

# Guidelines for Pharmacy

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### 1. Purpose.

The pharmacy collection supports study, instruction and research in the School of Pharmacy. The professional degree program from the School is the Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.) which leads to a career as a pharmacist. The school offers a B.S. in Pharmaceutical Sciences, M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in the Pharmaceutical Sciences, as well as a Ph.D. in Pharmaceutical Engineering in conjunction with the VCU College of Engineering. Areas of concentration include Pharmacy, Pharmaceutics, Medicinal Chemistry, Pharmacotherapy and Outcomes Science, and Pharmaceutical Engineering. In addition, the School of Pharmacy has dual degree programs and provides unique continuing education opportunities. The collection also serves students and faculty in the College of Health Professions, and the Schools of Medicine, Nursing, and Dentistry.

### 2. General Collection Guidelines.

#### A. Language.

English is the primary language of the collection. Foreign or multilingual monographic and serial titles are purchased selectively.

## **B. Chronology.**

Emphasis is on the twenty-first century. Titles in the history of pharmacy currently published are acquired for the general collection. The Special Collections & Archives department is the repository for historically significant retrospective materials.

## **C. Geography.**

In the field of pharmacy practice and organization, primary emphasis is on the United States. Publications of pharmacy, drug and medical research are acquired regardless of national origin, with primary emphasis on those studies relevant to medical and health problems in the United States.

## **D. Publication Date.**

Emphasis is on current imprints. Retrospective materials are considered for purchase upon faculty request.

## **E. Treatment of Subject.**

Comprehensive pharmaceutical texts and treatises are collected extensively. The primary focus of the collection is on materials reporting current practices and research.

## **F. Types of Materials and Formats.**

Materials include monographs, serials, handbooks, anatomical atlases, encyclopedias, directories, abstracts, indexes, bibliographies, dictionaries, and conference proceedings. Primary emphasis is in serials reporting pharmaceutical or medical research. Acquisition of serials takes precedence over that of monographs. The preferred format is electronic. Examination guides, self-instructional texts, study guides, laboratory manuals, outlines, pocket-sized books, syllabi, and workbooks are not collected. Other instructional and research formats for the collection include online databases, data sets, and multimedia. Pertinent local, state, and federal government documents are acquired, as well as publications from the primary professional associations.

## **3. Area Resources.**

The collection functions as a primary source for health science professionals in the region. There are no other comparable collections in the area.

## **4. Subjects and Collecting Levels.**

Materials and resources in pharmacy and all related subject areas are generally collected at the research level.