



KECK GRADUATE INSTITUTE

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Jumpstart Your Pharmacy Career: A KGI and Community College Partnership

KGI is helping health science students start their pharmacy careers sooner and with less debt.

KGI has partnered with local community colleges to help students pursue their dreams of becoming pharmacists. Students go directly from high school to community college (two years), then spend four years at KGI earning their Doctor of Pharmacy degree. Students from any community college can enter KGI's program.

By eliminating the traditional four years of undergraduate schooling prior to enrolling in pharmacy school, students save time and money when they enter their careers. Learn more about KGI's program at kgi.edu/cc-pharmd.









Time to a pharmacy degree

	Traditional Route	KGI's CC to PharmD	
Year 1	Undergraduate institution		Community college
Year 2			
Year 3			KGI's PharmD program
Year 4			
Year 5	Pharmacy school		Working pharmacist
Year 6			
Year 7			
Year 8			



With an average tuition rate of between \$20,000 and \$40,000 per year of undergraduate schooling, students can save between \$40,000 to \$100,000 by choosing KGI's six-year program. Additionally, by attending community college, students save even more money, as the average tuition rate in California is approximately \$1,350 per year for in-state students.

Approximate cost to become a pharmacist

	Traditional Route	KGI's CC to PharmD
Tuition Year 1	\$30,000	 \$1,200
Tuition Year 2	\$30,000	 \$1,350
Tuition Year 3	\$30,000	 \$49,900
Tuition Year 4	\$30,000	 \$49,900
Tuition Year 5	\$50,000	 \$49,900
Tuition Year 6	\$50,000	 \$49,900
Tuition Year 7	\$50,000	 -
Tuition Year 8	\$50,000	 -
Total approximate tuition	\$320,000	\$202,660



Being accepted into KGI's PharmD program from community college gives me a direct path to my

career goals. My pathway to pharmacy was a rather unconventional one. I studied business in undergrad before deciding to attend pharmacy school. Because I was able to attend community college to take my remaining prerequisites for KGI's PharmD program, I did not have to transfer to another 4-year college to complete a bachelor's degree beforehand. This saves me both time and money! I am grateful that KGI offers a community college to PharmD program!

—Genevieve Kua

SAVES \$117,340*

* SAVINGS VARY BY STUDENT BASED ON INSTITUTION ATTENDED PRIOR TO KGI



KGI gave me such an amazing opportunity with the CC to PharmD program. I learned of KGI's program from a current PharmD student as I was starting my third year at Glendale Community College. I initially had been preparing to apply for transfer to UCs or CSUs, and upon finding out about the KGI pathway, I began to rethink my classes and instead made a plan to finish taking the prerequisites required for their program. KGI's opportunity helped save me two extra years and their summer undergraduate science courses ensured I had nothing to worry about when it came to Biochemistry not being offered at community colleges around me. The admissions team, professors, staff and everyone I have encountered in my journey through the application process have made it clear that choosing KGI was the right choice. KGI's pathway will help me achieve my career goals two years earlier and made it possible for me to start on my journey towards using my knowledge and abilities to help serve my community as a healthcare professional.

—Fadi Tapponi

Career options for a pharmacist are vast and may include

- Clinical pharmacy practice
- Geriatric pharmacy
- Home health care
- Managed care
- Pharmacoeconomics
- Community pharmacy
- Governmental agencies
- Hospital pharmacy
- Pharmaceutical industry
- Pharmacy education

The average salary for a pharmacist in California is \$163,975 (Salary.com, 2025), with a median salary of \$134,790 nationwide in 2023 (U.S. Bureau of Labor). By choosing KGI's six-year CC to PharmD, students start their careers two years sooner and with nearly \$100,000 less debt.

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