

STEP 2012 APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS



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University of Hawai'i at Hilo Pre-Pharmacy Program Steps Toward Excellence in Pharmacy (STEP) Program

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

All students applying to the STEP Program must meet the following requirements:

- Must be accepted to UH Hilo or meet all UH Hilo admissions requirements & apply by May 15, 2012: http://www.uhh.hawaii.edu/studentaffairs/admissions/adm_reqts_hs.php
- Must have completed the pre-requisites courses as outlined in the 2012 Curriculum Plan and passed all classes with a C or better by the end of Summer Session 2012
- Must have expressed interest and commitment to the study of Pharmacy and to STEP Program completion.
- Eligible individuals are from underserved backgrounds who have demonstrated a strong commitment to serve areas of need in Hawai'i and the U.S.-Affiliated Pacific Islands. Priority is given to applicants with strong ties to the State of Hawai'i and the U.S.- Affiliated Pacific Islands. The STEP Program is not limited to persons from Hawaii and US- Affiliated Pacific Island regions, although a large number of these students have demonstrated that they are from an underserved background.
- Must be able to arrive to UH Hilo by August 15, 2012 for assessment and orientation.

APPLICATION PROCESS

All application materials must be received no later than May 15, 2012 at 5pm HAST.

Please submit all of the following materials to:

UH Hilo Pre-Pharmacy Program
200 W. Kawili Street
Hilo, HI 96720

1. Completed Application Form
2. Personal Statement
3. College Transcripts
4. Letters of Recommendation (x2)

Please direct questions to
Hi'iaka Kahalewai, STEP Project Specialist
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STEP 2012 CURRICULUM PLAN

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Pre-Requisites to be eligible to apply to STEP

Pre-Requisites	Courses	Credits
	BIOL 175 Biology I /Lab	4
	BIOL 176 Biology II /Lab	4
	CHEM 124 Chemistry I/ Lab	4
	CHEM 125 Chemistry II /Lab	4
	IS 201 Pre-pharmacy Orientation	2
	MATH 205 Calculus I (or 6 credits of MATH: 103, 104, 104F or 104G)	4 or 6
General Education Courses (ENG 100, Speech, Humanities, Economics, Social Science, or World Cultures)	6	
Must have passed all courses with a C or better by the end of Summer Session 2012		

STEP Curriculum

SCHOOL YEAR	FALL	Credits	SPRING	Credits
2012-2013	CHEM 241 Org Chem I/Lab	4	CHEM 242 Org Chem II/Lab	4
	PHYS 106/170 Physics I/Lab	4	BIOL 270 Cellular & Molecular Biology/Lab	4
	PHPS 202 Overview of Drug Classes	3	SOC 100- Intro to Sociology	3
	English	3	World Cultures	3
		14		14
<i>Summer research/shadowing- PCAT July and/or September - Apply to UHH College of Pharmacy</i>				
2013-2014	BIOL 243 Human A&P I/Lab	4	BIOL 244 Human A&P II/ Lab	4
	BIOL 410 Biochemistry/Lab	5	BIOL 275 (or 375) Microbiology/Lab	4
	World Cultures	3	PSYC 100- Intro to Psych	3
	Humanities	3	Humanities	3
			Economics	3
	15		17	
2014-2018	<p>Completion of Pharm.D. Program at UH Hilo College of Pharmacy Pharm.D. curriculum can be found online: http://pharmacy.uhh.hawaii.edu/academics/curriculum.php</p>			

STEP 2012 APPLICATION FORM



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PERSONAL INFORMATION									
Date									
Last Name			First Name						
Mailing Address									
City, State, Zip									
Home Phone			Cell Phone						
Email									
Date of Birth		Age			Gender		<input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Male		
City/State/Country of Legal Residence									
City/State/Country of area you spent the majority of your life from birth to age 18									
Country of Citizenship		Visa Status (if not US citizen)							
Social Security Number		What is the primary language spoken at home?							
Ethnicity (list all)									
Number of siblings		Ages of siblings							
# of people in your primary household during the majority of your life from birth to age 18									
Indicate if you grew up in any of the housing communities listed below:									
<input type="checkbox"/> Public Housing <input type="checkbox"/> Plantation Camp/Town <input type="checkbox"/> Hawaiian Homestead <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Please specify)									
How did you hear about the STEP Program?									
EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND									
What is your status at UH Hilo?		<input type="checkbox"/> Accepted as new student in Fall 2012 <input type="checkbox"/> Applied, awaiting acceptance notification			<input type="checkbox"/> Will apply by May 15, 2012 <input type="checkbox"/> Current Student, semester/year first attended:				
High School attended		Actual year of high school graduation							
List AP tests taken, including scores (if any)									
Has anyone in your immediate family attained a bachelor's degree?				<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, list relationship:			<input type="checkbox"/> No		
List honors, awards, and/or research experience									

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EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND CONT.			
Please review the 2012-2013 STEP Curriculum Plan, outlining the pre-requisite courses in order to be eligible to apply to STEP. Fill out the form below, indicating the grade you received when you took the course, or when you plan on taking it.			
Required Course (or equivalent)	Grade received, if completed	If not completed, Semester/Year expected to complete	
BIOL 175 Biology I /Lab			
BIOL 176 Biology II /Lab			
CHEM 124 Chemistry I/ Lab			
CHEM 125 Chemistry II /Lab			
IS 201 Pre-pharmacy Orientation			
MATH 103 Intro to College Algebra			
MATH 104 Precalculus Math			
MATH 104F Precal I: Functions			
MATH 104G Precal II: Trigonometry & Geometry			
MATH 205 Calculus I			
ENG 100			
STEP Applicants must have completed a minimum of 6 credits in the General Education courses listed below.			
	Enter Course Name	Grade received, if completed	If not completed, Semester/Year expected to complete
SPEECH			
HUMANITIES			
ECONOMICS			
SOCIAL SCIENCE			
WORLD CULTURES			
OTHER			

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SOCIAL BACKGROUND		
Did you have a pharmacist role-model growing up?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Please list any extra-curricular activities you participate in (sports, music, etc.)		
Indicate if you have participated in any of the following programs	<input type="checkbox"/> Health Care Opportunity Program <input type="checkbox"/> Na Pua No' eau <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please list:	
FAMILY INFORMATION		
Please provide the following information about each of the listed family members (if available)		
	MOTHER	FATHER
Name		
Legal Residence		
Current Address		
Telephone		
Marital Status		
Years of schooling		
Highest degree attained		
Name of School		
Most current occupation		
	PATERNAL GRANDFATHER	PATERNAL GRANDMOTHER
Marital Status		
Years of schooling		
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FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Combined annual income of parents for tax year 2011 (accepted students may be required to provide verification)

under \$25,000 \$25,001 - \$45,000 \$45,001 - \$60,000 \$60,001 - \$70,000 \$70,001 - \$85,000 \$85,001 and above

How many people are claimed on 2011 tax return, including yourself and parents/guardians?

Have you or members of your immediate family ever used Federal or State assistance program (i.e.: food stamps, free lunch, welfare)?

No Yes. If yes, please list:

Estimated 2012-2013 UHH Student Expenses	Residents		Pacific Islanders		Non-Residents	
	On Campus	Off Campus	On Campus	Off Campus	On Campus	Off Campus
Tuition	\$ 5,880	\$ 5,880	\$ 8,820	\$ 8,820	\$ 17,472	\$ 17,472
Fees	\$ 304	\$ 304	\$ 304	\$ 304	\$ 304	\$ 304
Room & Board	\$ 7,182	\$ 10,702	\$ 7,182	\$ 10,702	\$ 7,182	\$ 10,702
Books & Supplies	\$ 1,170	\$ 1,170	\$ 1,170	\$ 1,170	\$ 1,170	\$ 1,170
Transportation	\$ 250	\$ 626	\$ 250	\$ 626	\$ 250	\$ 626
Misc. Expenses	\$ 1,522	\$ 1,522	\$ 1,522	\$ 1,522	\$ 1,522	\$ 1,522
Estimated Total Expenses	\$ 16,308	\$ 19,904	\$ 19,248	\$ 23,144	\$ 27,900	\$ 31,796

The chart above shows the estimated expenses for a typical, full-time undergraduate student at UH Hilo (information provided by UHH Financial Aid Office. Tuition and fees for the 2012-2013 academic year may be subject to change upon BOR approval).

Please briefly describe your financial plan for expenses while attending UH Hilo for these two years (i.e.: Financial Aid, part time job, student loans, savings, family support, etc.).

CERTIFICATION

I certify that the information submitted in this application is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any misrepresentation, falsification, or failure to supply required information in connection with this application may result in the rejection of my application. I agree to notify the STEP Program of any additional information or changes that arise during the application process.

Signature of applicant		Date	
Signature of parent/guardian (if under the age of 18)		Date	

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Please answer all of the following questions completely in a separate document (typed or neatly handwritten) and attach to your application.

The goal of the STEP Program is to provide students interested in a career in pharmacy from underserved communities with the opportunity, guidance and mentorship to achieve their academic potential.

1. Explain why you want to be a Pharmacist and what has motivated you to pursue a career in Pharmacy.
2. What are some of the most significant challenges (academic, social and financial) you expect to encounter while completing the STEP and Pharm.D. Programs at UHH, and how do you plan to overcome these challenges?
3. Explain your most significant experiences in terms of community service, volunteer and/or leadership experiences and why you chose these experiences.
4. What is your commitment to address the health care needs of Hawai'i and the Pacific?
5. Upon completion of your Pharm.D., what communities do you plan to serve?

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Name of Applicant	
Name of Recommender	

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Recommender's Name			
Position/Title			
Name of Organization			
Address			
Phone		Email	

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2. What are the applicant's strengths, particularly as it might apply to the study of science and the practice of pharmacy?

3. What are the applicant's needs, particularly as it might apply to the study of science and the practice of pharmacy?

4. Briefly comment on the following qualities and characteristics, if appropriate:

Competence: Reflected in academic achievement, especially in reading and writing skills

Need: From a socioeconomically and/or educationally challenged background

Maturity: Responsible, independent, reliable, able to work with others

Motivation: Strong desire to succeed in school, become a pharmacist

Communication/Leadership: Ability to lead and communicate

5. Overall recommendation for acceptance to the STEP Program:

Strongly Recommend Recommend Recommend with Reservations Do Not Recommend

Recommender's Signature		Date	
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