



## Auburn University

Auburn University is one of the largest universities in the South. The main campus has an enrollment of 23,547, and offers degrees in 13 schools and colleges at the undergraduate, graduate and professional levels.

The city of Auburn, Alabama is a small, friendly university town located on the beautiful plains of eastern Alabama, 50 miles east of Montgomery, Alabama's capital, 115 miles southwest of Atlanta, Georgia. The Gulf Coast of Florida is about four hours away by car. Auburn enjoys a warm sunny climate with mild winters. It has excellent health and recreational facilities and a low crime rate.

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# GRADUATE PROGRAMS

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# DEPARTMENT OF PHARMACY CARE SYSTEMS



## HARRISON SCHOOL OF PHARMACY AUBURN UNIVERSITY



# PHARMACY CARE SYSTEMS

## Pharmacy Care Systems (PCS)

The areas of research emphasis in PCS integrate theories and structure from various disciplines within health care, and also from outside health care. The department's ultimate goal is to contribute to improvements in patient health and well being. This is accomplished by applying aspects of other disciplines to aspects of pharmacy practice and health care delivery. Research areas for which the PCS department has a national reputation include:

- Patient health behaviors
- Provider care behaviors
- Impact of health services/products on health, economic and humanistic outcomes
- Medication errors
- Organizational change and innovation adoption
- Healthcare technology
- Operations design and management
- Learning and assessment in pharmacy education

Information about specific faculty projects can be found on the PCS website.

Potential graduate students from disciplines such as the behavioral sciences, psychology, sociology, engineering, education, economics, management, public health, communication and others, as well as students from pharmacy, have the potential to contribute significantly to research within the PCS department.

## Graduate Programs

The Ph.D. program in PCS requires a minimum of 70 semester credit hours (including hours transferred from the student's Master's work). The 70 hours includes a minimum requirement of 60 credits of course work (which also includes one hour per semester of PCS graduate research seminar) and 10 hours of dissertation research. The PCS program uses a student-centered approach, customizing the plan of study to meet specific learning needs for the chosen field of study. The M.S. degree in PCS requires a minimum of 30 semester hours and a thesis. A maximum of six credit hours for the thesis may be counted towards part of the semester hour requirement. Details about admission requirements and procedures can be found on the PCS website.

## Career Opportunities

PCS graduate students will be prepared to enter careers in various settings, including academia, health outcomes research firms, consulting firms, the pharmaceutical industry, health care delivery/managed care organizations, professional associations, pharmacies, hospitals, etc. For those students interested in academia, faculty salaries in schools of pharmacy have been significantly higher than those for other campus disciplines.

## Financial Support & Resources

Teaching and/or research assistantships are awarded to qualified graduate students on a competitive basis. Graduate students who receive an assistantship also qualify for tuition fellowships.

The PCS department is also fully equipped with facilities and resources to support the learning and research needs of graduate students. Each student has a workstation equipped with a computer and a telephone. Wireless technology and Ethernet connections are available throughout Auburn University.