

Pre-Medicine and Pre-Health Advisement

- *Pre-med* is not a major course of study. It is simply your stated intention to prepare for a health career. *Pre-med* is the totality of your undergraduate preparation for your journey to a health career. In everything you do as an undergraduate, you will be preparing to be a strong applicant of your health program.
- Pre-health advisement is a system of identifying required coursework and appropriate extra-curricular activities for your chosen field.
- While a degree in Biology or Chemistry is NOT a requirement for medical school or other health professions, health professions programs do require strong undergraduate preparation in the sciences. Buffalo State offers all the courses (biology, chemistry, mathematics, and physics) required for admission to medical, dental, osteopathic, veterinary, optometry, podiatry, chiropractic, and other health professions schools. Individual schools have their own requirements, and Buffalo State offers a course of study that should meet the requirements of any health professions school. The entrance examinations for medical, dental, and other health professions schools test for mastery of material from these courses.
- It is very important that students who are interested in the health professions contact the pre-health adviser as soon as possible (freshman or sophomore year) to begin the advisement process and to plan the application process. The pre-health professions adviser and the Pre-Health Advisory Committee assist students who are interested in entering one of the health professions by providing advice about pre-requisites, course selection, and appropriate extra-curricular activities such as research and summer internships. The committee assists with the application process and preparing supporting materials for student applications.

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