If you’re a current UW–Madison undergraduate student, you have access to dedicated, structured pre-pharmacy advising at the School of Pharmacy. Please choose the School of Pharmacy as your advising group option when you make your SOAR reservation in April. We’re here to help you with:

- Career paths related to pharmacy, pharmacology, and toxicology
- Understanding prerequisites and developing a plan for completion
- Accessing courses and guidance on how to sequence classes
- PharmD and PharmTox curriculum and degree options
- Admissions selection criteria
- Application process and components

Who is a pre-pharmacy student? A pre-pharmacy student is anyone who is taking the courses necessary to be considered for admission to the Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) professional program and/or the BS in Pharmacology and Toxicology (PharmTox) at the UW–Madison School of Pharmacy. Completion of prerequisite coursework does not guarantee admission as admission is selective and competitive.

How do I get started with pre-pharmacy advising? Schedule your pre-pharmacy advising appointment using the Starfish app (https://wisc.starfishsolutions.com/starfish-ops/) in MyUW. Search for “Kendra Gurnee” to meet with the pre-PharmTox advisor or “Amy Zwaska” to meet with the pre-PharmD advisor. Any UW–Madison student with any major or no major can access our dedicated pre-pharmacy advising services at the School of Pharmacy. Individual appointments are typically scheduled for 30 minutes.

If you experience any trouble with the scheduling process:

- You can get help with Starfish here (https://advising.wisc.edu/facstaff/starfish/starfish-student-resources/).
- You can also contact the School of Pharmacy Student and Academic Affairs Office at 608-262-6234 to set up your advising appointment.

Due to the selective nature of the PharmD and PharmTox admissions processes, interested students are encouraged to meet with School of Pharmacy advisors early and often to explore our programs and get valuable guidance about prerequisites, selection criteria, application timeline/procedures, and career opportunities. We recommend that you meet with your pre-pharmacy advisor at least once per semester.

For more information on preparing for and applying to our programs, visit our admissions resources for PharmD (https://pharmacy.wisc.edu/academics/pharmd/admissions/) and PharmTox (https://pharmacy.wisc.edu/academics/pharm-tox/admissions/).