

Financial Aid

How do you classify pharmacy students for financial aid?

- P1 students and pre-pharmacy students are considered undergraduates for financial aid purposes.
- P2 students, beginning this 2007-2008 school year, will be considered Graduate/Professional Students for financial aid purposes. This means P2 students will not be eligible for federal grant aid, but will be eligible for the graduate loan limits (up to \$8500 Subsidized Stafford/Unsubsidized Stafford and \$12,000 Additional Unsubsidized Stafford).
- P3 and P4 students are considered Graduate/Professional Students for financial aid purposes.

If I'm a P1 student now (2007-2008), how do I fill out the FAFSA form for next year?

You will complete the FAFSA as a graduate/professional and will not need to supply any parental information. The following questions should be answered as indicated:

- Question 23: *What degree or certificate will you be working on during the 2008-2009 school year?* **Answer: "8"** (Graduate or professional program)
- Question 24: *What will be your grade level when you begin the 2008-2009 school year?* **Answer: "6"** (for 1st year graduate/professional)
- Question 49: *At the beginning of the 2008-2009 school year, will you be working on a master's or doctorate program (such as an MA, MBA, MB, JD, PhD, EdD, or graduate certificate, etc.):* **Answer: YES**

With this classification, can my parents still claim me on their taxes?

- If you still meet the qualifications of a dependent student, as outlined by the Federal Government, your parents may still claim you.

What about other scholarships/waivers?

- Presidential Scholarship. Regardless of your grade level, you will continue to retain eligibility for your Presidential Scholarship up to a maximum of 4 years, as long as you meet all the other criteria of the scholarship.
- Cultural Diversity Tuition Waiver. For students who receive this waiver, you will continue to retain eligibility up to a maximum of 4 years as long as you meet all the other criteria.
- Dependent Tuition Discount/Waiver. For students who receive this discount or waiver, you will continue to retain eligibility up to a maximum of 4 years as long as you meet all the other criteria.
- National Guard Tuition Waiver. If you are receiving a National Guard Tuition Waiver, you will retain your eligibility up to a maximum of 130 credit hours (at a maximum of 12 credit hours per semester) and you have not obtained a Bachelor's degree.

Professional Career/Coursework

When I register for classes, do I select undergraduate or professional?

Once students are accepted to the pharmacy program, they register for classes as a professional student. Therefore, in Campus Connection, you would select professional.

How does this show up on my NDSU transcript?

- P1 students (2007-2008 and all subsequent classes) - will have their entire professional career displayed and calculated on their PROF (professional) academic records.
- P2, P3, and P4 students (2007-2008) - cumulative totals from previous one-three professional years was 'fetched' onto the PROF (professional) record in order for GPA and credit totals to calculate correctly and reflect all coursework taken during the professional years of the program. A transcript note was added to the cumulative totals strip on the PROF record: "*Professional coursework taken prior to fall 2007 is detailed on the Undergraduate Record, but is included in Professional career credit total and GPA calculations.*"

Will I still receive a Chemistry Minor?

Chemistry minors may be posted along with Pharm.D. degrees on the PROF record once that is the exclusive degree awarded for professional students. This would begin with the students entering their P1 year fall semester 2008.

Undergraduate Career

Will I receive a B.S. in Pharmaceutical Science degree?

The current P1 and P2 students (2007-2008) will earn the B.S. in Pharmaceutical Science upon completion of the P2 year. The last class of B.S. Pharm Sci students is slated for spring 2009.

Do I need to fill out a form to receive the B.S. in Pharmaceutical Science?

Yes. The form is located on the following web page:
<http://bisonconnection.ndsu.edu/forms/>. You would then select "Graduation/Degree Application."

Will I receive a Chemistry Minor with my B.S. in Pharmaceutical Science?

Yes. For current P1 and P2 students (2007-2008), the Chemistry Minor will be posted along with the B.S. in Pharmaceutical Science.

What about students who are accepted to the program fall semester 2008? Will we receive a B.S. in Pharmaceutical Science?

P1 students in 2008 and beyond will no longer automatically receive the B.S. in Pharmaceutical Science degree.

May we petition to receive this degree?

Students may file a 'Petition to Receive a B.S. in Pharmaceutical Science' with special conditions, which include but are not limited to:

- Pursuing graduate or medical/professional school after the P2 year.
- Stopping out after the P2 year for personal reasons.
- Being activated in the military at any point after the P2 year was completed and prior to receiving a Pharm.D. degree.
- Students who receive approval for a B.S. are not precluded from later reapplying to the professional Pharm.D. program. These records will need to be manually adjusted as needed.

Could I declare a dual degree or major if I'm in the pharmacy program?

Yes. Students declaring a dual degree/major at NDSU (i.e., B.S. in microbiology, business, etc.) will continue to have an active undergraduate record for these degrees to be posted..