General Information

Pre-health students are planning for careers in medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, physician assistant, optometry, physical/occupational therapy, veterinary medicine, public health, and nursing. Pre-health students can study any major as long as they also complete professional school prerequisites (see Pre-requisite Comparison Chart for the Health Professions). Admission is determined by many factors; it is important to balance academic excellence with clinical, research, service, and leadership experiences.

Advanced Placement (AP) Credit

Most health professional schools accept AP credit; check each medical school’s website to review specific prerequisites. Do not enroll in courses for which you will receive AP credit as no units will be earned.

Health Beat at the Career Center | healthbeat.ucsd.edu

Explore health professions and prepare for the application process through participation in events, workshops, and pre-health advising. Register as Pre-Health/Pre-Med to receive important email updates.

Other Helpful Resources

Health and Medical Professions Preparation Program HMP3 | hmp3.ucsd.edu
Engage in enriching experiences designed to expand your mind and increase your qualifications for entry into the health professions.

Academic Enrichment Program | aep.ucsd.edu
Obtain valuable research-oriented academic or professional experience.

Academic Internship Program | aip.ucsd.edu
Complete internships for upper division credit.

Research Experience and Applied Learning (REAL) Portal | real.ucsd.edu
Apply your classroom knowledge in real-world settings.

Handshake | ucsd.joinhandshake.com
Find off-campus jobs, internships, volunteer opportunities, and on-campus jobs (including work-study).

Center for Student Involvement | students.ucsd.edu/student-life/involvement
Discover various ways you can get involved on campus.

Co-Curricular Record | myccr.ucsd.edu
Highlight your achievements in opportunities beyond the classroom on an official record.

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