

2024-2025 McWhorter School of Pharmacy Academic Calendar*

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School Specific Dates / Events for All Students		
Month	Day	Event
August	26	Didactic courses begin for P1-P3 students
September	2	Labor Day Holiday; no courses meet
	20	School Picnic
October	4	White Coat Ceremony. P1 attendance required
	12 - 15	ACCP Annual Meeting (Phoenix, AZ); pharmacy courses still meet
	14 – 18	SPRINT Week. P1- P3 attendance required all week.
	14 - 17	AMCP Nexus Meeting (Las Vegas, NV); SPRINT is same week; SPRINT is required
	18	Dean’s Distinguished Speaker Series (P1-P3 attendance required)
	26 - 29	NCPA Convention (Columbus, OH); pharmacy courses still meet
November	25 - 26	Fall Break. No P1-P3 pharmacy courses meet; P4s still report to APPE site.
	27 - 29	Thanksgiving Holiday, no P1-P4 courses meet.
December	6	Last day for P1-P3 students’ didactic courses.
	9 - 12	Final Examinations for P1-P3 students (Monday – Thursday)
	14	College of Health Sciences (CHS) Fall Graduates Commencement
January	13	Didactic courses begin for P1-P3 students
	17	State of School Address and Convocation plus Student Recognition program. P1-P3 attendance required to this event.
	20	Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday; no pharmacy courses meet
	TBD	Rho Chi and Phi Lambda Sigma initiation
February	21	P3 Pinning Ceremony. P3 attendance required.
March	10 - 14	Spring Break for P1 & P2 students; no didactic courses meet
	18 – 20	ACPE Site visit
	21 - 24	APhA Convention (Nashville, TN); pharmacy courses still meet
	3/31 - 4/3	AMCP meeting (Houston, TX); pharmacy courses still meet.
April	21	Easter Monday Holiday; no courses meet
	25	Last day for P1 & P2 students’ didactic courses.
April to May	28 to 1	Final examinations for P1 & P2 students (Monday – Thursday)
May	2 & 3	College of Health Sciences (CHS) Commencement

4th-Year Students Specific Dates / Events		
February	19, 2024	APPEs begin for Class of 2025
August	19 - 23	PACE course week. Required attendance on campus.
	20	Mock Interviews- your specific time will be announced. Attendance required.
Sept – April	-	NAPLEX Preparation- selected modules due; see schedule posted in Canvas
October	18	PharmD Graduation application due to university.
November	7 - 8	ALSHP Residency Showcase (optional)
December	8 - 12	ASHP Midyear Meeting (New Orleans, LA) (optional)
	12	Pharmacy Interview Day (on campus)
	16	Pre-NAPLEX e-exam #1 – last day to complete (opens Nov 25)
January	6, 2025	APPE block #9 start date.
February	7	Last day for APPEs
	10 - 14	PHAR 615 Platform presentations; see schedule for your specific presentation day
	14	PHAR 615 Poster presentations-afternoon (optional)
March	24	Capstone didactic courses begin (5 weeks) Required attendance on campus.
	TBD	Pre-NAPLEX #2 and pre-MPJE e-exams due date
	TBD	Alabama Law Review/Preparation (optional). Starts at 8:00am
May	2	Awards Ceremony (evening program). Attendance required.
	3	Commencement (Samford Campus). Attendance required. Begins at 2:00pm

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3rd-Year Students Specific Dates / Events		
Month	Day	Event
September	6 & 13	Interprofessional Education at UAB; Virtual session. See schedule for your day/time.
October	7 - 11	IPPE-3 in-pharmacy rotation. Attendance required. No didactic classes this week.
	30	Take individual picture for class composite. Attendance required.
November	7 - 8	ALSHP Residency Showcase (optional); pharmacy courses still meet.
December	-	Complete on-line CPR training prior to on-site CPR training.
January	13	APPE orientation; begins at 9:00am. Attendance required.
	21-23	Complete on-site CPR training (during your lab day)
	31	Substance Use Disorder Certification on-campus program. Attendance required.
February	7 & 14	Interprofessional Education at UAB; Virtual session. See schedule for your day/time.
	17 - 21	P3 SPRINT Week. P3 attendance required all week.
	21	P3 Pinning Ceremony (time TBD). Attendance required
February	24, 2025	First block of APPEs begins for Class of 2026

2nd-Year Students Specific Dates / Events		
August	26 - 30	DASH week. Required attendance all week.
August - December		Each Tuesday & Thursday at 10am is Convocation hour, starting Sept 3. P2 students need to complete convocation requirements (unless excused).
October	18	BS Pharmacy Studies graduation application due.
	21	IPE with CHS PA & PT students, Starts at 3:15pm. Reid Chapel. Attendance required.
February	24 - 28	P2 SPRINT Week. Attendance required all week.
May	2	BS Pharmacy Studies Commencement. Attendance required. Begins at 9:00am.
May	5, 2025	P2s begin 3-week IPPE-2, first group (see specific schedule for student groups)
May	26, 2025	P2s begin 3-week IPPE-2, second group (see specific schedule for student groups)
June	23, 2025	P2s begin 3-week IPPE-2, third group (see specific schedule for student groups)
July	14, 2025	P2s begin 3-week IPPE-2, fourth group (see specific schedule for student groups)

1st-Year Students Specific Dates / Events		
July	13	P1 Welcome picnic
August	20 - 23	Orientation week for P1 students begins.
August	26 - 30	DASH week. Required attendance all week.
August	30	CHS IPE event (8am to 10:30am). Attendance required.
August - December		Each Tuesday at 10am is Convocation hour, starting Sept 3. P1 students need to complete convocation requirements (unless excused).
	-	Complete on-line CPR training prior to on-site CPR training.
January	17	CHS IPE event (8:00-9:05am). Attendance required.
	14-16	Complete on-site CPR training during your lab day (your specific time TBA)
	24	Joint Degree, Residency, Pharmacy Practice and Didactic Elective Showcase at 1pm. Attendance required.
February	24 - 28	P1 SPRINT Week Attendance required all week.
	28	Immunization Certification training. Required attendance. All day event.
March	TBD	Alabama Pharmacy Association Legislative Day. Attendance required.
May	5, 2025	P1s begin 3-week IPPE-1 (Class of 2028); first group; see schedule for group names
July	14, 2025	P1s begin 3-week IPPE-1 (Class of 2028); second group; see schedule for names