Planning Your Career in the Health Professions

WSU’s Pre-Health Advising Center provides prerequisite advising, academic support and professional development strategies for all WSU students pursuing admission to the following health profession programs:

- Allopathic Medicine
- Osteopathic Medicine
- Dentistry
- Veterinary Medicine
- Nursing
- Pharmacy
- Physician Assistant Studies
- Other Allied Health Professions:
  - Mortuary Science
  - Physical Therapy
  - Occupational Therapy
  - Radiation Therapy Technology

**ACADEMIC PLANNING**

Many medical programs are graduate level and require students to have completed a bachelor’s degree. Pre-health advisors can work with you to discuss your options, declare your major, and plan your prerequisite coursework within the context of your overall degree program. For pre-health programs that admit undergraduates, pre-health advisors will help with pre-professional and general education course planning to the point of admission to the professional program.

**PROFESSIONAL PREPARATION**

What are professional schools looking for in an applicant? What else should I be doing to stay competitive? Almost every health profession program requires students to have developed an awareness of their field of interest and have pursued experiences that will enrich their knowledge and underscore their desire to work in healthcare. Pre-Health advisors will help students consider their options, explore opportunities, and discuss ways students can challenge themselves to develop a strong portfolio of engagement, leadership and service all while maintaining a balance between academics and professionalism.

**APPLICATION SUPPORT**

Successful admission to a professional healthcare program requires an attention to many factors including coursework completion, application deadlines, admission testing, and letters of recommendation. While students are ultimately responsible to understand the various unique requirements of the schools and programs they are applying to, pre-health advisors can provide resources for determining these requirements. Students should consult with advisors regarding letters of recommendation requirements, and should look for programming support in the areas such as MCAT preparation, writing the personal statement, and interviewing tips.