

The UMES School of Pharmacy (SOP) achieved an impressive 96.23% first-time pass rate among our pharmacy graduates taking the 2018 North American Pharmacy Licensure Exam (NAPLEX). Compared to the 89.46% first-time pass rate national average, the UMES was the highest of the three doctor of pharmacy programs in Maryland and the highest among the seven HBCU pharmacy programs nationwide.

The NAPLEX measures the pharmacist candidate’s knowledge of the practice of pharmacy. The NAPLEX exam is one component of the pharmacist licensing process used by the states as an assessment of a candidate’s competence to practice. The UMES SOP is a 3 year condensed doctoral program in contrast to a 4 year curriculum used in most U.S. pharmacy schools.

## **Class of 2018\***

The National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP) earlier this month released first-time pass rates for the 2018 North American Pharmacist Licensure Examination (NAPLEX).

	<b>Maryland Schools of Pharmacy</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup>-time Pass Rate</b>
	<b><i>University of Maryland Eastern Shore</i></b>	<b><i>96.23%</i></b>
	Notre Dame of Maryland University	87.76%
	University of Maryland at Baltimore	87.05%
	<b>HBCU Schools of Pharmacy</b>	
	<b><i>University of Maryland Eastern Shore</i></b>	<b><i>96.23%</i></b>
	Texas Southern University	88.57%
	Howard University	85.96%
	Florida A&M University	75.00%
	Xavier University of Louisiana	75.00%
	Hampton University	72.75%
	Chicago State University	57.75%
	<b>2018 National average</b>	<b>89.46%</b>

*\* UMES graduated its first pharmacy class in 2013.*