

Pre-Pharmacy - Science with Chemistry Concentration Program

Associate in Science

Minimum of 61-64 credit hours

As a pharmacist, it will be your job not only to dispense drugs prescribed by doctors to your customers, but also to advise doctors on dosages and the effects of medication. Today, pharmacists are also becoming more involved in counseling patients and planning drug therapy programs. The pharmaceutical business is booming, with researchers discovering new drugs for a variety of ailments every day. At Oklahoma City Community College, you can earn an associate degree in chemistry with a pre-pharmacy option. Then, you'll be ready to transfer to a four-year college or university to complete any additional prerequisites before applying to a college of pharmacy.

Course Sequence

| Course ID | Course Name | Credits | Type | Min Gd |
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| Suggested Freshman 1st Semester | | | | |
| SCL 1001 | Success in College and Life | 1 | Life Skills | |
| ENGL 1113 | English Composition I | 3 | Gen Ed | |
| CHEM 1115 | General Chemistry I | 5 | Gen Ed | C |
| POLSC 1113 | American Federal Government | 3 | Gen Ed | |
| MATH 1483 | Functions and Modeling* | 3 | Gen Ed | C |
| Suggested Freshman 2nd Semester | | | | |
| ENGL 1213 | English Composition II | 3 | Gen Ed | |
| CHEM 1215 | General Chemistry II | 5 | Major | C |
| MATH 1743 | Calculus I for Business, Life Sciences, and Social Sciences | 3 | Gen Ed | |
| BIO 1124 | General Biology I (Majors) | 4 | Gen Ed | |
| Suggested Sophomore 1st Semester | | | | |
| CHEM 2114 | Organic Chemistry I | 4 | Major | C |
| CHEM 2111 | Organic Chemistry I Laboratory | 1* | Major | C |
| PHYS 1114 | College Physics I | 4 | Gen Ed | |
| PSY 1113 | General Psychology | 3 | Gen Ed | |
| HUM | Humanities Elective | 3 | Gen Ed | |
| Suggested Sophomore 2nd Semester | | | | |
| HIST 1483 | U.S. History to 1877 | OR | Gen Ed | |
| HIST 1493 | U.S. History 1877 to Present | 3 | Gen Ed | |
| CHEM 2124 | Organic Chemistry II | 4 | Major | C |
| CHEM 2121 | Organic Chemistry II Laboratory | 1* | Major | C |
| CH PP SUPP ELEC | Pre-Pharmacy Support Electives | 5-8 | Support | |
| HUM | Humanities Elective | 3 | Gen Ed | |

Course Grouping

Major Courses: (15 credit hours) CHEM 1215 (C); CHEM 2114 (C); CHEM 2111* (C); CHEM 2124 (C); CHEM 2121* (C)

General Education Courses: (40 credit hours) English: ENGL 1113; ENGL 1213; History: HIST 1483 or HIST 1493; Political Science: POLSC 1113; Chemistry: CHEM 1115 (C); Physics: PHYS 1114; Biological Science: BIO 1124; Humanities: Six credit hours; Social Sciences: PSY 1113; Mathematics: MATH 1483 (C); MATH 1743

Life Skills Courses: (1 credit hour) Life Skills: SCL 1001

Support Courses: (5-8 credit hour) Five to eight credit hours chosen from the following approved support courses: BIO 1134, BIO 2125**, BIO 2203, BIO 2215, BIO 2234, BIO 2255, CHEM 2990, COM 2213, CS 1143, CS 2163, CS 2363, ECON 2123, ECON 2143, ENGL 1233, ENGL 2143, Any ENGR, MATH 1533 (C), MATH 1613, MATH 2013, MATH 2123, MATH 2104, MATH 2214, MATH 2314, MATH 2413, PHYS 1214, PHYS 2014, PHYS 2114, or SOC 1113.

*Pending OSRHE approval

(C) A grade of "C" or higher must be achieved.

Program Notes

Notes: This program is designed for students planning to continue their education at a four-year college or university. See the front general section for information and requirements about University Parallel/Transfer Programs.

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** BIO 2125- Microbiology is a prerequisite for admission to the College of Pharmacy at the University of Oklahoma Health Science Center.

Degree Program Course Descriptions

BIO 1124 - General Biology I (Majors)

Prerequisites: ENGL 0203 or adequate placement score or by meeting determined placement measures; MATH 0313 or adequate math placement.

4 Credits An introductory course required for all biological science majors and pre-health profession students. The fundamental principles of biology are described using a cellular approach. Students gain knowledge regarding the chemical basis of life, structural characteristics of cells to include a discussion of energetics, metabolism and genetics. Evolution and ecology are also discussed in order to provide an understanding of both the diversity of living organisms and the living world. Students recognize, discuss and correctly apply fundamental biological principles influencing their personal relationship with other life forms. A discussion of the scientific method, logical (deductive) reasoning, hypothesis testing and some common fallacies and misconceptions that cloud scientific explanations of the natural world are included. Laboratory work, an integral and required part of the course, will enhance the student's understanding of fundamental biological concepts as well as scientific procedures, laboratory technical skills, dissection and statistical analysis.

CH PP SUPP ELEC - Pre-Pharmacy Support Electives

5-8 Credits Five to eight credit hours chosen from the following approved support courses: BIO 1134, BIO 2125, BIO 2203, BIO 2215, BIO 2234, BIO 2255, CHEM 2990, COM 2213, CS 1143, CS 2163, CS 2363, ECON 2123, ECON 2143, ENGL 1233, Any ENGR, MATH 1533 (C), MATH 1613, MATH 2013, MATH 2104, MATH 2123, MATH 2214, MATH 2314, MATH 2413, PHYS 1214, PHYS 2014, PHYS 2114, SOC 1113, or ENGL 2143.

CHEM 1115 - General Chemistry I

Prerequisites: ENGL 0203, adequate placement score, or by meeting determined placement measures; MATH 1483 or MATH 1533, or both MATH 0313 and High School Chemistry or CHEM 1123.

5 Credits This course is designed for science and engineering majors. The course covers nomenclature, atomic and molecular structure, stoichiometry, acid/base and other aqueous reactions, states of matter, phase changes, gas laws, and an introduction to thermochemistry. Laboratory experience is an integral part of the course.

CHEM 1215 - General Chemistry II

Prerequisites: CHEM 1115 with a grade of "C" or better; MATH 1483 or MATH 1533 with a grade of "C" or better.

5 Credits This course is a continuation of CHEM 1115 with emphasis on thermochemistry, intermolecular forces, properties of solutions, acid/base properties, kinetics, equilibrium, thermodynamics, electrochemistry, and organic chemistry. Laboratory is an integral part of the course.

CHEM 2111 - Organic Chemistry I Laboratory

Prerequisites: Concurrent enrollment in CHEM 2114 or completion of CHEM 2114 with a "C" or better

1 Credit Designed to accompany Organic Chemistry I lecture, this lab course emphasizes techniques used for purifying and characterizing organic compounds, including infrared spectroscopy. Writing lab reports is an integral part of the course.

CHEM 2114 - Organic Chemistry I

Prerequisites: CHEM 1215 with a grade of "C" or better.

4 Credits This course is the first of a two-semester sequence of organic chemistry for science and chemical engineering majors as well as students seeking to enter the fields of medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, and veterinary medicine. Students will master the fundamental concepts of structure, functional groups, and reactions of aliphatic compounds along with selected reaction mechanisms.

CHEM 2121 - Organic Chemistry II Laboratory

Prerequisites: CHEM 2111 with a "C" or better and either concurrent enrollment in CHEM 2124 or completion of CHEM 2124 with a "C" or better

1 Credit Designed to accompany Organic Chemistry II lecture, this lab course emphasizes organic synthesis and structure analysis methods such as proton NMR. Writing lab reports is an integral part of the course.

CHEM 2124 - Organic Chemistry II

Prerequisites: CHEM 2114 with a grade of "C" or better.

4 Credits This course is the second of a two-semester sequence of organic chemistry for science and chemical engineering majors as well as students seeking to enter the fields of medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, and veterinary medicine. Students will master the concepts of structural theory, reactions, and reaction mechanisms of the principal functional groups of organic compounds which were not included in the first course.

ENGL 1113 - English Composition I

Prerequisites: ENGL 0203, adequate placement score, or by meeting determined placement measures

3 Credits The student will write well-developed compositions which demonstrate the principles of unity, coherence, and organization and which contain specific details and vivid language. The students will locate library material and incorporate researched materials into compositions.

ENGL 1213 - English Composition II

Prerequisites: ENGL 1103 or ENGL 1113 taken within the last year, with strong encouragement for immediate continuation.

3 Credits In this advanced writing course, students will create essays that explore and evaluate a variety of issues and perspectives suggested by fiction, poetry, drama, essays, and other types of cultural texts. Students will refine and augment the writing techniques they learned in ENGL 1113 or ENGL 1103 to develop well-reasoned, well-structured arguments in a clear, fluid, and engaging prose style.

HIST 1483 - U.S. History to 1877

Prerequisites: ENGL 0203, adequate placement score, or by meeting determined placement measures

3 Credits After analyzing events in American history from 1400 to 1877 in such areas as revolution, geographic and social mobility, political reform, government precedents and war, students will be able to identify patterns of present day mobility, describe governmental operations in their society and help resolve conflict in society based on the student's search for change, precedents, and conflict in the American past. A general education requirement.

HIST 1493 - U.S. History 1877 to Present

Prerequisites: ENGL 0203, adequate placement score, or by meeting determined placement measures

3 Credits After analyzing events in American history from 1877 to the present in such areas as geographic and social mobility, political reform, government precedents and war, students will be able to identify patterns of present day mobility, describe governmental operations in their society and help resolve conflict in society based on the student's search for change, precedents, and conflict in the American past. A general education requirement.

HUM - Humanities Elective

3 Credits Humanities elective

MATH 1483 - Functions and Modeling*

Prerequisites: MATH 0313 or adequate math placement; ENGL 0203, adequate placement score, or by meeting determined placement measures

3 Credits The student will demonstrate: an understanding of the general concepts of relation and function and specifically of polynomial, rational, exponential and logarithmic functions; the ability to solve systems of equations by utilizing matrices and determinants; and, the ability to solve practical problems using algebraic and digital techniques. *Pending OSRHE approval

MATH 1743 - Calculus I for Business, Life Sciences, and Social Sciences

Prerequisites: MATH 1483 or adequate math placement

3 Credits This is the first of a two-semester sequence in elementary calculus in which students use the concepts of differential and integral calculus to solve theoretical and applied problems in business, life sciences, and social sciences.

PHYS 1114 - College Physics I

Prerequisites: ENGL 0203, adequate placement score, or by meeting determined placement measures and MATH 1483 or higher or APPM 1223, within the last two years or by evaluation. § Criteria for evaluation is in division office.

4 Credits Students will demonstrate their understanding of useful concepts of kinematics and dynamics, energy and momentum, waves and sound, fluids and thermodynamics by (1) developing numerical and graphical descriptions of physical phenomena, (2) numerically predicting the results of physical occurrences, and (3) applying laboratory skills to analyze real situations. Numerical computations will utilize algebra and basic trigonometry where appropriate.

POLSC 1113 - American Federal Government

Prerequisites: ENGL 0203, adequate placement score, or by meeting determined placement measures

3 Credits A study of the principles, structure, processes and functions of the United States federal government.

PSY 1113 - General Psychology

Prerequisites: ENGL 0203, adequate placement score, or by meeting determined placement measures

3 Credits A survey of the major areas of study in psychology such as motivation, learning, physiology, personality, social psychology, abnormal behavior, perception, memory, cognition/thought, and treatment.

SCL 1001 - Success in College and Life

Prerequisites: ENGL 0106 or adequate reading/writing assessment scores

1 Credit Students will learn best practices for academic, career, and personal success. Students will discover their individual strengths, interests, and values to create a personalized plan; select and utilize resources that are applicable to their growth and success; and engage as active and responsible members of the academic community. This course should be taken during a student's first semester of college work at Oklahoma City Community College and is a required course in degree plans to satisfy the Life Skills requirement.