

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 (tentative)
October	4	White Coat Ceremony. P1 attendance required (tentative)
	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.
Sept – April	-	NAPLEX Preparation- selected modules due; see schedule posted in Canvas
October	18	PharmD Graduation application due to university.
November	TBD	ALSHP Residency Showcase (optional)
December	8 - 12	ASHP Midyear Meeting (New Orleans, LA) (optional)
	TBD	Mock Interviews; your specific time will be announced. Attendance required.
	18	Pre-NAPLEX e-exam #1 – last day to complete (opens Nov 24)
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)
	TBD	Pharmacy Interview Day (on campus)
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	1 or 2	Awards Ceremony (evening program). Attendance required.
	2 or 3	Commencement (Samford Campus). Attendance required.

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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.
November	TBD	ALSHP Residency Showcase (optional); pharmacy courses still meet.
	TBD	Take individual picture for class composite. Attendance required.
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.
February	24 - 28	P2 SPRINT Week. Attendance required all week.
May	2 or 3	BS Pharmacy Studies Commencement. Attendance required.
May	5, 2025	P2s begin 3-week IPPE-2, first group (see specific schedule for student groups)
May	TBA	P2s begin 3-week IPPE-2, second group (see specific schedule for student groups)
June	TBA	P2s begin 3-week IPPE-2, third group (see specific schedule for student groups)
July	TBA	P2s begin 3-week IPPE-2, fourth group (see specific schedule for student groups)

1st-Year Students Specific Dates / Events		
July	TBD	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.
	TBD	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	TBA	P1s begin 3-week IPPE-1 (Class of 2028); second group; see schedule for names