



**Partnership Agreement  
for the  
Mt. Hood Community College-Pacific Bridge Program**

This partnership agreement outlines a path for Mt. Hood Community College (MHCC) undergraduate students to pursue guaranteed conditional admission at Pacific University School of Pharmacy through the *MHCC-Pacific Bridge Program*. For eligible MHCC students, this MHCC-Pacific pharmacy track aims to nurture career interests, provide enriching pre-professional development, and pave a way for success in Pacific University's 3-year Doctor of Pharmacy degree program.

This agreement will be updated as courses are added, deleted, modified or re-titled, including changed course numbers. It is the responsibility of the school making the changes to notify the other partner school of the changes so that appropriate updates can be made. Curriculum changes by either Pacific or MHCC must be communicated in writing no later than June 30 of any academic year for the subsequent academic year.

This agreement is dated July 1, 2019 and will remain continuous unless terminated earlier as provided herein. Either party may terminate or suspend this Agreement upon sixty (60) days written notice; provided, however, that the parties shall discuss and reasonably attempt to resolve the issues that led to the notice of termination or suspension during the sixty (60) day period.

Faculty and staff at Pacific University and MHCC support students through four key phases of the Bridge Program: I. Outreach to Prospective Students; II. Applying to the Bridge Program; III. Completing Bridge Program Requirements; and IV. Transitioning to the PharmD Program.

*Signatures on file in Instructional Services.*

## II. Outreach to Prospective Students (1<sup>st</sup> year)

- Representatives from Pacific University collaborate with an MHCC Advisor to facilitate information sessions at MHCC to educate students about pharmacy careers, explain criteria for admissions to PharmD, and discuss opportunities provided through the Bridge Program.
- MHCC Advisors let their advisees know about the program through targeted outreach, advising sessions, workshops, and newsletters.

## III. Applying to the Bridge Program (summer/fall following the 1<sup>st</sup> year at MHCC)

MHCC students may apply to the MHCC-Pacific Bridge program at any time after completing their 1<sup>st</sup> year's grades. This timing allows students to complete sufficient coursework to assess their interest in the PharmD program, and whether they meet initial qualifications for entering the Bridge Program. To be admitted to the Bridge Program, students must meet the following requirements:

- 1) Complete at least 36 quarter credit hours, including the following core courses at MHCC:

BI211 Principles of Biology I	5	MTH251 Calculus I: Differential Calc.	5
BI212 Principles of Biology II	5	PSY201 General Psychology	4
CH221 General Chemistry I	5	WR121 English Composition	4
CH222 General Chemistry II	5	WR122 English Comp: Critical Thinking	4

- 2) Complete a graduation plan that must be approved by an MHCC Advisor and includes:

- the applicant's general education courses that will complete requirements for an Associate of Science degree
- courses that will complete [admissions requirements for the Doctor of Pharmacy Program](#)

- 3) Maintain minimum grades in coursework, including:

- Grade of C or higher in all core courses
- Cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher
- Science GPA of 3.0 or higher

- 4) Remain in good academic standing as certified by MHCC's Office of Admission, Registration and Records.

## IV. Completing Bridge Program Requirements (2<sup>nd</sup> year)

To continue as Bridge participants, students must remain in good standing and meet the following conditions:

- 1) Maintain minimum grades in coursework, including:

- Cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher
- Science GPA of 3.0 or higher

- 2) Meet twice in the 2<sup>nd</sup> year with an MHCC Advisor to discuss academic progress and evidence of engagement that support Pacific's PharmD co-curricular goals:

- Strong commitment to service/empathy
- Exposure and commitment to diversity

- Leadership development
  - Academic enrichment
  - Professionalism and Communication
- 3) With guidance of their Advisor, Bridge participants complete one self-assessment by the conclusion of the fall term in the 2<sup>nd</sup> year that summarizes their pre-professional activities and academic achievements, demonstrating their preparation or readiness for entering Pacific's PharmD program.
  - 4) Bridge participants meet with a Pacific faculty member, typically by the conclusion of fall of the 2<sup>nd</sup> year, to review their self-assessment, evaluate status in meeting expectations for entering PharmD, and receive guidance on enhancing their portfolios.
  - 5) Information about MHCC students possessed by the MHCC may be shared with Pacific University to the extent such information sharing is allowed by the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act.

#### V. Transitioning to PharmD (2<sup>nd</sup> year)

- Pacific representatives facilitate workshops at MHCC in Gresham to help candidates prepare for the formal application process, including drafting personal statements and preparing for interviews.
- To formally apply to the PharmD program, Bridge students must complete Pacific's two-part application process by the conclusion of fall quarter of the 2<sup>nd</sup> year and complete all prerequisite courses by mid-July of the year they plan to start the Pacific University PharmD program (the PharmD program begins in August of each academic year). Students are also encouraged to apply to Pacific University through the Early Decision process, detailed on Pacific's website. A complete application occurs when both the PharmCAS application and the Pacific University Supplemental application are submitted.
  - **PharmCAS Common Application:** which requires (2) reference forms, official transcripts, and a personal statement.
  - **Pacific University Supplemental Application:** which requires completion of supplemental essays.
- Bridge Program students who meet the criteria listed under **Completing Bridge Program Requirements** and submit a complete application as required by the PharmD program are guaranteed conditional admission to the program.