

Pharmaceutical Sciences

MASTER OF SCIENCE

Northeastern University
Bouvé College of
Health Sciences

Over the years, thousands of lives have been saved due to the drugs and treatments discovered and delivered by pharmaceutical scientists.

The Master of Science in Pharmaceutical Sciences fosters students' understanding of how the chemical and physical properties of drugs and their dosage forms affect therapeutic performance in healthy and diseased systems. The program develops specialists in pharmaceuticals and delivery who use their training to improve drug targeting, action, and safety.

With a strong focus on nanotechnology-based advanced delivery systems that address contemporary needs, the program gives students the opportunity to study with some of the world's top researchers and to intern in some of the most prestigious Boston-area pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies.

PROGRAM BENEFITS

Apply theory to practice with co-op and internship opportunities throughout Boston, the hub of the big-pharma/biotech industry.

Learn and collaborate with industry-practiced faculty members who act as a resource for professional development and provide guidance to help advance your career.

Gain preparation for a full PhD by applying MS in Pharmaceutical Sciences coursework to the PhD program requirements.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES

Students who complete the program will be able to:

Evaluate critical topics of contemporary focus in the pharmaceutical sciences industry.

Identify major themes, knowledge gaps, and research problems regarding the action, application, discovery, and development of therapeutics.

Execute experiments in pharmaceutical sciences that advance our understanding of drugs and their therapeutic application.

Help improve healthcare industry standards and outcomes by applying the information gained from the pharmaceutical sciences program.

CURRICULUM OUTLINE

Required Courses (14-16 semester hours):

- Concepts in Pharmaceutical Science
- Concepts in Pharmaceutical Science 2
- Research Skills and Ethics or Ethical Problems in Health Sciences Research
- Pharmaceutical Biochemistry or Pharmaceutical Sciences Laboratory
- Cellular Physiology
- Experimental Design and Biostatistics
- Human Physiology and Pathophysiology

Pharmaceutics (8 semester hours):

- Advanced Physical Pharmacy
- Pharmacokinetics and Drug Metabolism
- Advanced Drug Delivery Systems

Sample Electives (9-11 semester hours):

- Integrated Anatomy and Physiology
- Drug Safety and Immunogenicity
- Bioanalytical Chemistry
- Nanomedicine Research Techniques
- Research Ethics for Beginning Health Scientists
- Receptor Pharmacology
- Advanced Pharmacokinetics and Toxicology

Total Number of Semester Hours: 33

- On average, students can complete this degree in two years.
- Minimum 3.0 GPA required



With more than 100 undergraduate and graduate programs, the Bouvé College of Health Sciences offers students extraordinary opportunities in three preeminent schools: Health Professions, Nursing, and Pharmacy. These schools are united across disciplines, preparing the next generation of highly skilled, versatile, and enterprising healthcare leaders, while advancing high-impact research to address the world's challenging issues. Spanning multiple campuses, Bouvé's interprofessional classroom approaches mirror today's collaborative reality in healthcare and research. Simulation exercises prepare students for real-life crises, while state-of-the-art laboratories foster high-impact research where even first-year students participate. Lectures and theories come alive and are honed through unrivaled co-ops and clinicals in Boston, the hub of health innovation, or through placements around the globe.

Northeastern University

Founded in 1898, Northeastern is a global research university and the recognized leader in experience-driven lifelong learning. Our world-renowned experiential approach empowers our students, faculty, alumni, and partners to create impact far beyond the confines of discipline, degree, and campus.

Our locations—in Boston; Charlotte, North Carolina; London; Portland, Maine; San Francisco; Seattle; Silicon Valley; Toronto; Vancouver; and the Massachusetts communities of Burlington and Nahant—are nodes in our growing global university system. Through this network, we expand opportunities for flexible, student-centered learning and collaborative, solutions-focused research.

Northeastern's comprehensive array of undergraduate and graduate programs—in a variety of on-campus and online formats—lead to degrees through the doctorate in nine colleges and schools. Among these, we offer more than 195 multidisciplinary majors and degrees designed to prepare students for purposeful lives and careers.