VISION & MISSION OF UHH COLLEGE OF PHARMACY

The vision of the College of Pharmacy at the University of Hawai‘i at Hilo is to drive improvement of healthcare in Hawai‘i and throughout the Pacific. And its mission is: “To Educate Pharmacy Practitioners and Leaders, to Serve as a Catalyst for Innovations and Discoveries in Pharmaceutical Science and Practice for the Promotion of Health and Wellbeing, and to Deliver Quality Patient Care.”

STEPS TOWARD EXCELLENCE IN PHARMACY (STEP) PROGRAM

The STEP Program is an intensive three-year scholarly preparatory program to address underserved students’ educational, social and economic needs toward successful admission to the UHH College of Pharmacy. Applicants to the STEP program have diverse backgrounds and are highly motivated to achieve their goal of becoming a Pharmacist. A goal of the STEP Program is to provide these students the opportunity, guidance and mentorship to achieve their academic potential. Priority is given to applicants with strong ties to the State of Hawai‘i and the U.S.-Affiliated Pacific Islands.

Acceptance into the STEP program will be determined by the Admissions Committee of the College of Pharmacy. Funding will be provided for up to five STEP Program students for costs related to tuition and fees for up to 3 years at UH Hilo (based on performance and availability of funds). STEP Program students are ensured a seat in the UHH Pharm. D. Program upon successful completion of the STEP Program. Successful students must:

- Complete ALL required coursework as directed by the STEP Curriculum Plan in three years (may be subject to change based on class availability).
- Maintain an overall satisfactory GPA (at least 2.8 for the first year, 3.0 for the second year, 3.2 for the third year).
- Earn a grade of C or better in STEP Program classes (C- and below are not acceptable).
- Complete the PCAT and obtain satisfactory scores (overall composite score of at least 60, with no section score less than 20).
- Apply and successfully interview at the UHH College of Pharmacy.

*Underserved: A person who comes from an environment that has inhibited the individual from obtaining the knowledge, skills, and abilities required to enroll in and graduate from higher education; and/or comes from a family with an annual income below a level based on low-income thresholds according to family size, as published by the U.S. Bureau of Census.*