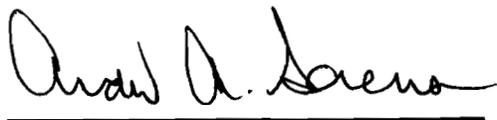


**University of South Carolina  
Program Planning Summary  
Pre-Pharmacy**

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**Program Modification**  
**Pre-Pharmacy Program**  
**Two-year Admission's track**  
**Eligible for Supplemental STEM, LIFE and Palmetto Fellows Funding -**  
**Yes**  
**Program code: 511103**  
**Proposed Date of Implementation: January 1,2009**

### **Justification**

The University of South Carolina Columbia is seeking to establish a pre-pharmacy program for students interested in pursuing the first professional Doctor of Pharmacy program (PharmD). Prior to the creation of the joint South Carolina College of Pharmacy, students were able to enroll in the University baccalaureate level program during their first two years of enrollment. The merger resulted in the termination of our undergraduate program and the consolidation of the first professional program. Students intending to enter this first professional program are not eligible for enhanced scholarship funds until they are fully admitted to the first-professional program in their junior year. The proposed modification (creation of a pre-pharmacy program) will allow qualified students the opportunity to receive scholarship funding at an earlier date while serving to direct students into these majors meeting the intent of the Legislature.

The pre-pharmacy program is designed to be a non-completion undergraduate program that provides students the opportunity to fulfill the requirements for entrance to the pharmacy professional program. Students in the pre-pharmacy program must complete 66 credit hours of general education courses prior to entering the professional program. These pre-pharmacy courses consist of 42 credit hours of math/science and 24 credit hours of liberal arts. Pre-pharmacy students are advised by College of Pharmacy personnel who provide them with insight and academic counseling to be successful candidates for admission to the first professional program. Students not accepted into the first professional program will be required to complete a major change to pursue another program at the university.

### **Anticipated Demand**

Approximately 150-200 students will be admitted into the pre-pharmacy program each year. This population of students will eventually fill 60-70% of the first professional program seats. Students not admitted into the first professional program will be counseled into other majors.

### **Duplication Issues**

The state hosts two pre-pharmacy programs. Clemson and Newberry College are the only recognized pre-pharmacy programs in South Carolina. The proposed curriculum for the USC program will be similar to the two existing programs.

### **Relationship of the Proposed Program to Existing Programs at USC**

The proposed program will serve as the primary feeder system to the existing first professional PharmD program of the SCCP. Students will be advised by College representatives to ensure that applicants to the first-professional program meet all program pre-requisites.

In addition, program advisors will need to work with students who are not admitted into the first professional program to ensure that students complete a related major in a timely fashion. Program advisors will need to work with programs throughout the University for career counseling purposes.

### **Relationship of the Proposed Program with Other Institutions**

The USC-Columbia first professional program has articulation agreements with the technical college programs in the state. Students from the established pre-pharmacy programs and other schools as well as the technical school program students are eligible to be accepted to the first professional program.

### **Estimated Costs**

There are no new costs associated with implementing the program modification of the pre-pharmacy program at USC-Columbia.