Graduation Policy (updated 4-29-15)

1) Purpose
This policy outlines the programmatic expectations for graduation with a MS/PhD degree in Pharmaceutical Sciences.

2) Requirement
Certification of MS/PhD graduates in Pharmaceutical Sciences is granted after:
   • Completion of all didactic and non-didactic coursework as outlined in the approved Plan of Study (see Plan of Study Policy)
   • Successful passing of MS/PhD defense as demonstrated by the signed Graduation Verification Form for MS/PhD Students (for research-intensive students only)
   • Compliance with degree-required seminar and journal club credit hours (see Journal Club/Seminar Policy)
   • Completion of Graduate School application for graduation by specified deadline
   • Active registration for at least one (1) graduate credit in the academic year of intended graduation
   • No outstanding financial obligations with the University of Cincinnati
   • Cumulative grade point average of all didactic courses ≥3.0
   • No failing “F” grade in any of the degree-associated graduate courses
   • Compliance with the University of Cincinnati Student Code of Conduct
   • Verification of at least one (1) first-author manuscript that is accepted for publication in a peer-reviewed scientific journal (PhD students only)
   • Successful upload of chair-signed thesis/dissertation through the Graduate School EDT portal by specified deadline (for research-intensive students only)

3) Timeline
The programmatic target timeline for graduation of MS students is 2-3 years from the date of matriculation. For doctoral students, the programmatic target timeline for graduation is 5-6 years from the date of matriculation. The maximum time limits for completion of MS/PhD degrees are specified by the Graduate School.