

## Financial Aid

How do you classify pharmacy students for financial aid?

- P1 students and pre-pharmacy students are considered undergraduates for financial aid purposes.
- P2, P3, and P4 students, will be considered Graduate/Professional Students for financial aid purposes. This means P2 students will not be eligible for federal grant aid, but will be eligible for the graduate loan limits (up to \$8500 Subsidized Stafford/Unsubsidized Stafford and \$12,000 Additional Unsubsidized Stafford).

If I'm a P1 student now (2009-2010), how do I fill out the FAFSA form for next year?

You will complete the FAFSA as a graduate/professional and will not need to supply any parental information. The following questions should be answered as indicated:

- Question 27: *First bachelor's degree before July 1, 2010:* **Answer: NO**
- Question 28: *What will be your grade level when you begin the 2010-2011 school year?* **Answer: "6"** (first year graduate/professional)
- Question 29: *What degree or certificate will you be working on during the 2010-2011 school year?* **Answer: "8"** (graduate/professional degree)
- Question 50: *At the beginning of the 2010-2011 school year, will you be working on a master's or doctorate program (such as an MA, MBA, MB, JD, PhD, EdD, or graduate certificate, etc.):* **Answer: YES**

(If your FAFSA was previously filled out and indicated parental income, that information will be automatically disregarded when you update question 50.)

With this classification, can my parents still claim me on their taxes?

- If you still meet the qualifications of a dependent student, as outlined by the Federal Government, your parents may still claim you.

What about other scholarships/waivers?

- Presidential Scholarship. Regardless of your grade level, you will continue to retain eligibility for your Presidential Scholarship up to a maximum of 4 years, as long as you meet all the other criteria of the scholarship.
- Cultural Diversity Tuition Waiver. For students who receive this waiver, you will continue to retain eligibility up to a maximum of 4 years as long as you meet all the other criteria.
- Dependent Tuition Discount/Waiver. For students who receive this discount or waiver, you will continue to retain eligibility up to a maximum of 4 years as long as you meet all the other criteria.
- National Guard Tuition Waiver. If you are receiving a National Guard Tuition Waiver, you will retain your eligibility up to a maximum of 130 credit hours (at a maximum of 12 credit hours per semester) and you have not obtained a Bachelor's degree.

## Professional Career/Coursework

When I register for classes, do I select undergraduate or professional?

Once students are accepted to the pharmacy program, they register for classes as a professional student. Therefore, in Campus Connection, you would select professional.

How does this show up on my NDSU transcript?

For students who began the pharmacy program (P1 students) the fall of 2007, and all subsequent classes - their entire professional career will be displayed and calculated on their PROF (professional) academic records.

Will I still receive a Chemistry Minor?

Chemistry minors may be posted along with Pharm.D. degrees on the PROF record once that is the exclusive degree awarded for professional students. This began with the students entering their P1 year fall semester 2008.

### **Undergraduate Career**

Will I receive a B.S. in Pharmaceutical Science degree?

Students no longer automatically receive the B.S. in Pharmaceutical Science degree.

May we petition to receive this degree?

Students may file a 'Petition to Receive a B.S. in Pharmaceutical Science' with special conditions, which include but are not limited to:

- Pursuing graduate or medical/professional school after the P2 year.
- Stopping out after the P2 year for personal reasons.
- Being activated in the military at any point after the P2 year was completed and prior to receiving a Pharm.D. degree.
- Students who receive approval for a B.S. are not precluded from later reapplying to the professional Pharm.D. program. These records will need to be manually adjusted as needed.

Could I declare a dual degree or major if I'm in the pharmacy program?

Yes. Students declaring a dual degree/major at NDSU (i.e., B.S. in microbiology, business, etc.) will continue to have an active undergraduate record for these degrees to be posted.