

2023-2024 McWhorter School of Pharmacy Academic Calendar*

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Updated: January 31, 2024 *Dates and events are academically-related and are subject to change.

School Specific Dates / Events for All Students		
Month	Day	Event
August	21	Didactic courses begin for P1-P3 students
September	4	Labor Day Holiday; no courses meet
	22	School Picnic
October	6	White Coat Ceremony. P1 attendance required
	9 – 13	SPRINT Week #1. P1- P3 attendance required all week.
	13	Dean’s Distinguished Speaker Series (P1-P3 attendance required)
	14 - 17	NCPA Convention (Orlando, FL); pharmacy courses still meet
	16 - 19	AMCP Nexus Meeting (Orlando, FL); pharmacy courses still meet
November	11 - 14	ACCP Annual Meeting (Dallas, TX); pharmacy courses still meet
	20 - 22	Fall Break. No P1-P3 pharmacy courses meet; P4s still report to APPE site.
	23 - 24	Thanksgiving Holidays, no P1-P4 courses meet.
Nov - Dec	27 to 1	SPRINT Week #2. P1-P3 attendance required all week.
December	1	Last day for P1-P3 students’ didactic courses.
	4 - 7	Final Examinations for P1-P3 students (Monday – Thursday)
	9	College of Health Sciences (CHS) Commencement
January	8	Didactic courses begin for P1-P3 students
	12	State of School Address and Convocation plus Student Recognition program. P1-P3 attendance required to this event.
	15	Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday; no pharmacy courses meet
	24	Rho Chi and Phi Lambda Sigma initiation
February	16	P3 Pinning Ceremony. P3 attendance required.
March	4 - 8	Spring Break for P1 & P2 students; no didactic courses meet
	22 - 25	APhA Convention (Orlando, FL); pharmacy courses still meet
April	1	Easter Monday Holiday; no courses meet
	16 - 18	AMCP meeting (New Orleans, LA); pharmacy courses still meet.
	19	Last day for P1 & P2 students’ didactic courses.
April	22 - 25	Final examinations for P1 & P2 students (Monday – Thursday)
May	1 - 5	PPAG Annual meeting (Minneapolis, MN)

4th- Year Students Specific Dates / Events		
May	8, 2023	P4 APPEs begin for Class of 2024
Sept – Dec	-	NAPLEX Preparation- selected modules due; see schedule posted in Canvas
October	4	PharmD Graduation application due to university.
November	2 - 3	ALSHP Residency Showcase (optional)
December	1	Capstone-2 Poster presentations-afternoon (optional)
	1	Capstone-2 Platform presentations- morning (selected groups)
	3 - 7	ASHP Midyear Meeting (Anaheim, CA) (optional)
	4 - 8	Capstone-2 Platform presentations (see schedule for your specific presentation day)
	12	Mock Interviews; your specific time will be announced. Attendance required.
	17	Pre-NAPLEX e-exam #1 – last day to complete (opens Nov 27)
	18	Pharmacy Interview Day (College of Health Sciences building)
January	3	P4 APPEs begin
Jan – April	-	NAPLEX Preparation- selected modules due; see schedule posted in Canvas
April	12	Last day for APPEs
	22	Pre-NAPLEX #2 and pre-MPJE e-exams due date (codes released March 25)
	25	Alabama Law Review/Preparation (optional). Starts at 8:00am
	26	Awards Ceremony (evening program). Attendance required.
April	27	Commencement (Samford Campus). Attendance required.

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3rd- Year Students Specific Dates / Events

Month	Day	Event
September	8 & 15	Interprofessional Education at UAB; Virtual session. See schedule for your day/time.
October	2 - 6	IPPE-3 in-pharmacy rotation. Attendance required. No didactic classes this week.
November	2 - 3	ALSHP Residency Showcase (optional); pharmacy courses still meet.
	6	Take individual picture for class composite. Attendance required. 3pm to 6:30pm
December	-	Complete on-line CPR training prior to on-site CPR training.
January	23 - 25	Complete on-site CPR training (during your lab day): Note the date change.
	19	Opioid Stewardship program; required attendance
February	2 & 9	Interprofessional Education at UAB; Virtual session. See schedule for your day/time.
	12 - 16	P3 SPRINT Week #1. P3 attendance required all week.
	16	P3 Pinning in morning. Attendance required
February	19	First block of APPEs begins for Class of 2025

2nd- Year Students Specific Dates / Events

August	21 - 25	DASH week. Required attendance all week.
August - December		Each Tuesday at 10am is Convocation hour, starting Aug 29 at 10am. P2 students need to complete convocation requirements (unless excused).
October	4	BS Pharmacy Studies graduation application due.
February	19 - 23	P2 SPRINT Week #1. Attendance required all week.
April	15 - 19	P2 SPRINT Week #2. Attendance required all week.
April	26	BS Pharmacy Studies Commencement. Attendance required.
May	6, 2024	P2s begin 3-week IPPE-4, first group (see specific schedule for student groups)
May	27, 2024	P2s begin 3-week IPPE-4, second group (see specific schedule for student groups)
June	24, 2024	P2s begin 3-week IPPE-4, third group (see specific schedule for student groups)
July	15, 2024	P2s begin 3-week IPPE-4, fourth group (see specific schedule for student groups)

1st- Year Students Specific Dates / Events

July	8	P1 Welcome picnic
August	15	Orientation week for P1 students begins.
August	21 - 25	DASH week. Required attendance all week.
August	25	CHS IPE event (9am to 11am). Attendance required.
August - December		Each Tuesday at 10am is Convocation hour, starting August 29 at 10am. P1 students need to complete convocation requirements (unless excused).
	-	Complete on-line CPR training prior to on-site CPR training.
January	8 - 11	Complete on-site CPR training during your lab day (your specific time TBA)
	12	CHS IPE event (8:00-9:05am). Attendance required.
	19	Joint Degree, Residency, Pharmacy Practice and Didactic Elective Showcase at 1pm
February	19 - 23	P1 SPRINT Week #1. Attendance required all week.
	23	Immunization Certification training. Required attendance. All day event.
April	3	Alabama Pharmacy Association Legislative Day. Attendance required.
	15 - 19	P1 SPRINT Week #2- Attendance required all week.
May	6, 2024	P1s begin 3-week IPPE-1 (Class of 2027); first group; see schedule for group names
July	15, 2024	P1s begin 3-week IPPE-1 (Class of 2027); second group; see schedule for names