PPA advisors are available to assist you this semester as you explore, prepare, and apply for careers in healthcare and law. Schedule a virtual appointment with us through BoilerConnect or email preprofessional@purdue.edu.

**Upcoming Events**

- **January 25**: Brain Exercise Initiative Purdue Chapter virtual callout. 6:30pm. [Zoom link](#). ID: 982 9218 0231. If you have an interest in neuroscience and Alzheimer and enjoy volunteering with elders, please [Click here for the interest form](#). Send questions to beipurdue@gmail.com.

- **January 26**: AccessLex webinar "Paying for Law School" at 3pm ET. [Register here](#).

- **January 27**: VCOM presents "Medical & Surgical Specialty Opportunities for DOs" webinar. 3:30pm ET. [Register here](#).

- **January 27**: Pre-Optometry Club callout. 6pm. [Zoom link](#). ID: 640 677 7147 and Passcode: S5Fzh3.

- **January 28**: Caduceus Club meeting. 6pm. [Zoom link](#). ID: 726 4080 3566 and Passcode: 1c6JmJ.

- **January 28**: AccessLex webinar "Building Your Law School Budget" at 7pm ET. [Register here](#).
• January 29: IU School of Nursing Distinguished Lectureship Virtual Conference. Visit the website for details and registration.
• February 1: Medical College of Wisconsin DSHREP research program application deadline 5pm CST. Apply here.
• February 2: Kline School of Law Career Exploration Series "Immigration Law Careers" panel. 5:15pm ET. Register here.
• February 3: AccessLex webinar "Choosing a Law School" at 2pm ET. Register here.
• February 4: AccessLex webinar "Applying to Law School: A Strategic Approach for Underrepresented Students" at 5pm ET. Register here.
• February 5: Wisconsin Statewide Pre-Law Diversity Conference & Law Fair. 11am-3pm CT.
• February 6: Rosalind Franklin University Open House. 9am-2pm CST. Register here.
• Now - May 2: JC Penny Suit-Up Event. Click here for information and coupon.

Announcements

Virtual Midwest Health Professions Expo

Monday, March 1, 2021

12pm-3pm ET

go.iupui.edu/3x9v

Our annual Health Programs Expo looks a little different this year! The event will be virtual and is a jointly sponsored event by our Pre-Professional Advising office and the pre-health advising offices at IU Bloomington, IUPUI, University of Cincinnati and Ohio State University. What hasn't changed? It's still a wonderful opportunity for you to explore university healthcare degree programs from all over the US and abroad and learn what they are looking for in competitive applicants.

All pre-health students, first-year through seniors and alumni, should attend this important event. Faculty, staff and the general public are also welcome.

• Wonder if your GPA is competitive for professional school?
• Unsure what score to aim for on your aptitude test?
• Want insight on how the pandemic has impacted application evaluation or instruction at a particular school?
• Questions about gaining clinical experience and shadowing during the pandemic? Whether or not a program will accept virtual shadowing?
• Should you repeat that prerequisite class? How are online prerequisites viewed by a particular school?
• Still deciding where to apply or what to look for in a program?
• Curious about other health care fields?

Ask an admissions representative at the event!

Visit the event website for more information and to register for this free event. Questions? Email us at preprofessional@purdue.edu.

Join the Pre-Professional Advising Ambassador Team

PPA seeks volunteer Ambassadors to represent Purdue and our office during the 2021-2022 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 29 at 5pm ET.

PPA Pre-Health Mock Interview Service

Have you been invited to interview by a professional school? PPA offers a pre-health mock interview service to help you prepare. Schedule a 60 minute mock interview appointment in Boiler Connect. Choose "CCO/Pre-Professional Advising" and "Health Mock Interview" and then select from the times available.

2021 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 2021 to begin a program in fall 2022, now is the time to sign up for the letter service. To sign up, complete the 2021 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 anyone but the writers themselves to
upload letters. 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.

Indiana University School of Medicine Virtual Advising Appointments

Sign up now for an individual, virtual advising appointment with an admissions officer from Indiana University School of Medicine in February, March or April 2021. Come prepared to the appointment with your questions. Visit https://iumedadmissions.as.me/ to sign up.

ADEA GoDental In Their Own Words Video Series

This video series highlights 11 dental school students' stories of students successfully weathering the COVID-19 pandemic as they pursue their dental school dreams. Watch the videos here.

CLEO Virtual Pre-Law Program

Designed to identify, motivate and prepare students for a career in the legal profession. Learn how to successfully navigate the law school admission process by participating in the College Scholars program. Saturday, Jan. 30 & Feb. 27, 2021; 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Opportunities exist for freshmen, sophomores and juniors.

Summer Opportunities

Columbian Park Zoo Summer and Fall Internships

Internship positions are available in Animal Care, Education and Communication, and Landscape/Horticulture. Summer application deadline is Friday, March 5, 5pm. Fall application deadline is Friday, April 2, 5pm. Visit www.columbianparkzoo.org for more information.

Purdue Student Legal Services Summer Practicum

Student Legal Services Director, Leslie Charters, JD, is leading a free Summer Practicum for pre-law students. The Practicum is on six Tuesdays between June 8 - July 13 (hours to be determined). Students will visit the Tippecanoe
County Jail, meet and observe local attorneys, and visit a big law firm. To participate, email Leslie Charters at lcharters@purdue.edu.

LSAC PLUS Program

The LSAC PLUS Program, in partnership with designated host law schools, offers an immersive summer prelaw experience for aspiring lawyers. Learn more and apply at the website.

University of Alabama Birmingham Clinical and Research Programs

UAB offers several summer research programs. Follow the links below for details.

- PARAdiGM
- SIBS
- SPIN
- KURE
- SHPEP
- SURE
- STEP-UP

University of Michigan Frankel Cardiovascular Center SURF Program

Students will be matched with a lab led by a faculty member investigating topics such as atherosclerosis, genetic cardiomyopathies, blood clotting disorders, cardiac arrhythmias, vascular biology, and heart failure. There is a stipend of $4,000 for ten weeks between June and August. Application deadline is January 31 11:59pm ET. Visit https://tinyurl.com/fcvcsurf for info.

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