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Overview

At the CU Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, we're proud of our programs. CU Pharmacy was ranked in the top 15 percent of pharmacy schools in the country. Our faculty are invited to write the textbook that all students learn from, our students consistently outperform other schools by winning national competitions and surpassing national licensing pass rates and faculty are lauded nationally with education and clinical awards.

Nationwide school rankings, licensing pass rates, **employment and residency outcomes**, and on-time graduation rates show that our school is exceptional.

To achieve its vision and mission, the school is committed to:

- **Recruiting, developing and retaining innovative and productive faculty and staff members** who contribute to the advancement of pharmacy education, research, scholarship and practice.
- **Providing expanded and innovative educational opportunities** that develop outstanding entry-level pharmacy practitioners who are

motivated to advance pharmacy practice and the profession and to prepare scientists who are motivated to contribute to health and well-being through scientific research and scholarly pursuits.

- **Advancing the practice of pharmacy** through development of innovations in pharmacy practice and delivery of superior patient care, including serving as active members of collaborative healthcare care teams committed to patient care and well-being.
- **Improving health through research and scholarship** by being the innovators and leaders in research that promotes basic discovery, translation to clinical practice, medication evaluation and optimization of medication use. Through communication of research findings, foster enhanced knowledge in professional, graduate and post-graduate learners.
- **Providing leadership and service to our communities** by actively engaging with its many communities and local, national and global communities that would derive substantial benefit from the school's collective knowledge and expertise.
- **Achieving excellence through continuous quality improvement.**
- **Develop innovative strategies** to identify and exploit opportunities that allow the school to make major advances in its mission areas.

Accreditation

The Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences was re-accredited thru June 2026 by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE), the national agency for the accreditation of professional degree programs in pharmacy and providers of continuing pharmacy education.

What is Accreditation?

Accreditation is a voluntary, non-governmental process of external quality review used by higher education to inspect colleges, universities and higher education programs for quality assurance and improvement.

Aside from the promise of overall quality educational opportunities, an institution's accreditation status provides students with the ability to qualify for federal funding and financial aid and to transfer credits to other programs that are also accredited. Accreditation can be required for professional licensure and is extremely appealing to employers.

Like all schools of pharmacy in the U.S., the University of Colorado Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE), a national agency for the accreditation of professional degree programs in pharmacy and providers of continuing pharmacy education. ACPE was established in 1932 for the accreditation of pre-service education, and in 1975 its scope of activity was broadened to include accreditation of providers of continuing pharmacy education.

Obtaining Accreditation

The process of accreditation is quite involved requiring the school to complete several steps in the accreditation process including:

- Preparation and self-examination
- Written self-study report of accomplishments
- Site visit by a team comprised of peer reviewers, and a representative from the accrediting body
- Judgment by the accrediting body
- Continuous review

By accepting accreditation status, a school agrees to uphold the quality standards set by the accreditation organization and agrees to periodically submit to accreditation renewal review.

More about ACPE

ACPE is an autonomous and independent agency whose board of directors is derived through the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy, the American Pharmacists Association, the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (three appointments each), and the American Council on Education (one appointment).

To learn more about our school's accreditation status or about the accreditation process, contact ACPE (<https://www.acpe-accredit.org/>).

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 - Pharmaceutical Sciences (PhD) (<http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-anschutz/schools-colleges-programs/skaggs-school-pharmacy/pharmacy-phd-programs/pharmaceutical-sciences-phd/>)
 - Toxicology (PhD) (<http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-anschutz/schools-colleges-programs/skaggs-school-pharmacy/pharmacy-phd-programs/toxicology-phd/>)

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