



Pre-Professional Advising Newsletter

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

March

- March 21: **Is a Career in Law Right for Me?** Local attorneys share their career experiences and PPA presents information on preparing for law school. 5:30-6:30pm. BRNG 2290. [Registration](#)

- March 21: [Northwestern Master of Science in Law](#) in-person information session. ME 2053. 12pm-1pm.
- March 22: **PA Like a Pro Webinar: Surgery**. 8pm. [Registration](#). Watch past webinars [here](#).
- March 23: Purdue SLHS presents **Let's Talk About Applying to Grad School**. 6pm. LYLE 1160. [RSVP](#)
- March 23: **Personal Statement Workshop** offered by A.T. Still University 3pm Eastern [Registration](#)
- March 23: [University of Pittsburgh Physician Scientist Training Program](#) virtual info session. 7pm. [Registration](#). [Zoom link](#).
- 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 26: The Princeton Review Free MCAT Practice Test (virtual). [Registration](#)
- March 27: **Finding Your 'Fit' in Medical School and the Workplace**. Panelists include Rina Jiang, (College of Science '22) and current MS1 at Indiana University School of Medicine. Hosted by AAARCC and CCO/PPA. 6-7pm. LWSN 1142.
- March 27: **PPA Ambassador application deadline**. 5pm Eastern. See below for more information.
- March 28. **Graduate School 101** virtual presentation by Purdue Office of Undergraduate Research. [Registration](#).
- March 28: [Virtual Sha-DO Day](#). Hosted by Western University of Health Sciences. 10am-1pm Pacific time. Be a DO student for a day! Register by March 27.
- March 30: [Veterinary Medical Admission Virtual Fair](#). Connect with veterinary medicine school admissions officers from around the world. 12pm-5pm.
- March 30: Keck Graduate Institute **MS in Physician Assistant Studies Program Overview** (virtual). 4pm-5pm Pacific time. [Registration](#)
- March 31: **Cookies with a Physical Therapist, Dr. Matthew Smith**. Drop by between 1:30-3:00pm. UNIV 019.

April

- April 1: **Ohio University DPT Program** virtual open house. 10am-11:30am. [Register here](#).

- 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 6: **Cornell University Vet School Virtual Pre-Vet Roundtable**. 5-6pm. [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](#)
- April 22: Harvard Medical School presents a virtual conference **Empower: A Symposium on Underrepresented Voices in Medicine**. 11am-6:30pm. [Registration](#).
- April 22: Synapse National presents **Future Leaders in Brain Injury Conference** (virtual). 1pm-5pm. [Registration](#)
- April 26: [APTA Doctor of Physical Therapy Virtual Fair](#). Meet representatives from DPT programs. 10am-8pm.
- April 29: **University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine Impressions Day**. Philadelphia, PA. 9am-3:30pm. [RSVP by April 21](#).

Announcements

"The CLEO Edge" Podcast

This podcast offers insights into diversity, law school admission, and highlights trailblazers in the legal community. Catch the most recent episode on [Anchor](#), [Spotify](#) and [YouTube](#) with Sue-Ann Robinson, Esq. Ms. Robinson is the founder of Frontline Law Firm and has worked as a defense attorney, TV legal analyst and a social justice advocate.

University of Southern California Pre-Med Academy

This is a fully online, no cost medical school prep program for rising sophomores, juniors, seniors and recent college graduates with at 3.5 GPA

or higher who are first-generation or Pell-eligible. Apply by April 30 for the September program start. [More information is at the website.](#)

AOA/AOSA Opportunities in Optometry Grant Program

The American Optometric Association and the American Optometric Student Association have created a grant program that provides one-time stipends of \$1,500 to under-represented minority students interested in the field of optometry to help defray the costs associated with applying to optometry school. For more information and to apply, [visit the website](#). Applications are due by April 1, 2023.

Fall 2023 Course Offering - CHE 50200 "Analytical Approach to Healthcare Delivery"

This course provides a "real world" overview of healthcare delivery in the United States. Taught by Dr. William Clark, MD and Professor of Engineering Practice in the Davidson School of Chemical Engineering (clarkw@purdue.edu). BIOL 230 recommended but not required to take the course. Geared toward students who plan a career in healthcare.

PPA Now on Instagram

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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 Thursday, March 23 and April 13. To schedule an appointment with an admissions officer visit: <https://iumedadmissions.as.me/>.

Summer Opportunities

Illinois College of Optometry Summer Program

The Illinois College of Optometry (ICO) will host its 16th annual Focus on Your Future Summer Program (in-person) for underrepresented minority undergraduate students this July. The program is a week-long experience that will expose undergraduate students to the profession of optometry in a variety of settings. Participants will have the opportunity to meet with current optometry students, ICO Faculty & Staff, as well as practicing

optometrists. July 10-July 14, 2023. Application deadline is June 2, 2023. [More information and application online.](#)

IU McKinney School of Law Summer Law and Leadership Academy

The Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law Summer Law and Leadership Academy is a one-week virtual experience (June 2023) designed to introduce undergraduate students from historically underrepresented backgrounds to law school and various careers that they may pursue with a law degree. If you are selected for the Law and Leadership Academy, you will learn about hot topics in the law and strengthen your academic skills. [Application deadline](#) is May 19, 2023.

Launchpad Scholars Program

The Yale Law School Launchpad Scholars Program, open to fall 2024 law school applicants, aims to further diversify the legal profession by equipping participants with the tools and resources they need to apply to the law schools of their choosing and succeed as law students and legal professionals. This innovative program is designed to support Scholars in every aspect of their law school application process. Activities include a Residential Institute at Yale Law School and Welcome Summit at Latham & Watkins in NYC. [More information is at the website.](#)

Campbell University Health Professions Readiness & Enrichment Program

This is a free program held in person June 12 & 13 and online June 14 & 15, 2023 at Campbell University in Buies Creek, North Carolina and designed to help prospective students become a more competitive applicant, prepare for admissions exams and experience inter-professional health sciences through hands-on workshops. Applicants are responsible for covering cost of travel and lodging. More information [here](#). [Application materials are available online.](#)

Virginia Commonwealth University Summer Pathway Programs

Allied Health Career Exploration program, June 12-23, 2023, is open to college freshmen, sophomores, and juniors who would like to explore allied

health careers such as PT, OT, clinical laboratory sciences, nurse anesthesia, health administration, gerontology, radiation sciences and rehabilitation counseling. Application deadline is April 1, 2023. [More information is here.](#)

University of Colorado School of Medicine Wilderness & Emergency Medicine Courses

The University of Colorado School of Medicine is again offering its unique wilderness, emergency, and global health programs. These intensive classes are taught by University of Colorado School of Medicine faculty and are held in either Colorado (August) or Costa Rica (July or late December) and include lectures, labs, skill sessions, and scenarios. Students earn certificates in Wilderness First Responder and either Global Health or CPR. The classes also include authentic field-based simulations and adventure activities such as rock climbing, whitewater rafting, zip lining, canoe and/or kayaking, night hikes, natural history tours, day hiking, etc. Scholarships are available. Save \$150 if you register by March 31. [Visit the website](#) for more information and registration.

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