

PY1 Student Checklist

The following items must be completed prior to beginning the program in Fall 2026. The deadline for these requirements is Friday, August 7, 2026.

- All official transcripts of completed prerequisite courses submitted to rxadmis@temple.edu
- Signed technical standards form submitted to rxadmis@temple.edu
- Criminal Background Check: All students must complete Certiphi AND FBI Background Checks. Certiphi background and child abuse checks are completed annually. If you need assistance with your Certiphi report, please contact their Help Desk at 800-803-7860, extension 2006. No need to email your Certiphi report once completed as reports can be accessed through their system on our end. If you have any questions, please email Haley Ashby at haley.ashby@temple.edu.
- FBI Background Checks: You will only complete this background check once upon admission. Many of our sites, TUH and the Temple Health System included, now require students completing rotations to have an FBI background check. This FBI check is different from the one you got from Certiphi. Please be sure that if you already have one, it was completed within the same year of your acceptance. FBI background checks are good for five years, and this will only need to be completed once for the duration of your time here at Temple University School of Pharmacy. Please visit this site to obtain your FBI background check: <https://www.fbi.gov/services/cjis/identity-history-summary-checks>. You can go to several specific post offices in the area to get this done. Use option 1 on the FBI web page which can be found at the above link for instructions. Option 1 through a post office is by far the fastest way to complete this process. What you will see on the website for option 1 is also listed below but also look at the website as they have the list of post offices that perform this service by state. Please call your chosen post office before you go as you may need an appointment.

The FBI background checks are typically two pages. The first page will have the FBI seal; the second will have the report. The cost of background checks depends on which state(s) you have lived in. Please begin this process early so you can plan for this expense and get your report by the deadline. If you have any questions or concerns, please email Haley Ashby at haley.ashby@temple.edu.

You can upload your reports here: <https://forms.office.com/r/hAENScbCQg>

- Physical Exam and Immunization Records: The acceptance package must be returned to the Health Science Campus Student Health Office prior to matriculation at the School of

Pharmacy. Students should upload to the TU Online Student Health Portal at <http://www.temple.edu/studenthealth/>

Student Health will be at the Orientation Resource Fair to answer questions.

If you have any questions about the status of your health requirements, please contact Student Health at shs@temple.edu.

- PREP: Attendance at PREP Week is strongly linked to student academic success. PREP will take place August 17–21, 2026, from 9:00 AM–4:00 PM (with Friday concluding at 1:00 PM). In support of your success, attendance is mandatory for all incoming PY1 students. Please take the first step by RSVPing through the main page of the New Student Headquarters site to confirm your participation. If you have any questions, contact Dr. Hellerslia at van.hellerslia@temple.edu
- Exam Soft: Exams will be administered through this test-taking software. Please keep an eye out for emails from them regarding the onboarding steps needed
- Please order the required textbooks.

P171 Pharmacy Lab I

A Practical Guide to Contemporary Pharmacy Practice and Compounding by Deborah Lester Elder

P161 Pharmaceutics I

Pharmaceutical Dosage Forms 11th Edition, Ansel

Stoklosa and Ansel's Pharmaceutical Calculations, 16th edition

Optional Textbook: Introduction to the Pharmaceutical Sciences 2nd edition, N. Pandit, Lippincott, Williams & Wilkins, Baltimore, MD

P145 Immunology/Biotechnology

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Cellular and Molecular Immunology, Eleventh Edition, by Abul K. Abbas, Andrew H. Lichtman, Shiv Pillai, Sarah Henrickson. 2026, Elsevier, Philadelphia.

P151 Medicinal Chemistry I (Biochemical Principles)

Recommended Text:

Lehninger Principles of Biochemistry- 8th Edition, Nelson and Cox (Freeman 2021)

Recommended Support Material:

The Absolute, Ultimate Guide to Lehninger Principles of Biochemistry- 7th Edition (Freeman 2018)

Lippincott's Illustrated Reviews: Biochemistry, 7th Edition, Harvey (Wolters Kluwer, 2017)

P140 Professional Practice

No Required Textbook

P155 Principles of Infectious Diseases

Textbook is on AccessMedicine

P146 Drug Information

A Guide for Pharmacists, 7th Edition Author: MaloneP, Malone M, Park S. Publisher: McGraw-Hill Medical

Please Note: Some of our textbooks are available for free online via the Ginsburg Health Sciences Library. If you can access the medical library from campus (or sign up for an access password so you have offsite access) look in the databases and select "AccessPharmacy" you will have access to a list of texts (select "Textbooks"), and you will see our textbook listed. You have free full online access to text.

We understand that the onboarding process can be both tedious and overwhelming. Please don't hesitate to reach out to our Admissions and Student Services staff with any questions you may have — we're here to support you every step of the way.

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