Pre-Professional Advising Newsletter

Pre-Professional Advisors are available to assist you as you plan your activities and coursework during the academic year or look ahead to the summer application season. Current students may schedule a virtual appointment with us through BoilerConnect. Alumni, please call 765-494-3981 to schedule.

Pre-Professional students are not assigned to a specific advisor - you may meet with any one of the three advisors, Amy Terstriep, Cristy Gosney, and Cara Hines-Pham.

Pre-Professional Advisors can help you:

- Explore careers in healthcare and law
- Identify opportunities to gain experience in a healthcare or legal setting
- Understand the professional school application process and timing
- Plan admissions test preparation strategy (MCAT, DAT, OAT, GRE, LSAT, etc.)
- Access resources to research professional schools
- Prepare for professional school interviews
- and more!

Upcoming Events

December

- December 7: **Choose DO Medical School Virtual Expo**. 12pm - 6pm. Register here.
- December 12: **AT Still University Masters in Speech-Language Pathology (SLP) Information Session**. 12:00pm-1:00pm Mountain Standard Time. Register here.
- December 15: **Columbia University Programs in Occupational Therapy Information Session**. 1:00pm Eastern Time. Register here.
• December 16 & 17: **LSAC Analytical Reasoning Field Study**. Practice your analytical reasoning skills under true LSAT testing conditions. [Learn more](#) at the website.

**January**

• January 10: **This is Public Health Virtual Fair**. 9am-5pm Eastern. [Register here](#).

**Announcements**

Wondering what professional school preparation activities you can do over winter break? Here are a few ideas!

- Plan ahead for summer volunteer opportunities. Visit the PPA website for handouts on [PreLaw Volunteer Opportunities](#) and [PreHealth Volunteer Opportunities](#) (also [Summer Opportunities](#)).
- Do you want to become certified over the summer to work as a CNA, EMT, etc.? Visit websites of local community colleges, assisted living facilities, or healthcare organizations to look for courses. Google search. Call employers in your area and ask where their employees train locally. Then, follow up with those leads. Note application processes and deadlines. Don't wait until summer begins to start looking for opportunities.
- Plan ahead for summer observation hours or [informational interviews](#). Visit the [PPA website for guidance](#).
- Taking an admissions exam in the spring or early summer? Start organizing your study strategy over winter break. Learn about your exam, gather preparation materials, create your study plan. Visit the [PPA website for guidance](#).

**Undergraduate Research Opportunity**

Research teams from Purdue Department of Public Health and AAARCC are looking for undergraduate students interested in receiving research credit to work on a research study focusing on Asian and Asian American high school students’ experiences living in rural Indiana. Students will work in the lab for nine hours a week for 3 research credits. If interested, contact Dr. Chang Alexander ([alexan90@purdue.edu](mailto:alexan90@purdue.edu)).

**Summer Opportunities**

**Summer Health Professions Education Program**
The **Summer Health Professions Education Program** (SHPEP) is a FREE, six-week transformative enrichment program for high school and college students interested in the health professions. SHPEP’s goal is to strengthen academic proficiency and career development of students underrepresented in the health professions and to prepare them for successful application and matriculation to health professions schools. In addition to dentistry and medicine, the program offers opportunities to explore nursing, optometry, pharmacy, physical therapy and public health. The deadline to apply is February 5, 2023.

**University of Detroit Mercy School of Dentistry Summer Enrichment Program**

The **Summer Enrichment Program** is designed to assist students from under-resourced and disadvantaged backgrounds with gaining admission to dental school, and encourages participants to become practicing dentists in medically underserved areas. SEP is a 9-week (4 weeks self-paced and 5 weeks in-person) structured program that offers free housing and DAT Preparation, and a stipend to cover sustenance and travel expenses. Various educational and professional development experiences will be afforded to participants. Application deadline is February 15, 2022. Acceptance decisions will be emailed to applications by the end of March 2023. For questions email dental_diversity@udmercy.edu.

**University of Michigan SMART Program**

UM-SMART is designed for undergraduate students who have an interest in obtaining a combined MD/PhD degree leading to a career in academic medicine as a physician-scientist performing basic research relevant to human health and disease. As a **UM-SMART summer research fellow**, students work full-time in a basic research laboratory under the mentorship of a research faculty member. Dates are May 30, 2023 - August 4, 2023. Applications are due January 20, 2023.

**NYU Langone Summer Volunteer Programs**

The Ronald O. Perelman Department of Emergency Medicine offers volunteer programs to undergraduates, recent graduates (within one to two years of graduation date and program start date), post-baccalaureates, and master's students who are interested in a career in emergency medicine or other area of medicine. The department hosts clinical and research programs that take place either during the academic year or during the summer. Students from all colleges and universities are welcome to apply. For more information and to apply, visit the website.