



Doctor of Pharmacy Admissions – Fall 2005

Procedures and Policies

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2004 Applicant Pool

- ◆ 877 total applications
 - 214 from West Lafayette campus
 - 94 from other Indiana campuses
 - 569 from out-of-state colleges



2004 Admissions Summary Data– 157 Admitted Students

Pre-pharmacy:

69% Purdue / WL

24% Indiana Campuses

7% Out-of-State



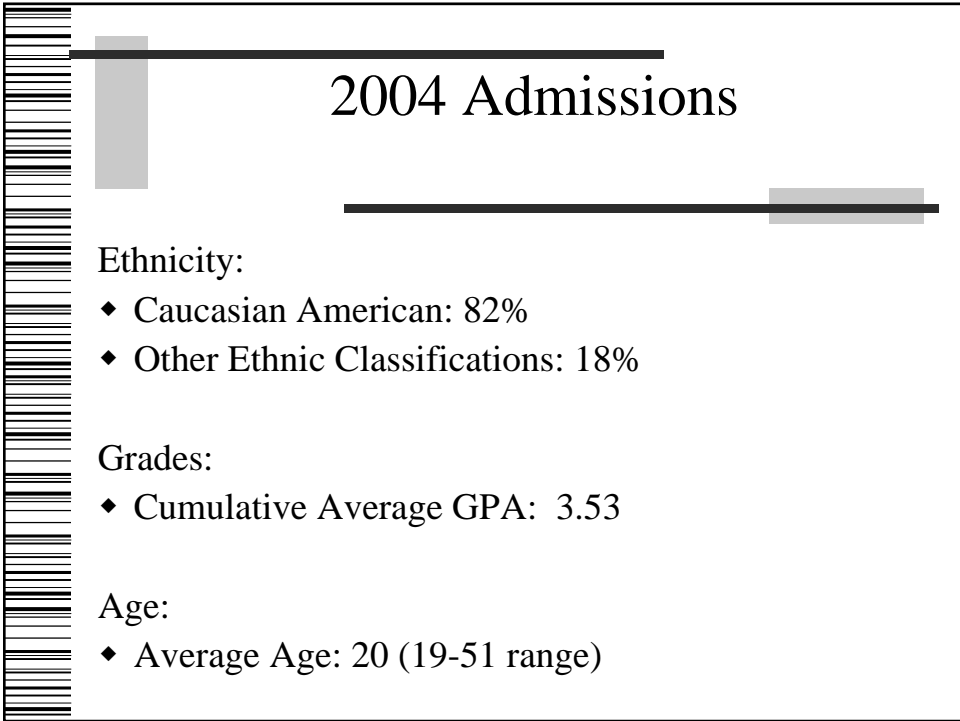
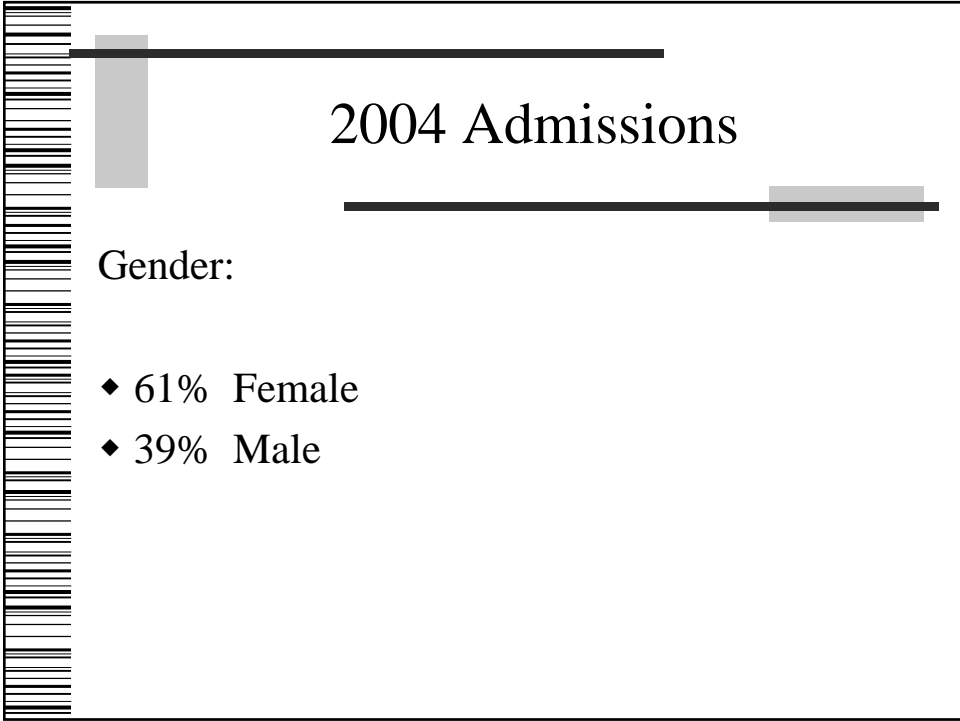
2004 Admissions

Residency:

◆ 75% Indiana Resident

◆ 20% Out-of-State

◆ 5% International





2005 Admissions

- ◆ We will admit a small number of students through the Early Assurance Program
- ◆ We will admit about 155 students in total
- ◆ We expect the application pool will be somewhat more competitive than in 2004
- ◆ Students to be considered may take no more than one pre-pharmacy core science course in summer 2005.



Admissions Time Table

- ◆ December 1, 2004 – PharmCAS Application Due
- ◆ January 5, 2005 – Purdue Application along with reference letters in sealed envelopes
- ◆ February 21-25, 2005 – Interview Week (tentative)
- ◆ Early March – Initial Decisions
- ◆ Mid-March – Pre-registration for Fall
- ◆ Early June – Final Decisions



PharmCAS

- ◆ www.PharmCAS.org
- ◆ May apply to multiple pharmacy schools (43 of 87 schools participate)
- ◆ Cost: \$130 (1), \$170 (2), \$210 (3). . . \$1,425 (43)
- ◆ Transcripts must be sent to PharmCAS by December 1 for Purdue (transcript request form at PharmCAS web site)
- ◆ Important: Have Fall 2004 transcripts sent to PharmCAS at end of semester



PharmCAS (cont.)

- ◆ International transcripts evaluated by schools
- ◆ Letters of recommendation go directly to schools
- ◆ Must update contact information with PharmCAS and schools until May 1; with schools after May 1
- ◆ Apply early!!!



Purdue Application

- ◆ Downloadable application form and instructions on School web site
- ◆ www.pharmacy.purdue.edu
- ◆ Typed (word processed) applications preferred
- ◆ You may use attached sheets for essays or cut out and tape/paste essays to form
- ◆ Late applications not considered



Application Screening Factors in January

- ◆ Overall GPA (generally > 3.10)
- ◆ Performance in Core Science and Math Courses (including repeats and withdrawals)
- ◆ Students with more than 3 grades < B or more than one repeated course are not expected to be competitive for an interview
- ◆ A “D” or “F” in the fall 2004 semester will disqualify you from further consideration



Admission Consideration Factors

- ◆ Students with more than 3 grades < B at end of spring semester are not likely to be competitive for admission
- ◆ Grades in anatomy and physiology and organic chemistry may be weighed more heavily in decisions



Beyond Academic Performance

- ◆ Solid grades are necessary, but not sufficient to assure admission consideration
- ◆ Application evaluation score is important
- ◆ Interview results are important for final decisions
- ◆ Minimum levels on each of the three components (grades/application/interview) are established
- ◆ We accept the 155 students with the best overall qualifications



Application Evaluation

- ◆ Academic Effort (credit load and course level)
- ◆ Recommendations
- ◆ Written Essays
- ◆ Leadership / Organizations
- ◆ Work Experience
- ◆ Volunteer / Service Experience



Interviews

- ◆ Will interview about 225 of the most qualified applicants
- ◆ 20 minute interview with admissions committee member and a faculty/staff member
- ◆ Videotaped oral communication exercise
- ◆ Written paragraph and English usage quiz



Interview Focus Areas

- ◆ Appearance and manner
- ◆ Approach to academics
- ◆ Self-development strengths and weaknesses
- ◆ Pharmacy career exploration and commitment
- ◆ Interpersonal and verbal abilities
- ◆ Other questions about your activities and interests



General Advice

- ◆ Follow all directions for applications and pay close attention to deadlines
- ◆ Do not miss Purdue application deadline waiting for letters of recommendation (will accept letters separately, but strongly discourage)
- ◆ Review your application for accuracy
- ◆ Make copies of your PharmCAS and Purdue application for future reference
- ◆ Pay attention to spelling, grammar and neatness



Career Planning Advice

- ◆ Contact OSS staff for advice and options
- ◆ Consider applying to other pharmacy schools as well
- ◆ Think about whether your goal is a Purdue degree in some field or a pharmacy degree (but not necessarily from Purdue)



Questions??
