



Pre-Professional Advising Newsletter

Welcome back! Pre-Professional Advisors are available to assist you as you plan your spring semester, or look ahead to 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

- January 12: Mastering the Medical School Interview. Presented by Ben Gurion University's Medical School for International Health. 7:00pm Eastern. [Register here](#).
- January 14: [University of Colorado Mini Law School: Law School 102](#) registration deadline.
- January 18: The Good, Bad & Ugly of Medicine (Is Becoming a Doctor Right for You?) Presented by Western University College of Osteopathic Medicine. 6:00pm Pacific. [Register here](#).
- January 19: "Considering Optometry? Here's What You Should Know" presented by Southern California College of Optometry. 5:30pm Pacific. [Register here](#).

- January 19: This is Public Health virtual fair. 9:00am-7:00pm. [Register here.](#)
- January 20: [VMCAS](#) application cycle opens. See below for more information.
- January 21-May 1: JCPenney Suit-Up Event. Extra 30% off coupon for careerwear, shoes & accessories. Text BOILERS to 67292 to use coupon.
- January 21: Barnes & Thornburg PreLaw Scholars Program application deadline. For more information, [visit the website.](#)
- January 22: CLEO Virtual PreLaw Program. 9:00am-4:00pm. [Learn more and register at the website.](#)
- January 25: Virtual Panel Discussion - "Finding Justice: How Attorneys Help Victims and Survivors of Human Trafficking Across the U.S." 3:30pm-5pm ET. [Register here.](#)
- January 30: [University of Michigan Frankel Cardiovascular Center Undergraduate Summer Research Program](#) application deadline.
- January 31: "Change Your Career, Change Your Life" Hear from Dr. Rebecca Ford, ND about her path to becoming a naturopathic physician. 1:00pm Central. [Register here.](#)
- January 31: [UM-SMART Summer Undergraduate Research Program](#) application deadline.
- February 1: [Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine SURF program](#) application deadline.
- February 5: [Summer Health Professions Education Program \(SHPEP\)](#) application deadline.
- February 5: [Stanford University Minority Medical Alliance \(SUMMA\) Conference.](#)
- February 5: LSAC Digital Law School Forum. 2:00pm-7:00pm Eastern. [Register by February 3.](#)
- February 10: Proton Guru [Test Preparation Scholarship](#) application deadline. MCAT, PCAT, PA-CAT.
- February 11: [Project Healthcare Summer Volunteer Program](#) application deadline. [Apply here.](#)
- February 11: [Marshall-Motley Scholars](#) application deadline. Must be starting law school in fall 2022 and plan to pursue a career in Civil Rights law.
- February 15: [Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine Summer Scholars program](#) application deadline.
- February 28: Health Programs Expo. PMU North & South Ballrooms. 2:00-5:00pm. See below for more information.
- February 28: [UCLA PreMedical Enrichment Program](#) application deadline.
- March 25: Doctors on Board Program & Community Health Internship Virtual Program application deadline. For more information and application, [visit the website.](#)
- March 28: Pre-Professional Ambassador application deadline. See below for more information.
- March 31: Veterinary Medical Admissions Virtual Fair. 11:00am-5:00pm Eastern. [Register here.](#)

Announcements

Health Programs Expo

Don't miss your chance to talk to university healthcare program representatives at this year's Health Programs Expo on **Monday, February 28 from 2-5pm in the Purdue Memorial Union North and South Ballroom**. Dress is casual, no need for a resume, and stay as long as you can. All pre-health students, first-year through senior, should attend this important informational event. Registration is not required to attend.

- Wonder if your GPA is competitive for professional school?
- Not sure what score you should aim for on your admissions test?
- Unsure if you have enough clinical hours, shadowing or volunteering?
- Should you repeat that prerequisite class?
- Still deciding where you should apply or what to look for in programs?
- Curious about other health care fields?

Ask an admissions representative directly!

Program representatives are eager to talk with you about their programs in medicine, dentistry, physician assistant, physical and occupational therapy, athletic training, optometry, veterinary medicine, podiatric medicine, chiropractic medicine, health care administration, public health, nursing, pharmacy and more! [Visit our website](#) for more information.

2022 Pre-Professional Advising Letter Service

Pre-Professional Advising offers a letter service for applicants to medical or dental school. We collect recommendation letters and submit a letter packet to the application service. We maintain the letters on file for five years should you need to reapply. If you are applying to medical or dental school in the summer of 2022 to begin a program in the fall of 2023, now is the time to sign up for the letter service. **To sign up, complete the [2022 Pre-Professional Advising Letter Service survey](#)**. After you sign up, you will receive an email from our office with a handout to give to your letter writers.

If you are an applicant to other health fields such as optometry, physician assistant, occupational or physical therapy, veterinary medicine, etc. we are not able to collect or submit letters of evaluation on your behalf. The application systems for other fields do not allow us to submit letters on behalf of the writers. Pre-Professional Advising has created two handouts to assist you through the process of requesting letters: [Requesting Letters of Evaluation](#) and [Pre-Health Letter of Evaluation Writer's Guide](#).

For more information about the role of letters of recommendation in the application process and how to ensure you have the best letters representing you, [visit our website](#).

Join the Pre-Professional Advising Ambassador Team

PPA seeks volunteer Ambassadors to represent Purdue and our office during the 2022-2023 academic year. Ambassadors can be from any major, any year, with a pre-health or pre-law focus. For more information and application instructions, [visit our website](#). Apply by Monday, March 28 at 5pm ET.

Indiana University School of Medicine Admissions Advising Appointments

IUSM admissions representatives are holding individual advising appointments by phone on February 24, March 24, and April 14. Sign up for an appointment here: <https://iumedadmissions.as.me>. Choose West Lafayette campus even though appointments are not in-person. You will receive a confirmation email from IUSM with appointment details.

2022-2023 VMCAS Application Cycle

Applying to veterinary school in 2022 to begin a program in 2023? VMCAS opens in January 20, 2022. Check out the [American Association of Veterinary Medical Colleges](#) website for important resources for applicants, including a [sample application](#), [applicant guide](#), [application instructions](#), [online school directory](#), and [prerequisite chart](#). Schedule an appointment with one of the PPA advisors to discuss your plan to apply!

Lafayette Parks & Recreation Seasonal Employment Opportunities

If you are seeking a part-time job working with animals or children, take a look at the [current job openings](#) with Lafayette Parks & Recreation.

CCO Room Reservation

Need a private space for a virtual interview or an admission test? Students can reserve a multi-purpose room in Young Hall during business hours, 8:00am-5:00p, Monday - Friday. [Complete this form at least 24 hours in advance](#). Only a room is provided - student must supply technology and any other needs.

Aspiring Docs Diaries

[Check out this site](#) of inspiration and resources for aspiring physicians.

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