Health Professions Resources

THE CAREER CENTER
Health Professions Advising
- Call (217) 333-0820 to make a 30 minute appointment with a health professions advisor.
- Stop by the office to ask quick questions during drop-in hours on Tuesdays and Fridays from 1:30 – 3:30 PM

Health Careers Chronicle
- Sign up for our weekly newsletter at http://go.illinois.edu/chronicle to find out about on-campus and off-campus opportunities, including visits from admissions representatives, volunteer opportunities, and special events.

Health Professions Workshops
- Scroll through list of “UPCOMING EVENTS” on The Career Center website to see which scheduled workshops you want to attend.
- Request a workshop for your registered student organization by clicking the “WORKSHOPS” quick link from The Career Center homepage.

Health Professions Council
- Umbrella organization to help facilitate collaboration, resource sharing, and professional development among health-related student organizations.
- E-mail tcc-healthgrad@illinois.edu to get connected

CAMPUS RESOURCES
Office of Volunteer Programs
- 277 Illini Union: Student Service Organizations, Campus Service Initiatives, Service Awards.
- Visit www.union.illinois.edu/ovp

Health Professions Living Learning Community
- This residential community brings together students pursuing careers in health-related professions in a dynamic, engaging environment.
- Visit www.housing.illinois.edu/living/health

Illinois Leadership Center
- Visit www.illinoisleadership.illinois.edu

Office of Minority Student Affairs
- Graduate Counselors, Tutors, McNair Program, etc.
- OMSA: 130 Student Services Building / OMSA East: 701 S. Gregory Street, Suite 1, Urbana
- Visit www.omsa.illinois.edu

Writers Workshop
- Essay and personal statement reviews.
- Visit: www.cws.illinois.edu/workshop

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES
Explore Health Careers
- Detailed information about a variety of health professions, including career overviews, academic preparation, and additional resources.
- Visit www.explorehealthcareers.org
Preparation Timeline

Directions:
1. Write the academic years of your preparation.
2. Place prerequisite courses and out-of-classroom preparation activities.
3. Write in when you plan to take your admissions test and apply to health professional school.
4. Have your timeline reviewed by your academic advisor and a health professions advisor at The Career Center.

To Keep In Mind:
- On average, take 2-3 science courses (6-8 credit hours) per semester. During your first semester on campus, it’s okay to take only 1 science course.
- Check that courses will be offered the semester that you want to take them.
- AP credits are not always accepted by health professional programs.
- Most of your prerequisite courses should be taken at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign during the fall or spring semester.
- Out-of-classroom preparation (volunteering, shadowing, research, etc.) should happen throughout the academic year—not just during breaks and summers.
- Try to take most prerequisite courses before you apply or take your admissions test.
- The application process can take more than a year. Since most health professions begin the application process in the summer, plan to take your admissions test (MCAT, DAT, OAT, PCAT, etc.) by the spring.
  - For example: If you want to enter professional school fall 2016, you would take the admissions test spring 2015 and apply summer 2015.

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