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**UAMS College of Pharmacy Ranked  
among Top Pharmacy Colleges**

LITTLE ROCK — The UAMS College of Pharmacy recently was recognized by U.S. News & World Report as having one of the best colleges of pharmacy nationwide, ranking 31<sup>st</sup> among 134 total colleges in the magazine’s 2020 list.

“What makes the College of Pharmacy special is its people. The hard work and passion its faculty and students have for the profession and education have earned it prominence in the top echelon of colleges of pharmacy, surpassing more than 100 of its peers,” said the college’s Dean Cindy Stowe, Pharm.D. “We’ve valued the college’s strengths for a long time, but our continuing high rank by a national publication like U.S. News is gratifying confirmation that our peers see them, too”

Like all of the other U.S. News health rankings, the pharmacy colleges ranking was based solely on the results of peer assessment surveys sent to deans, other administrators and/or faculty at accredited degree programs or schools in each discipline. All schools surveyed were sent the same number of surveys.

Respondents rated the academic quality of programs on a scale of 1 (marginal) to 5 (outstanding). They were instructed to select "don't know" if they did not have enough knowledge to rate a program. Only fully accredited programs in good standing during the survey period are ranked.

“The UAMS College of Pharmacy is a treasure with its talented faculty, exceptional leadership and a student body committed to serving its community while building leadership skills and advocating for the profession,” said Stephanie Gardner, Pharm.D., Ed.D., UAMS provost and chief strategy officer. “I am pleased to see its well-deserved ranking.”

In a 400-mile radius of Little Rock, the college has the second lowest tuition cost compared to both private and state-supported colleges of pharmacy. Students received more than \$300,000 in scholarships and awards in 2019-2020.

UAMS has been home to the college since 1951. More than 4,700 students have graduated since it made UAMS its home. Students have been very active in its seven

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professional organizations, two honor societies and three national fraternities, several of them winning national awards, recognitions and competitions.

The college offers several dual degree programs as well as experiential opportunities in specialties from veterinary pharmacy to toxicology/infectious diseases and nuclear pharmacy.

Within a 400-mile radius of Little Rock, two other pharmacy colleges were ranked 31<sup>st</sup> — the University of Missouri-Kansas City and the University of Oklahoma. Only two others in that area were higher in ranking.

UAMS is the state's only health sciences university, with colleges of Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy, Health Professions and Public Health; a graduate school; hospital; a main campus in Little Rock; a Northwest Arkansas regional campus in Fayetteville; a statewide network of regional campuses; and seven institutes: the Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute, Jackson T. Stephens Spine & Neurosciences Institute, Harvey & Bernice Jones Eye Institute, Psychiatric Research Institute, Donald W. Reynolds Institute on Aging, Translational Research Institute and Institute for Digital Health & Innovation. UAMS includes UAMS Health, a statewide health system that encompasses all of UAMS' clinical enterprise including its hospital, regional clinics and clinics it operates or staffs in cooperation with other providers. UAMS is the only adult Level 1 trauma center in the state. *U.S. News & World Report* named UAMS Medical Center the state's Best Hospital; ranked its ear, nose and throat program among the top 50 nationwide; and named six areas as high performing — cancer, colon cancer surgery, heart failure, hip replacement, knee replacement and lung cancer surgery. UAMS has 2,727 students, 870 medical residents and five dental residents. It is the state's largest public employer with more than 10,000 employees, including 1,200 physicians who provide care to patients at UAMS, its regional campuses, Arkansas Children's Hospital, the VA Medical Center and Baptist Health. Visit [www.uams.edu](http://www.uams.edu) or [www.uamshealth.com](http://www.uamshealth.com). Find us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [YouTube](#) or [Instagram](#).

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