

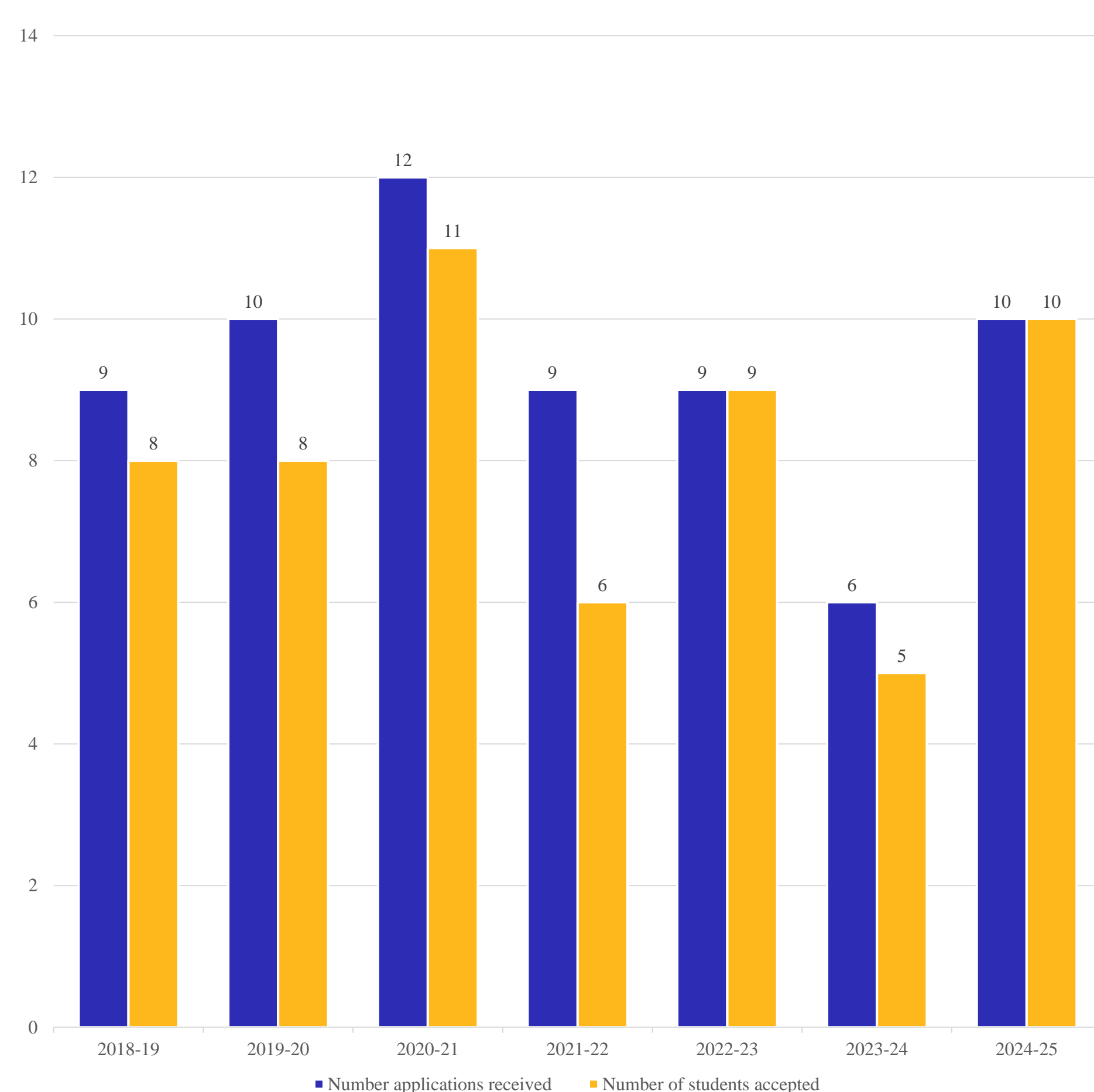
INTRODUCTION

- There is an escalating need for pharmacists to provide care for geriatric and palliative care patients.
- Developing and maintaining an Area of Concentration in Geriatrics and Palliative Care (ARCO-GPC) is a mechanism to provide students a pathway to pursue an area of emphasis consistent with their professional interests during their Doctor of Pharmacy education.
- The purpose is to describe the development and 7-year outcomes of the ARCO-GPC at the University of Pittsburgh.

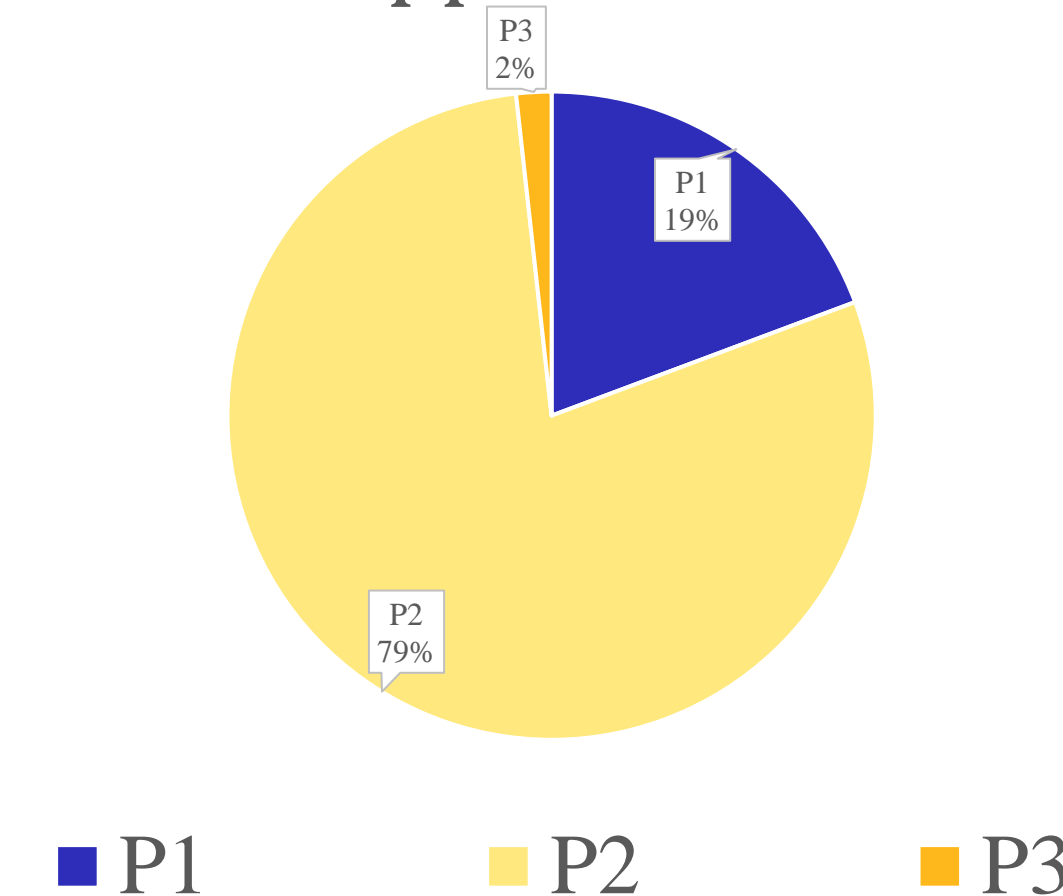
APPLICATION PROCESS

- The ARCO-GPC accepts applications from students in the P1, P2 and P3 years.
- The application process includes a(an):
 - Letter of intent
 - Curriculum vitae and/or professional portfolio
 - Permission to review the applicant's academic transcript
 - Interview with at least one member of the oversight group, if requested
- Student must remain in good academic standing.

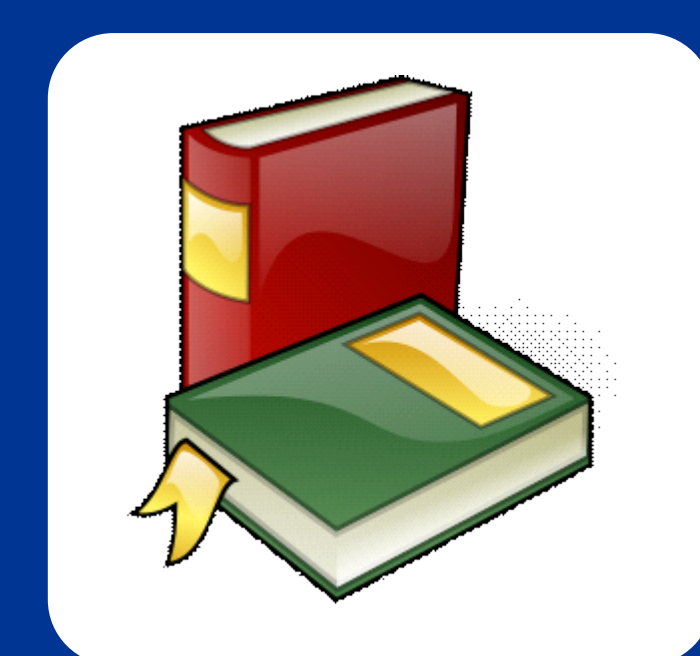
A.



B. Class year of accepted applicants



ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS



Didactic

- 6 credits of elective courses
- Approved by SoP Curriculum Committee and ARCO coordinators



Experiential

- 2 APPEs in Geriatrics and Palliative Care
- Approved by SoP Experiential Learning office and ARCO coordinators



Research

- Project approved by ARCO coordinators and preceptor
- Encouraged to present at a conference
- Formal presentation to the oversight group and written report

STEPS FOR ARCO-GPC APPROVAL

Proposal drafted by Coordinators

Approved by P&T Department Chair

Approved by SoP Curriculum Committee and Resource Committee

Approved by Dean School of Pharmacy

Approved by Senior Vice Chancellor of the Health Sciences-Planning and Budget Committee

Approved by Provost's Advisory Committee and Provost

OUTCOMES

100% graduation rate – **41** students

Abstracts submitted/accepted - **42**

Presentations – **42 total**

National - **32**

State/Local - **10**

Students with > 1 presentation - **10**

Number entering residency or fellowship - **19**

Other scholarly publications - **3**

Current students enrolled - **16**

IMPLICATIONS

- The development of an ARCO-GPC took careful planning and systematic organization to maintain it.
- Sustainability of applicant and subsequent graduate volume confirms continued student interest regarding advanced skill development with a geriatric/palliative care focus.
- Students were able to individualize their education and many pursued residency or fellowship training after graduation.

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Figure 1: Student applicants by cohort year (A) and class year of accepted applicants (B).