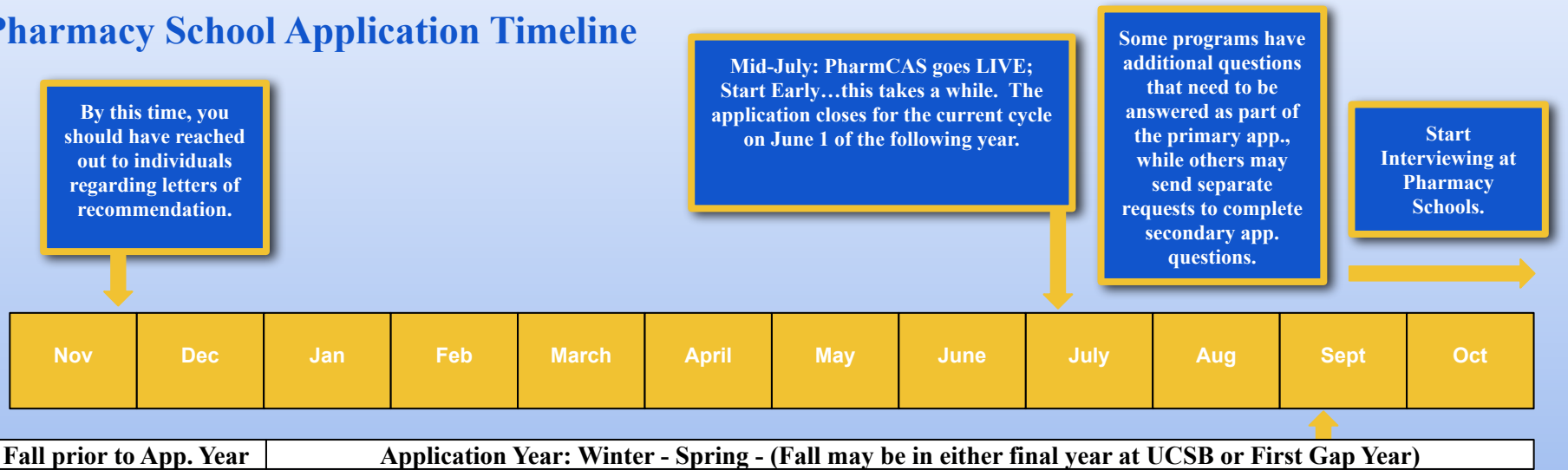


Pharmacy School Application Timeline



Early Decision: Early-September deadline to submit to PharmCAS.

View [PCAT](#) website for Registration and Testing Dates



Factors to Consider Before Applying

- Competitive GPAs:** Cumulative GPA and science/BCPM GPA both at or above 3.5? If not, may consider post-bacc. programs.
- Competitive PCAT Score:** Composite score at or above the 50th percentile? If not, retake? **Note, many CA programs do not require the PCAT.*
- Extracurricular Involvement**

- Shadowing:** Able to shadow a variety of professionals in various settings?
- Clinical Experience:** Work or volunteer experience, ideally with direct patient contact?
- Volunteering (Non-Medical):** Any service or volunteer work in the local community or your hometown?
- Research:** Did you participate in undergraduate research?
- Other** (Student org. involvement, non-medical work, athletics, study/travel abroad, etc.)

- Personal Statement:** Draft or Final Draft completed?
- Letters of Recommendation:** Requested and tentative date of application has been communicated to writers?

Remember, quality is always better than quantity, and long-term involvement is usually more meaningful than short stints.