If you have an interest in science and healthcare, then you should consider Pharmacy as a career option. A career in pharmacy offers:

- A globally recognized professional qualification in healthcare
- Extremely high graduate employability
- Attractive salaries
- Flexible working patterns to suit your lifestyle
- A varied and exciting career path

RCSI reserves up to ten places on the MPharm programme each year for competitive Graduate Entry Applicants.

**Why Pharmacy at RCSI?**

The RCSI School of Pharmacy provides a world-class innovative curriculum that prepares graduates for the ever expanding role of the pharmacist in the delivery of healthcare. This includes:

- The opportunity to learn from leading researchers and practitioners in the Schools of Medicine and Pharmacy
- The development of advanced hands-on practical laboratory and clinical skills
- The opportunity to participate in international clinical and research elective programmes at diverse, prestigious institutions in the USA, China and Europe
- Structured work placements and collaborative research opportunities at leading Irish specialist hospitals and pharmaceutical industry sites.

RCSI is the only specialist health sciences higher education institution in Ireland offering undergraduate degree programmes in Medicine, Pharmacy and Physiotherapy and is in the top 2% of universities worldwide according to the Times Higher Education Rankings 2018.

**What you will study at RCSI**

- The programme is delivered over a number of modules, which are based on the systems of the human body. Each module integrates the life sciences, clinical sciences and practice and is defined by a series of learning outcomes (outcomes focused).
- Structured professional placements occur in all five years of the programme.
- A four month structured placement in the fourth year and an eight month structured placement in the fifth and final year ensure that graduates are ready for practice.
- The programme uses a variety of teaching methods including traditional lectures, case-based learning, small group learning, computer assisted learning, shadowing, observation, skills workshops, out of hours pharmacy attendance, simulation based clinical teaching, laboratory work and dispensing practicals.
- The programme spans five years in total, ultimately leading to the award of a Master of Pharmacy (Level 9 on the National Framework of Qualifications/Level 7 on the European Qualifications Framework).
- Graduates of the MPharm are eligible to register as pharmacists in Ireland and throughout the EU after graduation.
- For a detailed breakdown of the course curriculum, visit [http://www.rcsi.ie/eu-pharmacy-graduate-entry](http://www.rcsi.ie/eu-pharmacy-graduate-entry)

**Entry Requirements**

The Graduate Entry Pharmacy route is designed for students who hold (or expect to hold by July prior to entry) a minimum second class honours (2H2) result in their first honours bachelor degree (NFQ Level 8). This degree can be in any discipline. A science background is not a prerequisite as academic excellence in the humanities and social sciences is also recognized. If a candidate presents a non-science degree they must, however, meet the minimum entry requirements in the Irish Leaving Certificate or equivalent EU secondary school examination.

**Irish Leaving Certificate**

Candidates who do not present a science-related degree, must present a minimum of 6 subjects in the Irish Leaving Certificate (2 x H5s and 4 O6/H7s) to include Irish (unless exempt), English, Mathematics, Chemistry, a third language and another recognized subject. Candidates must present a minimum grade H5 in Chemistry.
GCE A Levels
Candidates who do not present a science-related degree, must present a minimum of 6 subjects (2 x A Level subjects (Grade C) and 4 passes (minimum Grade C or above at GCSE level or Grade E or above at A Level) to include a minimum Grade C in GCSE English, Mathematics, a laboratory science and a second language plus a minimum Grade C in A Level Chemistry. For further information on minimum entry requirements, please visit http://www.rcsi.ie/eu-pharmacy-graduate-entry

Fees
The Graduate Entry Pharmacy route is not covered under the Irish Exchequer’s Free Fees Initiative on the basis that students have already completed a Level 8 undergraduate degree. As a result, all graduate entry students are either liable for EU or Non EU fees, depending on their EU status.

How much do I pay if I am eligible for EU fees?

| Irish & EU (including EEA and Swiss) Graduate Entry Pharmacy students | EU Tuition Fee | €7,150 |
| - | Student Contribution Charge | €2,750 |
| - | IT Fee | €475 |
| - | Health screening charge (once off charge) | €250 |
| - | NUI fee (once off charge) | €135 |
| Total Fees due for academic year 2017/18 | €10,760 |

Funding
If you are offered a graduate entry place on the five year MPharm programme at RCSI, you can apply for financing via the Bank of Ireland Graduate Entry Pharmacy Tuition Fees Loan Facility which covers tuition fees from year two onwards. A number of terms and conditions apply to the financing arrangement. For further details, please visit http://www.rcsi.ie/eu-pharmacy-graduate-entry

How to Apply
The relevant application timelines are outlined in more detail below:

1. February of year of admission
Applications must be made online directly to RCSI through the College website from 1 November to 1 February of each year. There is a €75 application fee payable by credit card.
The following documents are required as part of the online application process:
• Certified copies of academic transcripts
• Academic references
• Non Academic references (that you feel are relevant to your application)
• Personal Statement
• Curriculum Vitae
• Copy of passport showing name, nationality and date of birth
• A passport style photograph

2. Early April of year of admission
Applications are reviewed by members of the Admissions Committee and applicants will be selected for admission on the basis of open competition using the following criteria:
• Academic Eligibility
• Confidential references and life experience (work life balance, extracurricular activities, relevant work/ voluntary experience).
Competitive applicants are then selected from within the overall application pool and the most competitive cohort is offered the opportunity to undertake an interview. The interviews will take place in RCSI Dublin in early April 2018.

3. Late April of year of admission
Offers to successful applicants are issued by the RCSI Admissions Office in late April. Each successful applicant usually has 14 days to accept his/her offer which involves payment of a deposit of €1,000 to secure their seat.

For further information on the MPharm programme at RCSI visit http://www.rcsi.ie/eu-pharmacy-graduate-entry