Pre-Medical Program

College of the Sciences and Mathematics

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The Pre-Medical Program prepares undergraduate students for application to the health professional schools of medicine, osteopathic medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine, and physician assistant programs. The program also prepares students for careers in optometry, podiatry, chiropractic medicine, pharmacy, and biomedical research. The program consists of an individualized selection of course work, personal counseling, and academic support. Optional internships in biomedical research at medical schools or research institutes are available to qualified students.

For highly select undergraduates, medical school early assurance programs are available in affiliation with Pennsylvania State University College of Medicine (http://www.hmc.psu.edu/College/) (undergraduate), Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine (http://www.pcom.edu/) (undergraduate), Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine (http://www.lecom.edu/) (undergraduate), Temple University School of Dentistry (http://www.temple.edu/dentistry/) (undergraduate), Arcadia University’s (http://www.arcadia.edu/) M.S. in Physician’s Assistant Studies (undergraduate), and University of Guelph, Ontario Veterinary College (http://www.ovc.uoguelph.ca/) (undergraduate).

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Programs

Majors in Conjunction with the Pre-Medical Program

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Policies

• See undergraduate admissions information. (http://catalog.wcupa.edu/general-information/admissions-enrollment/undergraduate-admissions/)
• See academic policies. (http://catalog.wcupa.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/)

All undergraduate students are held to the academic policies and procedures outlined in the undergraduate catalog. Students are encouraged to review departmental handbooks for program tips, suggested course sequences, and explanations of procedures. When applicable, additional policies for specific department programs may be listed below.

Application Policy for the Pre-Medical Program

It is essential for incoming students contemplating a medical career to apply to the Pre-Medical Program immediately upon matriculation at the University. Similarly, it is essential for students who, at some later time, develop an interest in a medical career to apply to the Pre-Medical Program. Students who fail to consult with the Pre-Medical Office prior to taking the Medical College Admissions Test (MCAT) or who fail to report the results of any MCAT exam to the Pre-Medical Office are not eligible to receive a Pre-Medical Committee letter of evaluation when they apply to medical school.

All West Chester students who wish to apply to a health professional school should ask their professors to forward letters of evaluation to the Pre-Medical Committee and should process their applications through the committee. It is recommended that students accumulate a minimum of five letters of evaluation in their confidential file, including one letter from a licensed medical professional. The committee will send a composite letter of evaluation to the professional school for students who meet the academic requirements and have an acceptable interview with the committee. Further information is available in the Pre-Medical Office, 117A Schmucker Science Center South.

Admission Requirements for the Pre-Medical Program

Because of the intense competition for health professional school admission, we encourage academically talented and highly motivated students to apply to the Pre-Medical Program. To matriculate into the Pre-Medical Program from high school, students will need to complete a pre-medical application after their acceptance into WCU and have a minimum SAT score of 1240 or ACT score of 26. Students that transfer to WCU will need to have a minimum GPA of 3.20 in their college courses to gain acceptance into the Pre-Medical Program.

Minimum G.P.A. Requirement for the Pre-Medical Program

Students must maintain a minimum 3.20 grade point average to remain in the program.

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