Department of Pharmaceutical and Biomedical Sciences - Program Overview

**Year 1**
- Summer "Boot Camp"
  - MUSC First Year Common Curriculum (30 credit hours)
  - Select 1st 11-week lab rotation by end of week 3
  - Complete 3 rotations

**Summer**
- Rotations end
- Essential Practices Course & Research (15 credit hours)
- Select Major Advisor
- Submit Plan of Study
- Appointment of Major Advisor form
- Plan of Study form

**Year 2**
- PBS Curriculum (26 credit hours plus research credits)

**Summer**
- Written qualifying examination & oral candidacy exam
- Select dissertation committee members
- Submit Plan of Research
- Plan of Research form
- Admission to Candidacy form

**Years 3, 4 & 5**
- Dissertation research
- Write and defend Ph.D. dissertation
- *if necessary

**Graduation**
- Certification of Defense form
- Graduate Information form