Pharmacy School Application Timeline

By this time, you should have reached out to individuals regarding letters of recommendation.

Mid-July: PharmCAS goes LIVE; Start Early…this takes a while. The application closes for the current cycle on June 1 of the following year.

Some programs have additional questions that need to be answered as part of the primary app., while others may send separate requests to complete secondary app. questions.

Start Interviewing at Pharmacy Schools.

Factors to Consider Before Applying

1. Competitive GPAs: Cumulative GPA and science/BCPM GPA both at or above 3.5? If not, may consider post-bacc. programs.

2. Competitive PCAT Score: Composite score at or above the 50th percentile? If not, retake? *Note, many CA programs do not require the PCAT.

3. 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.)

4. Personal Statement: Draft or Final Draft completed?

5. 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.