



School of Pharmacy- Worcester/Manchester

Integration and Transition Program

Hybrid Online Pathway

Welcome to the School's orientation program titled the "*Integration and Transition Program*"!

The School of Pharmacy- Worcester/Manchester (SOP-W/M) will facilitate an "Integration and Transition" Program for the Class of 2029. This program is designed to foster a sense of belonging while providing students with the support they need to succeed academically and professionally. The program will include the White Coat Ceremony.

The goals of the "Integration and Transition" Program are to:

1. *Build a sense of community: students will build connections with their peers and faculty, which can foster a sense of belonging and support and facilitate social and professional integration.*
2. *Improve student success: students will engage in discussions about evidence-based learning strategies to promote self-awareness and adjust to the curricular demands of pharmacy education.*
3. *Promote team building: students will participate in an activity designed to promote team building while testing ideas and collaborating to improve the process.*

The program is scheduled on August 25th-28th, 2026. This program includes a University orientation on the morning of August 27th. Students enrolled in the campus-based pathway will participate in their primary campus (Worcester or Manchester). Students enrolled in the hybrid online pathway will participate on the Manchester campus.

Please note that some activities are only assigned to students enrolled in the hybrid online pathway (please refer to schedule below). All students are expected to participate in all applicable activities.

Schedule:

Date (2026)	Topics/Activities
Tuesday, 8/25	Day 1- Hybrid Online Pathway ONLY
	Working lunch: Greetings from Dean of School of Pharmacy and Director of Hybrid Online Pathway
	Introduction to MCPHS: <i>Introduction to the Hybrid Online Pathway</i> <i>Curriculum Overview</i>
	Success in Online Learning: <i>Best practices and learning resources</i> <i>Center for Academic Success and Enrichment-Academic coaching and tutoring</i> <i>Student Services</i>

Wednesday 8/26	Day 2- Hybrid Online Pathway ONLY
	Belonging from Afar: <i>Student organizations</i> <i>Committee membership opportunities</i> <i>Faculty advising</i>
	Introduction to Service and Care
	Introduction to Fall course coordinators
	Online Learning Technology*
	Well-being in Online Learning
	Social Event: New Hampshire Fisher Cats Baseball Game
Thursday, 8/27	Day 3- Hybrid Online and Campus-Based Pathways
	University orientation programming
	Luncheon with Faculty
	Curriculum Overview
	White Coat Ceremony
Friday, 8/28	Day 4- Hybrid Online and Campus-Based Pathways
	Light Breakfast
	Meeting with advisor
	Evidence Based Learning Strategies
	Movement Break
	<i>Remember Your Why</i> Reflection Activity
	Technology-Are You Ready*
	Lunch and Tour of Campus
	Cross-Cultural Simulation
	Introduction to Co-Curricular Activities
	Introduction to Service and Care (campus-based students)

* Kindly bring the laptop you intend to use during synchronous sessions and assessments as you'll need it to set up your account(s) for those activities.