

Pre-Professional Advising Newsletter - 7 February 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

February

- February 10: **11th Annual Wisconsin Pre-Law Diversity Conference and Law Fair.** [Information and registration](#)
- February 14: **DO History of Osteopathic Medicine and OMM Demonstration.** 6-8pm Pacific. Hosted by Western University of Health Sciences. [Registration](#)

- February 16: Purdue **Women of Color in Healthcare Association Blood Drive**. 11am-4pm. Back Cultural Center MP1. [Register here to donate](#).
- February 16: **Supplemental Instruction Leader Applications** through Purdue's Helen Bass Williams Academic Success Center. Applications due Sunday, March 6 at 11:59pm. Applications available on the [Academic Success Center website](#)
- February 16: **Reinventing Yourself as an Applicant** (What to do if you're not accepted) offered by A.T. Still University 3pm Eastern. [Registration](#)
- February 18: UNC Eshelman School of Pharmacy **Pre-Pharmacy Summit**. Learn about the pharmacy school admissions process, network with prospective and current pharmacy students, and discuss current issues in pharmacy practice. 9:30am-4:15pm. Virtual option available, cost is \$5. [Register](#) by February 14.
- February 21: **Personal Statement Workshop** offered by A.T. Still University 3pm Eastern. [Registration](#)
- February 21: **What's Your Immigration Plan?** Immigration attorney Rachel Beardsley provides an overview of immigrant and nonimmigrant visas for international students after graduation. 5:30-6:30pm. STEW 314. [Register here](#).
- February 27: **Pre-Professional Advising Health Programs Expo**. 2pm-5pm. PMU North & South Ballrooms.

March

- March 1: Application Deadline, UH Law Center **Pre-Law Pipeline Programs**. [Learn more](#)
- March 6: Kansas University **Athletic Training MSAT Open House**. 6pm-7pm Eastern. [Register here](#).
- March 7: **DAT Prep Workshop** offered by A.T. Still University 3pm Eastern [Registration](#)
- March 11: **NBLSA's Annual Pre-Law Symposium**. Arlington, VA. Network with other aspiring law students, current law students, and lawyers, and receive LSAT preparation advice. In-person event. [Registration](#)
- March 23: **Personal Statement Workshop** offered by A.T. Still University 3pm Eastern [Registration](#)
- March 25: **Great Lakes Pharmacy Conference**. University of Michigan Rackham Graduate School. Explore the field of pharmacy at this in-person conference. Cost is \$15. [Register here](#).
- March 27: **PPA Ambassador application deadline**. 5pm Eastern. See below for more information.

April

- April 1-2: **World Pre-Health Conference** at Harvard University. Virtual event. Participants will gain insight into the medical field, make connections with

healthcare professionals, and join a community with other like minded students. [Apply here.](#)

- April 4: **A.T. Still University & Kansas City Osteopathic Medicine Alumni Panel Q & A for Pre-Meds.** 7pm Eastern [Registration](#)
- April 11: **Competitive Applications Workshop for DO & Dental School** offered by A.T. Still University. 3pm Eastern. [Registration](#)
- April 13: **MCAT Prep Workshop with AptarePrep** offered by A.T. Still University. 3pm Eastern. [Registration](#)

Announcements

PPA Now on Instagram

Follow us @purdueppa!

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/>.

Summer Opportunities

Grant's House at Wabash Center Hiring Direct Support Professionals

Grant's House at Wabash Center is looking for Direct Support Professionals for summer staff for Camp #54, serving youth with disabilities and special needs. May 30-August 14, 2023. [More information is here](#).

Global Health Experiential Fellowship

Empower Through Health is hosting a five-week summer fellowship in Eastern Uganda. Participants will live and work alongside Ugandan undergraduate and master's level students implementing a research project. Visit the website for the [application](#) and [additional information](#).

2023 Zucker School of Medicine College Pipeline Program

The six-week SOM-CPP Program focuses on helping top college students become more competitive applicants for admission to the Zucker School of Medicine, and other medical schools. Applicants are selected for the SOM-CPP Program while they are enrolled as a freshman in college and potentially participate for three summers. Successful participants will be considered for direct admission to Zucker School of Medicine. Program runs July 30- August 11, 2023. Apply by March 1 for full consideration. [More information here.](#)