Cooperative Doctoral Programs

Professional Doctorate in Occupational Therapy (OTD)

Creighton University/UAAl Occupational Therapy Program

The Creighton University-UAAl occupational therapy program is a hybrid format professional program that leads to the Occupational Therapy Doctorate (OTD). Students take classes in both traditional and distance formats with labs being held on the UAA campus.

Up to 12 students per year are accepted to this three-and-a-half year, full-time program. To be eligible for the program, applicants must have a bachelor’s degree and meet the required prerequisites. After successful completion of the program, students are eligible to sit for the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy examination and to apply for licensure.

Creighton University is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. The program in occupational therapy is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education of the American Occupational Therapy Association, Inc.

For information on prerequisites, curriculum and application procedures, please visit the program website (https://www.uaa.alaska.edu/academics/college-of-health/departments/occupational-therapy).

UAA/ISU Doctor of Pharmacy Program (PharmD)

Professional Studies Building (PSB), (907) 786-6553
www.isu.edu/pharmacy

Each year, 15 Alaskan students begin their Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) studies in a joint program by University of Alaska Anchorage (UAA) and the Idaho State University (ISU) College of Pharmacy. During the first three years of the program, Alaska’s Doctor of Pharmacy students take live classes on the UAA campus as part of a program wide cohort connected by synchronous distance-learning technology across three delivery sites: Pocatello and Meridian, Idaho, and Anchorage, Alaska. The fourth year of the program consists of seven six-week blocks of clinical clerkship experiences called Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experiences. The entire four-year program, including clerkships, is completed in Alaska.

For additional program details, contact the UAA campus program office at (907) 786-6553 or visit www.isu.edu/pharmacy (https://www.isu.edu/pharmacy).

Eligibility

Alaska residents are given preference in applying for admission to the Anchorage site. Applicants must meet common requirements established by the ISU College of Pharmacy, including prerequisites in biology, chemistry, physics and social sciences. Detailed eligibility information is available on the ISU College of Pharmacy website (https://www.isu.edu/pharmacy).

Admissions

Applications are submitted through the ISU College of Pharmacy website (www.isu.edu/pharmacy (https://www.isu.edu/pharmacy/prospective-students/prospective---pharmd/application)). All applications received by ISU from Alaskan residents will be considered for the UAA/ISU program in Anchorage, Alaska. Complete application information including details about the selection procedure can be found on the ISU website.

Accreditation

Idaho State University is fully accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU). The pharmacy program, accredited by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE), is a member of the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACP).

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University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF)

Students may use specific courses from other University of Alaska campuses to satisfy requirements of cooperative graduate programs offered by UAF. The cooperative program must include an approved UAF graduate studies plan (GSP). The student must complete a minimum of 12 semester resident credits at UAF.

The following guidelines are for collaborative PhD programs offered by UAF, where students are enrolled at other UA campuses. Some degree programs have different requirements which are included in specific program descriptions in the graduate degree program section of the UAF catalog. The guidelines described here apply only to programs that have not established different requirements.

1. At least four faculty members shall serve on the graduate advisory committee for each PhD student. At least two committee members shall be UAF faculty. When the student is enrolled at UAA, the committee shall be chaired or co-chaired by a UAA faculty member.
2. The graduate advisory committee and its chair and/or co-chairs must be approved by the UAF program director and the dean of the UAF Graduate School.
3. UAF rules and regulations on graduate studies shall apply to all UAF graduate students, including those concurrently enrolled at UAA.
4. The graduate advisory committee must meet at least once a year to update the GSP and to review the student’s progress toward the degree. The annual progress report must be signed by all committee members and submitted to the dean of the UAF Graduate School.
5. The student’s advisory committee will administer the PhD comprehensive exam for each student.
6. The PhD dissertation defense is conducted on the student’s home campus and can be done via distance technologies.

**WWAMI School of Medical Education**

*Health Sciences Building (HSB), Room 301, (907) 786-4789*

[www.alaska.edu/wwami](http://www.alaska.edu/wwami)

Each year, 20 certified Alaska residents begin their medical education in a collaborative medical school that operates among the campuses of five northwestern states -- Washington, Wyoming, Alaska, Montana and Idaho (WWAMI) -- becoming part of a class of more than 200 students programwide. Alaska’s WWAMI medical students will take classes at UAA for the foundations phase, the equivalent of the first and second years of medical school. The six-week blocks of clinical experiences, called clerkships, that occupy the third and fourth years can be taken in any of the five states, and an Alaska track allows nearly all of these to be completed in Alaska.

**Eligibility**

Alaska residents are eligible to apply for admission. Detailed eligibility information ([https://www.uaa.alaska.edu/academics/college-of-health/departments/wwami/ak-wwami-eligibility.cshtml](https://www.uaa.alaska.edu/academics/college-of-health/departments/wwami/ak-wwami-eligibility.cshtml)) is available on the WWAMI website ([https://www.uaa.alaska.edu/academics/college-of-health/departments/wwami](https://www.uaa.alaska.edu/academics/college-of-health/departments/wwami)). Applicants must meet common requirements established by University of Washington School of Medicine (UWSOM). These requirements include prerequisites in biology, chemistry, physics and social sciences and submission of scores from the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT). Program details can be found on the UWMedicine website ([http://www.uwmedicine.org](http://www.uwmedicine.org)) or by contacting the WWAMI office.

**Admissions**

Applications are accepted through the American Medical College Application Service (AMCAS). WWAMI applications are submitted to the UWSOM. All applications received by UWSOM from Alaska residents will be considered for the WWAMI program in Alaska. Complete application information, including details about the selection procedure, can be found on the UWMedicine website ([http://www.uwmedicine.org](http://www.uwmedicine.org)).

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