

2026-2027 McWhorter School of Pharmacy Academic Calendar*

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School Specific Dates / Events for All Students		
Month	Day	Event
August	24	Didactic courses begin for P1-P3 students
September	7	Labor Day Holiday; no courses meet
	18	School Picnic
October	2	White Coat Ceremony. P1 attendance required
	3 - 6	NCPA Convention (Kansas City, MO); pharmacy courses still meet
	16	Dean’s Distinguished Speaker Series (P1-P3 attendance required)
	17 - 20	ACCP Annual Meeting (Salt Lake City, UT); pharmacy courses still meet
	26 - 29	AMCP Nexus Meeting; pharmacy courses still meet
November	23 - 24	Fall Break. No P1-P3 pharmacy courses meet; P4s still report to APPE site.
	25 - 27	Thanksgiving Holiday, no P1-P4 courses meet.
December	4	Last day for P1-P3 students’ didactic courses.
	7 - 10	Final Examinations for P1-P3 students (Monday – Thursday)
	12	College of Health Sciences (CHS) Fall Graduates Commencement
January	11	Didactic courses begin for P1-P3 students
	15	Student Achievements and Recognitions Convocation. P1-P3 attendance required. Morning event
	18	Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday; no pharmacy courses meet
	TBD	Rho Chi and Phi Lambda Sigma initiation
February	19	P3 Pinning Ceremony. P3 attendance required. Afternoon event.
March	8 - 12	Spring Break for P1 & P2 students; no didactic courses meet
	19 - 22	APhA Convention (Charlotte, NC); pharmacy courses still meet
	29	Easter Monday Holiday; no courses meet
April	13 - 16	AMCP meeting; pharmacy courses still meet.
	23	Last day for P1 & P2 students’ didactic courses.
	26 - 29	Final examinations for P1 & P2 students (Monday – Thursday)
April / May	30 & 1	College of Health Sciences (CHS) Commencement

4th-Year Students Specific Dates / Events		
February	23, 2026	APPEs begin for Class of 2027
August	17 – 20	PACE course week. Required attendance on campus.
Sept – April	-	NAPLEX Preparation- selected modules due; see schedule posted in Canvas
October	16	PharmD Graduation application due to university.
November	5	ALSHP Residency Showcase (optional) (tentative date)
December	6 - 9	ASHP Midyear Meeting (Orlando, FL) (optional)
	10	Pharmacy Interview Day (on campus) (tentative date)
	14	Pre-NAPLEX e-exam #2 – last day to complete (opens Nov 23)
January	4, 2027	APPE block #9 start date.
February	5	Last day for APPEs
	15	P4 Portfolios due
March	15	Capstone didactic courses begin. Required attendance on campus.
April	29	Alabama Law Review/Preparation (optional) (tentative date)
	30	Awards Ceremony (evening program). Attendance required. (tentative date)
May	1	Commencement (Samford Campus). Attendance required. (tentative date)

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3rd-Year Students Specific Dates / Events		
Month	Day	Event
August	24	SCOPE-2 exam starting at 8:00am
September	4 & 11	Interprofessional Education at UAB; Virtual session. See schedule for your day/time.
October	5 – 9	IPPE-3 in-pharmacy rotation. Attendance required. No didactic classes this week.
	TBD	Take individual picture for class composite (5-8 pm). Attendance required.
November	5	ALSHP Residency Showcase (optional); pharmacy courses still meet. (tentative date)
December	-	Complete on-line CPR training prior to on-site CPR training.
January	11	APPE orientation begins at 9:00am. Attendance required.
	TBD	Complete on-site CPR training during your lab day
	29	Substance Use Disorder Certification on-campus program. Attendance required.
February	5 & 12	Interprofessional Education at UAB; Virtual session. See schedule for your day/time.
	8	P3 Portfolio due
	15 - 19	P3 SPRINT Week. P3 attendance required all week.
	19	P3 Pinning Ceremony. Attendance required (time TBA; afternoon event).
	22, 2027	First block of APPEs begins for Class of 2028

2nd-Year Students Specific Dates / Events		
August	24	SCOPE-1 exam starting at 1:00pm
August - December		Each Tuesday & Thursday at 10am is Convocation hour, starting Sept 2. P2 students need to complete convocation requirements (unless excused).
October	16	BS Pharmacy Studies graduation application due.
	19	IPE with CHS Nursing- "Friday night in the ER". Attendance required.
	26	IPE with CHS PA & PT students, Starts at 3:15pm. Reid Chapel. Attendance required.
February	9	PHAR 430 IPPE-II orientation (begins 3:00pm). Attendance required. (tentative date)
	12	APPE preferencing orientation (begins 3:00pm). Attendance required. (tentative date)
April	30	BS Pharmacy Studies Commencement. Attendance required (tentative day)
May	3	P2 Portfolios due
May	3, 2027	P2s begin 3-week IPPE-2, first group (see specific schedule for student groups)
May	24, 2027	P2s begin 3-week IPPE-2, second group (see specific schedule for student groups)
June	21, 2027	P2s begin 3-week IPPE-2, third group (see specific schedule for student groups)
July	12, 2027	P2s begin 3-week IPPE-2, fourth group (see specific schedule for student groups)

1st-Year Students Specific Dates / Events		
July	11	P1 Welcome picnic
August	18 - 21	Orientation week for P1 students begins.
August	24 - 28	DASH week. Required attendance all week.
August	28	CHS IPE collaboration (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	15	CHS IPE collaboration (8:00-9:05am). Attendance required.
	TBD	Complete on-site CPR training during your lab day (your specific time TBA)
	22	Joint Degree, Residency, Pharmacy Practice and Didactic Elective Showcase at 1pm. Attendance required.
February	26	Immunization Certification training. Required attendance.
March	TBD	Alabama Pharmacy Association Legislative Day. Attendance required.
May	3	P1 Portfolios due
	3, 2027	P1s begin 3-week IPPE-1; first group (see specific schedule for student groups)
July	12, 2027	P1s begin 3-week IPPE-1; second group (see specific schedule for student groups)