Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences Honors Program

The Honors Program of the University of Colorado Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences (SSPPS) offers students the opportunity to design and execute a research-oriented project. In addition to fulfilling the normal coursework requirements of the Pharm.D. curriculum, Honors Program students pursue special research interests with a high degree of individual attention from an SOP faculty mentor. Designed for a small group of students of exceptional merit, the Honors Program provides a hands-on original research experience using contemporary scientific methodologies to develop advanced skills in modern techniques. It is an expectation of the Honors Program that many honors projects will lead to presentations at national meetings or publications in a professional or scientific journal. Students often find the Honors Program to be an avenue to expanded career opportunities. Students completing the Honors Program will be recognized on their transcript and diploma as having “graduated with honors.”

Honors Program FAQs

Who can apply?
Any P1 student in spring semester, P2 student in fall semester or spring semester.

How much time will it take?
Approximately 300 hours.

What does my GPA have to be?
Your professional GPA must be at least 3.0 upon application and at least 3.0 when you graduate. Your professional GPA can fall below 3.0 during the period of research but it must be at least 3.0 at graduation.

What research can I do?
That is dependent upon the faculty member with whom you conduct research. You and the faculty member develop your research project.

What faculty member can I work with?
First, he/she must be a regular School of Pharmacy faculty member. It is then your responsibility to identify a faculty member who is available to work with you. You should start by reviewing SOP faculty research interests on the SSPPS website.

Why would I want to do this?
It provides you the opportunity to learn about research and to develop skills associated with its successful conduct. You will have “graduated with honors” printed on your transcript and diploma. Research experience is considered an asset when applying for a residency.
Schematic representation of the Honors Program. HPC = Honors Program Committee.