class begin Monday, May 24, 2021

Summer Session II – Class begin June 28, 2021

**To Submit Transient Application Please Visit:** <https://www.xula.edu/transientstudents>

Due to current pandemic guidelines, transient applicants are permitted to take online classes ONLY.

Registration dates for summer sessions as well as other important information is located on our web site at

<http://www.xula.edu/summercourses>

Please note that the College of Pharmacy cannot guarantee registration in individual classes. Class size and available seats/overrides are determined by individual departments through which a particular course is offered.

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## PHARMACY PRE-MATRICULATION SUMMER PROGRAM

The Pharmacy Pre-Matriculation Summer Program (PPMSP) will be held in a virtual format from July 1 - 30, 2021. The program introduces first-year students to the rigors of the professional program and acclimates them to the professional student environment. The four-week program will include instruction in human anatomy and physiology and a lab component, pharmacy calculations, pharmaceutical biochemistry, molecular biology, and professional practice (top 200 drugs and medical terminology). The program is open to all incoming students. The program calendar will be sent at a later date. It will include course meeting times, tutor availability, and other scheduled activities. For students who are interested in voluntary participation in the PPMSP, please contact please contact Mrs. Niesha Baker at [nccooke@xula.edu](mailto:nccooke@xula.edu).

*"I love that we had the opportunity to meet our future professors and sort of begin to gain an understanding of how they teach. Another part of PPMSP that I really found helpful was hearing the current students speak on their own experiences and share ways they've learned to succeed in the College of Pharmacy. I really loved the whole experience and found it all to be super beneficial."*

-PPMSP Student Summer 2020

## EARLY REGISTRATION ASSESSMENT

The Student Accounts Office will mail an Early Registration Assessment forms to students by June 20, 2021. These forms will initiate the PEARL (Pay Early Avoid Registration Lines) process. Please be sure to sign all of the required documents and return them to the Student Accounts Office along with your required payment by July 19, 2021.

Note: Any student who is not fiscally cleared by Friday, August 20, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. will be de-registered from classes. All de-registered students will be assessed a late registration fee of \$100 beginning Monday, August 23, 2021.

The Office of Student Affairs will register each new P1 student for the Fall 2021 semester. You will receive the name of your advisor during the orientation program. Any financial aid issues should be resolved with the Financial Aid Office before registration.

## CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE SCHOLARS PROGRAM

Xavier University College of Pharmacy has been designated by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) as a Center of Excellence in recognition of the number of African American pharmacists it has produced since 1927. The purpose of the Centers of Excellence (COE) Scholars Program is to educate and train African American students in research methods and to provide opportunities for them to participate in basic and clinical research. The ultimate goal is to increase the number of minorities in biomedical research or academia. Selected students will be enrolled in the program for up to 3 years (P1-P3 years). They will work with their faculty mentors up to 10 hours a week during the fall and spring semesters and full-time for 8 weeks during the summer:

**For more information, please contact**

**Dr. KiTani Parker-Lemieux at [kparker1@xula.edu](mailto:kparker1@xula.edu).**

## HOUSING AND MEALS

Students who have completed a housing application will be notified of the assignment (if space is available) and of the check-in process with dates via their student email account in July. The cafeteria will be open during the academic year to provide meals for students with a housing contract during the orientation period. For additional information, please contact the Office of Residential Education at (504) 520-7321 or by email [reslife@xula.edu](mailto:reslife@xula.edu).





# STUDENT RETENTION AND SUCCESS (SRS)



Welcome to the COP! The Office of Student Affairs (OSA) SRS staff members are committed to providing all students with the services and resources needed to succeed. We strive to make a difference in our students' academic progress. The programs and services offered, have been found to aid in pharmacy students' overall adjustment to the COP. Read about our initiatives and students' perceptions of Academic Enrichment Program (AEP) resources. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. We look forward to meeting and interacting with our new P1 students-the Class of 2025!

Dr. Linda Blakley,  
Associate Dean for Student Affairs



## ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

Established in Fall 2009, the Academic Enrichment Program provides academic support and resources for ALL students in the COP. In addition, the program concentrates on the Early Identification of students struggling academically and then provides Early Interventions to improve student performance in COP courses.

Components of the AEP include:

- Meeting with Counselors (SAPS Coordinators)
- Study schedule development
- Peer-tutoring program
- Seminars (i.e. test-taking, organizational skills, study skills)
- Course-specific review sessions
- Peer-mentoring

Student Testimonials:

*"Tutor led review sessions are extremely beneficial."*

*"The students that take the time to help us have been through the course before and know the instructor and this type of help is what is needed to be successful in our classes."*

**AEP Resources** - Information is available in the AEP to improve study skills, test preparation and note taking. Please visit COP Room 206 for more information.

## PHARMACY INDUCTION PROCESS



**MOTTO:**  
**LEAVE NO P1 BEHIND**

The Vanguard Interactive Mentoring Scholars (VIMS) Initiative, is an online mentoring program via Facebook® for first-year (P1) students in the COP. P1 protégés are matched in groups with P2 and P3 mentors that are chosen based on their success in the COP.


The VIMS initiative is designed to support P1 students' induction into the College and help them acclimate into the COP school culture. The dialogues that occur online are engaging as well as an informative approach to help P1's "learn the ropes". Read what COP Students are Saying About VIMS...

"Having a VIMS Mentor that you can always go to for advice, motivation, and help when you are struggling makes Pharmacy School that much more worth it. Knowing that you have so many people that have your back and are on your side. Sometimes you need to talk with someone who is going through the same things you are or have been through. Tutoring always helps to figure out what you don't know, comprehend what you know, and how to study for certain professors/classes."

—K. Webber, COP Class of 2024

## THE PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE PROGRAM (PEP)

The Professional Experience Program (PEP) Office manages experiential training of all students enrolled in the COP. The purpose of the Professional Experience Program (PEP) within the College of Pharmacy is to expose students to various pharmacy practice experiences within the profession. This is accomplished through the Introductory Pharmacy Practice Experience (IPPE) and Advanced Pharmacy Experience (APPE) as structured experiential courses. Students are exposed to the concept of professionalism, developing practice skills and gaining exposure to a variety of career opportunities. Ultimately, PEP coordinates opportunities for active participation and comprehensive experiences such that students gain the required skills and judgement necessary within the pharmacy profession. All affiliate partner sites require proof of health immunizations and additional information (see below) of all students participating in the experiential training program.



*The College of Pharmacy is in the process of switching to American Databank for documentation of required immunizations and other PEP requirements. Students entering the COP for Fall 2021 will receive more detailed information for document submission once the process is finalized.*

HIPAA Infection Control – HIPAA Infection Control Training is a required annual prerequisite for experiential rotations in a pharmacy and healthcare environment. Training is due prior to the start of the Fall Semester. PEP will email directives to you prior to the start of the Fall Semester.

**\*\*\*Any Missing Documents May Cause a delay in Registration\*\*\*.**

If you have any questions regarding PEP requirements, please contact the PEP Office directly at **[xupep@xula.edu](mailto:xupep@xula.edu) or (504) 520-5633.**



## LOUISIANA BOARD OF PHARMACY BACKGROUND CHECK

All students enrolled in a College of Pharmacy in the state of Louisiana must register with the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy (LABP) before the end of their first semester. New students must download and complete the pharmacy intern application from the LABP website ([www.pharmacy.la.gov](http://www.pharmacy.la.gov)) and mail the form to the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy as instructed. This process should be initiated during summer 2021.

Please make note of the following:

- Do not use the pharmacy technician forms also found on this site.
- Criminal Background packets will be mailed to the student at the address submitted during admissions application. Only criminal background reports created through the LABP's packet will be accepted by the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy.
- The background check required by the Board of Pharmacy is separate and apart from the background check required by the PEP office.
- Any intern hours received prior to entering the College of Pharmacy **will not** be used toward IPPE or APPE required experiences.

By September 30, 2021, the College of Pharmacy will submit to the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy a list of students officially registered. Upon completion of registration and submission of the required forms, the Board of Pharmacy will issue a student permit for working under the supervision of a Registered Pharmacist in the state of Louisiana.

For further information, contact the Credential Division of the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy at: [info@pharmacy.la.gov](mailto:info@pharmacy.la.gov) or (225) 925-6496.



## IMPORTANT DATES

**TITLE III SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION - JUNE 18, 2021**

**EARLY REGISTRATION ASSESSMENT - JUNE 20, 2021**

**PRE-MATRICULATION SUMMER PROGRAM (PPMSP) - JULY 1 - JULY 30, 2021**

**PEP HEALTH REQUIREMENTS - TBA**

**SPRING TRANSCRIPTS - JUNE 30, 2021**

**SUMMER I TRANSCRIPTS - JUNE 30, 2021**

**SUMMER II TRANSCRIPTS - AUGUST 6, 2021**

**A GRADE OF "C" OR BETTER IS REQUIRED IN ALL COMPLETED COURSES. THE COLLEGE OF PHARMACY WILL RESCIND YOUR ADMISSION IF YOU HAVE NOT COMPLETED**

**ALL OF YOUR PREPHARMACY REQUIREMENTS BY - AUGUST 6, 2021**

**WHITE COAT CEREMONY - TBA**

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# 2021 P1 CHECKLIST

- Send in Admissions Deposits & Course Completion Form
- Submit Spring Academic Update in PharmCAS
- Send in Fall PEARL payment to Student Account
- Summer School Enrollment for Pre-pharm deficiencies
- Submit Spring and/or Summer transcript(s)
- Submit Title III Application (if eligible)
- Submit XU Health Services Immunizations
- Submit PEP additional requirement immunizations
- Submit CPR Certification to PEP Office
- Submit Background check to LA Board of Pharmacy
- Check PPMSP updates (if applicable)
- Finalize Housing for FALL 2021
- Schedule AEP Interview (if Applicable)
- Review XUCOP Dress Code - go shopping
- Reserve Orientation dates
- Check BANNER for P1 Schedule (late summer)



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