

An individual must meet the qualifications/pre-requisites for entrance into the program prior to applying for MercyOne Scholars. After being accepted into a specified program, it is then the individual's responsibility to notify Human Resources of their interest in applying for MercyOne Scholars. As part of the selection process for MercyOne Scholars, an application, acceptance letter into desired program from the college, previous official transcripts and references are required. In addition, applicants must complete a job shadow experience and assessment tool. Once all are completed an interview will be scheduled.

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**Pharmacist:** Pharmacists participate in taking care of patients' drug therapy needs and partnering with patients to help them understand their medicines, and their own health options. This offers great satisfaction to those choosing Pharmacy as a career. A pharmacy degree can lead to a large number of careers in practice, industry, education, government, managed care, consulting, and many other areas. It can include ownership, entrepreneurial opportunities or part-time work as your needs and goals change. With the continual aging of the population and better health enjoyed by all, pharmacists are in great demand. In today's complex healthcare systems, pharmacists are teamed with physicians, nurses, social workers, dentists and many other health care professionals to assure access and quality for patients.

**Training:** The University of Iowa has a long tradition of excellence and leadership in pharmacy education, pharmacy practice, and biomedical research. The program includes a contemporary, continuously evolving curriculum, oriented to student learning and problem solving in order to enhance skill development and prepare students for a changing future. The Doctor of Pharmacy program consists of two years of pre-pharmacy study, taken in the College of Liberal Arts at the University of Iowa or any accredited four-year college, and four years of pharmacy studies in the College of Pharmacy.

To be eligible for the educational assistance, applicant must have completed their first 2 years of liberal arts. Applicant must be accepted into an accredited College of Pharmacy. Applicant must be registered with the Iowa State Board of Pharmacy as an Intern. Applicant must have work experience with our pharmacy, minimally, as a pharmacy student on a rotation with MercyOne Pharmacy. However, having worked as an employee (i.e., technician/intern) in the MercyOne Pharmacy is preferred. This is to ensure both we and they thought it a mutual beneficial experience, and that each party agrees working with the other would be acceptable.

For a complete listing of Pharmacy Programs and their requirements, contact the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy at [www.aacp.org/](http://www.aacp.org/)

**A MercyOne Scholars applicant can choose any college they would like to, in order to, obtain this particular degree.**

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