



Pre-Professional Advising Newsletter

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 us at preprofessional@purdue.edu.

Upcoming Events

You can find these events and more as we learn of them [at our website!](#)

- March 1-April 5: Northwest Native American Center of Excellence [2021 Medical School Application Workshop](#) application cycle. American Indian/Alaska Native pre-med students within 2 years of applying to medical school are eligible for the workshop and encouraged to apply.
- March 8: Trailblazing a COVID-19 Response. 7pm EST. Vanessa A. Makarewicz, Infection Prevention and Control Manager, UW Medicine. View on [Facebook Live](#).
- March 9: [2021 AAMC Fee Assistance Program webinar](#). 2pm ET.
- March 9, 10, 11: Spring Public Health Virtual Fairs. [Learn more and register here](#).
- March 11: State of Indiana Collegiate Talent Search Virtual Career Fair. 10am-3pm Eastern. [Register here](#).
- March 11: Abstract proposal deadline. [Purdue Spring Undergraduate Research Conference](#).
- March 11: A Day in the Life of A Physician Scientist (featuring a panel of MD-PhDs). Presented by American Physician Scientists Association. 7pm EST. [Register here](#).

- March 12-14: Latino Medical Student Association Conference. [Learn more and register.](#)
- March 15: Application deadline. Summer Pre-Optometry Program at Chicago College of Optometry. [Visit the website to apply.](#)
- March 15: Application deadline. 2021–2022 Governor’s Fellowship. The [application and submission guidelines can be found online.](#)
- March 16: A Wide Lens: Optometry Scope of Practice. 6pm. One of several topics in a series hosted by UIW Rosenberg School of Optometry. [Learn more and register at the website.](#)
- March 18: AANMC Naturopathic Medical College Virtual Fair. 10am-12pm EDT. 6-9pm EDT. [Register here.](#)
- March 18: IU Fairbanks School of Public Health MPH-Social & Behavioral Sciences Info Session. 12-1pm ET. [Zoom link.](#) Or, April 20, 5-6pm ET. [Zoom link.](#)
- March 23: Words of Wisdom: ATSU-KCOM Alumni Discuss Osteopathic Medicine. 6-9pm CST. [RSVP here.](#)
- March 23: VMCAS 2022 Application Overview. 2pm ET. [Register here.](#)
- March 24: Chiropractic as a Profession. Presented by Life Chiropractic College West. 6:30-7:30pm PDT. [Register here.](#)
- March 24: The State of Rural Health Care. Presented by Melissa Bosworth, Executive Director, Eastern Plains Healthcare Consortium. 5:30-6:30pm MST. [Click here to view.](#)
- March 29: Indiana University School of Optometry info session. 7pm ET. [Zoom link shared 1 week prior at PPA website.](#)
- March 30: Virtual MCAT Prep Workshop. Guest speakers Elizabeth Heeg, PhD AptarePrep MCAT and ATSU-KCOM Student Ambassadors. 2pm CDT. [Register here.](#)
- March 31: Veterinary Medical Admissions Virtual Fair. 11am-5pm EDT. [Register here.](#)
- April 5-11: National Public Health Week. [Learn more here.](#)

Announcements

COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic Volunteer Opportunities

The Tippecanoe County Health Department is looking for volunteers to assist at the COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic in Lafayette. [Visit the website](#) to view openings and sign up.

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 March or April. Come prepared to the appointment with your questions.

Visit <https://iumedadmissions.as.me/> to sign up.

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](#).

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.

Join the Purdue Academic Success Center Team

The Academic Success Center is hiring for various paid student leadership opportunities for the 2021-2022 academic year. [Learn more at the ASC website](#).

2020 AMCAS Infographic

[This publication](#) depicts some aggregate information about the 2020 AMCAS cycle applicants, medical school enrollees, and AMCAS Operations.

Share Your Science: Mini Lessons by Medical Scientists

This video series, an initiative of the American Physician Scientists Association's ad-hoc committee on diversity, discusses what physician-scientists do, where they are, and how diverse they are. You can [view the videos in the series here](#).

LSAC Announces LSAT Test Dates Through June 2022

LSAC will continue to provide the LSAT in an online, live remote-proctored format through June 2022. Starting in August 2021, the exam will include an unscored variable section along with the three scored sections so that LSAC can validate new test questions for future use. The exam will include a short break between the second and third sections. Registration for August 2021-June 2022 exams will open in mid-May 2021. [Learn more at the LSAC website](#).

Summer Opportunities

INMED – Reimagine IndianS into MedicinE (RISE) Summer Academy 2021

The RISE Summer Academy, a 6-week program, will be open to 28 American Indian/Alaskan Native (AI/AN) pre-med students. The summer academy focuses on Medical School Admissions, MCAT Prep, Supplemental Basic Science Refresher, Cultural Engagement and Community Building and Medical Student Mentors. Program dates are Monday, June 28 – Friday, August 6, 2021. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis with the first review of applications beginning March 10, 2021 and application closing on April 2, 2021. [Learn more and apply here.](#)

Campbell University Ransdell Family Health Professions Readiness & Enrichment Program (HPREP)

HPREP is a four-day interdisciplinary, preparatory, and professional development program for prospective students interested in healthcare. Program dates are Monday, May 17, 2021 to Friday, May 21, 2021. March 15, 2021 application deadline. [Learn more and apply here.](#)

CLEO Achieving Success in the Application Process (ASAP) Summer Program

ASAP s a two-day summer seminar which focuses on the law school application process. Participants should intend to apply to law school in the fall semester after attending the program. The primary goal of ASAP is to help prospective law school applicants understand the importance of factors in the admission process that are often overlooked or undervalued. April 1, 2021 application deadline. [Learn more and apply here.](#)

Duke Law D.C. Summer Institute on Law and Policy

The Institute is designed for individuals considering law school or about to begin law school, and others interested in how the law shapes policy and

regulation in the United States. Two sessions in July 2021 are available. [Learn more and apply here.](#)

Penn State Law Explore Law Program

This program helps to increase underrepresented college students' access to legal education and law school by providing instruction surrounding the law school admissions process, LSAT preparation, law school classes, and legal career opportunities for J.D.s. Program dates are June 14-17. April 30, 2021 application deadline. [Learn more and apply here.](#)

Fordham Pre-Law Institute

Participants in this online course (Zoom) may earn 3 undergraduate credits or take the course without credit at a reduced cost. Classes are taught by Fordham Law School faculty, who will introduce the Socratic method of teaching that is common in legal education. Program dates are July 6- August 5, 2021, 9am-12pm Eastern. [Learn more at the website.](#)

Pathways to Science

Looking for a summer research program? Use the [Pathways to Science search tool](#) to help you find the right opportunity for you!

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