

Selection for Bachelor degree programmes Pharmacy and College of Pharmaceutical Sciences at Utrecht University

For the 2024-2025 academic year, the bachelor degree programme in Pharmacy, including the examination programme College of Pharmaceutical Sciences (CPS) at Utrecht University have introduced a fixed quota in combination with selection. The quota has been set at 300. The regulations below are applicable to candidates wishing to be eligible for a place on the degree programme through selection in Utrecht. Candidates who apply are expected to be familiar with these regulations. More general information on the degree programmes with a fixed quota can be found on the DUO [website](#).

Selection regulations for the bachelor degree programmes in Pharmacy and the College of Pharmaceutical Sciences (CPS) at Utrecht University

These Regulations have been adopted on 26 September 2023 by the Executive Board on the recommendation of the Dean of the Faculty of Science after seeking advice from the Faculty Council on 1 September 2023.

Applying for Pharmacy and/or CPS

1. Only candidates who have obtained or expect to obtain no later than 31 August 2024 one of the following diplomas are eligible for selection for the bachelor degree programmes in Pharmacy and CPS at Utrecht University for the 2024-2025 academic year:

- Vwo (pre-university education) diploma with Culture & Society profile + (mathematics A or B) and physics and chemistry as three optional subjects
- Vwo diploma with Economics & Society profile + physics and chemistry as optional subjects
- Vwo diploma with Nature & Health profile + physics as optional subject
- Vwo diploma with Nature & Technology profile
- The successful completion of the first-year or diploma from a university of applied sciences under the Law the Law Higher Education and Scientific Research (WHW), supplemented with certificates at vwo level for the subjects mathematics A or B, physics and chemistry. The successful completion of the first-year or diploma of one of the following bachelors of a university of applied sciences, supplemented with certificates at vwo level for the subject mathematics B or the combination of mathematics A and physics:
 - Life Sciences
 - Biology & Medical Laboratory Research
 - Chemistry & Medical Laboratory Research
 - Chemistry
 - Chemical Technology

Candidates who have not obtained a vwo diploma with the Culture & Society profile (with math A or B, physics and chemistry), the Economics & Society profile (with physics and chemistry), the Science & Health profile (with physics) or Science & Technology profile (that gives direct admission to the degree programme) but do have an equivalent diploma may only enrol for the degree programme after it has been shown that the candidate possesses sufficient knowledge at the level of the vwo final examination in the following subjects of the compulsory vwo profile:

- Mathematics A or mathematics B
- Physics
- Chemistry

The Pharmacy panel of the Board of Examiners of the Undergraduate School, Faculty of Sciences at Utrecht University will assess the equivalence of the above diplomas or certificates (other than the vwo diplomas). The International Office of Utrecht University will assess the equivalence of non-Dutch diplomas.

2. Candidates must have submitted an enrolment application in Studielink not later than 15 January 2024.
3. Candidates who have submitted an enrolment application in Studielink will be informed in writing no later than 16 January whether they have been admitted to the selection procedure. Candidates who have been admitted to the selection procedure will receive an invitation to fill in a questionnaire.
At the start of the questionnaire, candidates will be asked to specify which degree programme (Pharmacy or CPS) they wish to apply for. Pharmacy candidates will also receive an invitation for the Pharmacy selection day, which will be held on Saturday 10 February 2024 in Utrecht.
4. The questionnaire for Pharmacy or CPS must be completed and returned by 31 January 2024.
5. Candidates who have not received an invitation by 17 January to complete the questionnaire and/or those who have not been contacted by 2 February with information on the Pharmacy selection day (only Pharmacy candidates) should [contact](#) the Pharmacy/CPS degree programme office straight away.
6. There is only one selection day for Pharmacy, and one week with selection days for the CPS.
7. During the selection day, candidates must identify themselves with a copy of a valid ID.
8. If the candidate does not participate in the selection day, the participation in the selection procedure will end. The candidate will be notified of the decision by the Selection and Placement committee.
9. Candidates who live abroad and are unable to attend the selection day will receive an invitation for the online programme. This online programme takes place at the same time (Dutch time) as the selection day in Utrecht (Pharmacy) or in the same week with selection days (CPS). Candidates living abroad must have a computer with a good internet connection.

Selection procedure for Pharmacy

10. Candidates who have been invited to participate in the selection day for Pharmacy as part of the selection procedure will receive an email by 2 February with details on the material they must study to prepare for the selection tests.
11. The subject material to prepare for the selection tests for Pharmacy involves 30 study hours and covers a number of related subjects in a way that is as similar as possible to the teaching of a regular course in year 1 of the bachelor degree programme in Pharmacy in Utrecht.
12. On the selection day, candidates take two tests each covering a specific part of the preparatory work. The first test is called the entrance test, the second test is called the final test. The selection tests for Pharmacy consist of the following parts:
 - a) arithmetical questions;
 - b) open questions about the subject material studied;
 - c) multiple choice questions about the subject material studied.

13. The same test facilities will apply for all candidates when taking the tests. In addition, candidates with a functional disability may [contact](#) the study advisor by sending an email to discuss whether any additional facilities can be offered. A candidate may not derive any rights from reporting a functional disability. The deadline for reporting a functional disability is 25 January 2024.
14. There will be no opportunity to inspect the tests or parts of the tests made.
15. If the candidate does not meet the obligation referred to in the previous paragraph, participation in the selection procedure will end. The candidate will be notified of the decision by the Pharmacy Selection and Placement committee.
16. The average vwo marks obtained for the subjects mathematics, chemistry and physics will be taken into account in the selection procedure. Candidates fill in their end of year 5 marks in the questionnaire and also upload a certified list of marks (*cijferlijstverklaring* in Dutch).
The vwo marks for the abovementioned subjects will not be taken into account in the selection procedure if:
 - the vwo diploma dates from before 2010;
 - the candidate has no complete overview of obtained vwo marks;
 - the candidate has a diploma from a foreign institution;
 - the candidate will be taking or has taken years 5 and 6 vwo in a single year;
 - the candidate has a list of marks which does not include all the above-mentioned subjects;
17. If the vwo diploma dates from before 2010, the candidate has no complete overview of obtained vwo marks, the candidate has a list of marks containing vwo marks that are not rounded to one decimal place, the candidate has a diploma from a foreign institution, the candidate will be taking or has taken years 5 and 6 vwo in a single year, or the candidate has a list of marks which does not include all the above-mentioned subjects, the candidate will receive the average grade of the other candidates for the above-mentioned subjects.
18. The test scores for the entrance test and final test and the vwo marks will determine the rankings of the candidates on the ranking list. The entrance test and final test are each worth 30%, the vwo marks will be worth 40%. Candidates with the highest score will be assigned the lowest ranking number, while those with the lowest score will be assigned the highest ranking number. The ranking number will determine the order of inclusion on the list on the grounds of the selection. Naturally the other statutory admission requirements for the Pharmacy degree programme and the requirements for DUO must have been met for the candidate to be confirmed on the list.

Selection procedure for the examination programme CPS

19. Before the end of February 2024, candidates will receive an invitation to one of the selection days in the week of Monday 26 February 2024 in Utrecht, at which the candidates will be asked to write an essay on a subject related to CPS.
20. Candidates can prepare for writing the essay by choosing and studying carefully one of the three articles that will be sent with the invitation. On the selection day, the candidates will be given a written assignment with a number of questions that must be answered in the essay. In addition, candidates with a functional disability may [contact](#) the study advisor by sending an email to discuss whether any additional facilities can be offered. A candidate may not derive any rights from this report of a functional disability. The deadline for reporting a functional disability is 13 February 2024.

21. The questionnaire and the letter of recommendation (application forms) and the interview (if applicable) are scored on several elements and receive one final score on a scale from 1 to 5. Also the essay is scored on various elements and receives one final score on a scale from 1 to 5. The essay and the possible interview are independently assessed from the application forms.
22. Candidates with a score of 3.0 or higher for the application forms and a score of 3.0 or higher for the essay can be selected for CPS. Selection is also dependent on the number of applications. The final score for the application forms and the possible interview is worth 60%. The final score for the essay is worth 40%. The candidate with the highest score will be assigned the lowest ranking number, while the candidate with the lowest score will be assigned the highest ranking number. The ranking number will determine the order of inclusion on the list on the grounds of the selection. Naturally, the other statutory admission requirements for the CPS degree programme and the requirements for DUO must have been met for the candidate to be confirmed on the list.
Candidates that are not selected for CPS (because they received one or two scores lower than 3.0 or because there were too many candidates with higher scores than twice 3.0) receive a ranking number for Pharmacy. If they also participated in the selection procedure of this programme, the ranking number will be based on their results in this procedure (see above under 16, 17 and 18). In case they did not participate in the Pharmacy selection procedure they will receive a ranking number that is higher than the participant with the highest ranking number that did participate in this selection procedure. Based on the results in the CPS selection procedure, these ranking numbers will be given.
23. Candidates may request an explanation of the end result of their selection. It is not possible to inspect the assessment of the application forms, interview and essay.

Notification of ranking numbers and organisation

24. The ranking numbers will be recorded by Utrecht University in Studielink before 15 April 2024.
25. Admission to the degree programme will be confirmed on the basis of the rankings established by Utrecht University and the applicable statutory provisions.
26. In the week after 15 April 2024, the candidates will be informed by Utrecht University in writing of:
 - the score of the entrance test (Pharmacy)
 - the score of the final test (Pharmacy)
 - the final score of the application forms (CPS)
 - the final score of the essay (CPS)
27. The candidates will be notified of their ranking number through Studielink. They will receive by email a further explanation of the ranking number they have been given. Candidates who do not agree with this decision on the ranking number they have been given are advised to [contact us](#) first to discuss any questions they may have.
28. If candidates do not agree with the decision on the ranking number given to them, candidates may submit a notice of objection, with reasons, to the Executive Board of Utrecht University by submitting an [online form](#).
29. Candidates may participate up to three times in the selection procedure for the Pharmacy or CPS degree programme at Utrecht University. Results for the tests and/or application forms and essay cannot be carried over to a subsequent academic year.
30. Any candidate found to be committing fraud will be immediately excluded from the selection procedures for the bachelor degree programmes in Pharmacy and CPS at

Utrecht University.

31. The selection for the bachelor degree programme in Pharmacy and CPS will be carried out by the Pharmacy Selection and Placement Committee on behalf of the Executive Board of Utrecht University. The members of the Selection and Placement Committee will be appointed by the director for the bachelor degree programme in Pharmacy.
32. The Pharmacy Selection and Placement Committee reserves the right, in those cases where strict application of the procedure would lead to extreme unfairness, to deviate from the provisions in these regulations.
33. If situations arise not foreseen in these regulations, the Pharmacy Selection and Placement Committee will take a decision.
34. These regulations become effective on 1 October 2023 and apply to the selection for admission to the degree programme in Pharmacy at Utrecht University for the 2024-2025 academic year.