

TIPS FOR ADVISORS

MARSHALL B. KETCHUM UNIVERSITY
OPTOMETRY | PA | PHARMACY



DELIVERING EXCELLENCE IN HEALTHCARE EDUCATION SINCE 1904.

Start Your Health Care Career at MBKU and step into a legacy of clinical and educational excellence that started back in 1904 with our College of Optometry by our **founder and namesake**.

Southern California College of Optometry (SCCO)



SCCO's amazing faculty, innovative technology, and clinical education are second to none. As the 3rd oldest optometry school in the nation, our legacy of excellence spans the continent with 4th year externship sites and practicing alumni from coast to coast.

Application Overview

- 1 **OptomCAS Application**
- 2 **Supplemental Essay Questions**
- 3 **Transcripts**
- 4 **Letters of Recommendation (LORs):** One must be completed by an Optometrist, the other source may be selected by the applicant.
- 5 **OAT and other standardized tests:** The **OAT** is the preferred test; however, the **MCAT** or **DAT** may be substituted.
- 6 **Shadowing and Experiences:** required, but no set number of hours.
- 7 **Rolling admissions utilized, applicants are encouraged to apply early!**
- 8 **Visit our [How to Apply](#) page for details.**

**Criminal Background Check: A criminal background check is required after a provisional acceptance for all of our professional programs.*

School of PA Studies (SPAS)



Come to a program where the excitement is high, class sizes are low, and faculty members know you by name. With MBKU's School of PA Studies, it's not just small classes, but a family feel community.

The School of Physician Assistant Studies at Marshall B. Ketchum University was founded in 2012 and offers a 27-month, post-baccalaureate program leading to the degree, Master of Medical Science.

Application Overview

- 1 **[CASPA website](#)**
- 2 **Complete science prerequisites, patient care hours experience, and supplemental essay questions.**
- 3 **Letters of Recommendation (LORs):** Strongly recommend letters from at least (1) clinician and someone you have known for 6 months.
- 4 **Transcripts**
- 5 **Compose your personal essay.**
- 6 **Community Service Experience:** highly recommended.
- 7 **GRE not required**
- 8 **Visit our [How to Apply](#) page for details.**

MBKU's School of Physician Assistant Studies does not participate in rolling admissions, so application deadlines are **extremely important**.

College of Pharmacy (COP)



In the College of Pharmacy, small, flexible, and agile class sizes provide you with substantial access to MBKU faculty. These connections facilitate a level of flexibility and opportunity not found at other institutions, enabling you to more easily:

- Find appropriate faculty mentors
- Get extra assistance for clinical and academic success
- Choose organizations, electives and activities that match your individual interests
- Increase your knowledge of professional specialties
- Participate in pharmacy-related research
- Obtain faculty letters of recommendation

Application Overview

- 1 **[Connect with Pharmacy Admissions](#)**
- 2 **[Register with PHARMCAS](#)**
- 3 **Gather Application Materials & Submit by the Deadline**
- 4 **[Optional PCAT](#)**
- 5 **Letters of Recommendation (LORs) are strongly recommended.**
- 6 **Visit our [How to Apply](#) page for details.**

NOW ENROLLING!

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Top 3 Things Students Can Do To Prepare to Apply to MBKU

- 1 **Connect with MBKU Admissions and attend upcoming events.**
- 2 **Get in involved on and off campus to start building the profile of a competitive applicant (club, organizations, community service, etc).**
- 3 **Prioritize academics and put an emphasis on basic sciences.**