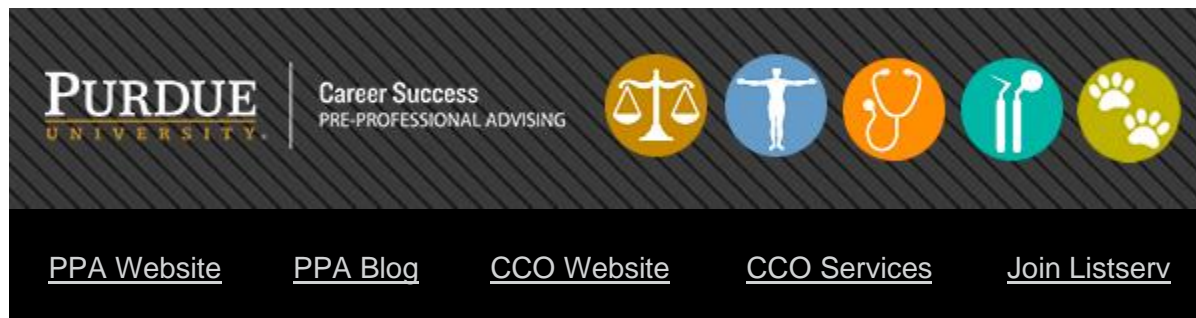


## Pre-Professional Advising Newsletter – 10 January 2023



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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

#### January

- January 10: **This is Public Health Virtual Fair**. 9am-5pm Eastern. [Register here](#).
- January 10: **The Intersection of Pediatric Hospital Medicine and Humanism** virtual lecture. 5:30pm Central. Hosted by Bucksbaum Institute for Clinical Excellence at the University of Chicago. For other lectures in the series or to register [click here](#).
- January 13: **A Deep Look at the GRE General Test**. 12pm-3pm Eastern. [Register here](#).
- January 15: **Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine SURF Summer Research Program** application deadline. [Application and Information](#)

- January 15: **Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine Summer Scholars Program** for underrepresented, educationally, or economically disadvantaged students application deadline. [Application and Information](#)
- January 26: **Navigating a Career Change (Naturopathic Medicine)** webinar. 12pm-1pm Eastern. [Register here](#).

## February

- February 1: **Virginia Commonwealth University Summer Academic Enrichment Program (SAEP)** and Allied Health Career Exploration (AHCE) early decision deadline. See below for more information.
- February 3: LSAC Digital **Law School Forum**. 2pm-6pm Eastern. [Register by February 1](#).
- February 3: **Barnes & Thornburg PreLaw Scholars Program** application deadline. For more information, [visit the website](#).
- February 4: **Diversity Law Day**. Indiana University Maurer School of Law. Virtual or in-person. 9am- 3:30pm Eastern. [Register here](#). See announcement below for more details.
- February 5: **SHPEP** application deadline. See below for more information.
- February 6: **Marshall-Motley Scholars** application deadline. Must be starting law school in fall 2023 and plan to pursue a career in Civil Rights law. [Application information here](#).
- February 27: **Health Programs Expo**. PMU North & South Ballrooms. 2:00-5:00pm. See below for more information.

## March

- March 6: Kansas University **Athletic Training MSAT Open House**. 6pm-7pm Eastern. [Register here](#).
- March 27: **PPA Ambassador application deadline**. 5pm Eastern. See below for more information.

# 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 27 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.

### **2023 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 2023 to begin a program in the fall of 2024, now is the time to sign up for the letter service. **To sign up, complete the [2023 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](#). Schedule an appointment with a preprofessional advisor if you would like to discuss letters of recommendation.

### **Join the Pre-Professional Advising Ambassador Team**

PPA seeks volunteer Ambassadors to represent Purdue and our office during the 2023-2024 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 27 at 5pm ET.

### **Indiana University School of Medicine Admissions Counseling Appointments**

Admissions staff from IUSM offer phone appointments with prospective applicants. This is a great opportunity to ask admissions officers questions you have about preparing to apply to IUSM. Appointments are available for the following Thursdays at 10am, 11am, 2pm and 3pm - February 9; March 23; and April 13. To schedule an appointment with an admissions officer visit: <https://iumedadmissions.as.me/>.

## **Indiana University Maurer School of Law Diversity Law Day**

Diversity Law Day will be held on Saturday, February 4, 2023 at the law school in Bloomington, IN. The event will also be livestreamed for those who cannot attend in person. Diversity Law Day is dedicated to the idea that the legal profession must reflect the expanding diversity of society. Joining efforts with the Law School Admissions Council (LSAC), we hope that this day will encourage students from underrepresented and underserved communities to discover career opportunities in law. This day is particularly tailored towards high school juniors and seniors, as well as college freshman and sophomores. The event is free to attend, but registration is required. To register complete the form [here](#). Contact Josie Brush at [jvbrush@iu.edu](mailto:jvbrush@iu.edu) or call 812-855-2704 with questions.

## **Indiana University McKinney School of Law Virtual Information Sessions**

IU McKinney School of Law offers [virtual information sessions](#) and [admissions advising phone appointments](#). Interested students should visit the website to make a reservation.

## **Indiana University School of Dentistry Virtual Information Sessions**

IUSD offers monthly virtual information sessions. Interested students can find dates, times and [register at the website](#).

## **2023-2024 VMCAS Application Cycle**

Applying to veterinary school in 2023 to begin a program in 2024? VMCAS opens in January 2023. 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!

# 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.

## **Eye U @ Indiana University College Summer Program**

Over the course of three days (July 17-20, 2023), you will learn about the optometry application process, participate in labs and lectures with some of the optical world's brightest researchers, and get to know the city of Bloomington with fun events around town. Students will be introduced to current faculty and students and hear firsthand about their journey through optometry school. By attending this camp, you will connect

with the IUSO Office of Student Administration and benefit from our support now and in the future. Plus, you will receive a tour of the optometry school, including our optical research labs, our new laser lab and the Atwater Eye Care Center, IU's own public eye care clinic. Application deadline April 1, 2023. [Visit the website to apply.](#)

### **VCU Summer Academic Enrichment Program**

Summer Academic Enrichment Program (SAEP) is a six-week summer program that simulates the first year of dentistry, medicine, pharmacy or physical therapy professional school instruction. Participants take academically intensive instruction in each of their chosen tracks in addition to non-credit core-coursework in virtual anatomy (head and neck), pharmacology, and physiology. SAEP participants attend learning skills and test-taking workshops, mock interviews, professionalism seminars, current healthcare topics, coaching, and community service activities in an interprofessional framework. Any current college junior, senior, graduate and post-baccalaureate student who is preparing to apply to a graduate/professional dentistry, medicine, pharmacy or physical therapy program is eligible to participate. Early decision application deadline is February 1, 2023, and regular decision application deadline is March 15, 2023. For more information and to apply [visit the SAEP webpage.](#)

### **VCU Allied Health Career Exploration Program**

Allied Health Career Exploration (AHCE) is a two-week summer residential program for students interested in any of the nine health career programs offered by the VCU College of Health Professions. Participants meet throughout the week for full-day department/degree program admissions information, hands-on and immersive activities within each discipline, workshops on current healthcare topics, interviewing skills, resume development, and more. Additionally, AHCE participants receive the necessary information to pursue a VCU College of Health Professions application process. Any rising or current college freshmen, sophomores, and juniors who are interested in patient counseling, medical laboratory sciences, physical therapy, occupational therapy, nurse anesthesia, rehabilitation counseling, radiation sciences, health administration, and gerontology as a potential healthcare career are eligible to participate. Early decision application deadline is February 1, 2023, and regular decision application deadline is April 1, 2023. For more information and to apply, [visit the AHCE webpage.](#)

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