Preprofessional Studies

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Students who desire to pursue careers for which a professional degree is required may take the necessary course work to apply to such programs in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. Preprofessional advisors who specialize in pre-health and pre-law advising are able to assist students in pursuing programs in the following areas:

- Pre-Dentistry
- Pre-Health Information Management
- Pre-Law
- Pre-Medicine
- Pre-Nursing
- Pre-Nutrition
- Pre-Occupational Therapy
- Pre-Pharmacy
- Pre-Physical Therapy
- Pre-Public Health
- Pre-Veterinary Medicine.

Preprofessional advisors are available to meet with students during individual appointment sessions and group workshops. Students interested in pre-health studies should visit the LAS Pre-Health website http://www.las.uic.edu/students/prehealth for information regarding upcoming workshops and other related information. Students can also find information regarding how to schedule an appointment with a pre-health advisor.

Preprofessional studies in Pre-Dentistry, Pre-Law, Pre-Medicine, Pre-Occupational Therapy, Pre-Physical Therapy, and Pre-Veterinary Medicine require students to complete an undergraduate degree program, including a major and prerequisite course work. In most cases, the bachelor’s degree is required prior to matriculation to the professional program. If admitted, students complete a professional degree program and graduate with a postbaccalaureate professional degree.

Preprofessional studies in Pre-Health Information Management, Pre-Nutrition, Pre-Nursing, and Pre-Public Health require students to complete at least two years of undergraduate study prior to admission to the College of Pharmacy. A majority of the students admitted to the College of Pharmacy have completed a bachelor’s degree at the time of matriculation. If admitted, students complete four additional years of study in the UIC College of Pharmacy and graduate with a doctor of pharmacy degree.

Completion of prerequisite course work does not guarantee admission to a professional college or program. Students pursuing preprofessional studies are strongly encouraged to consult an LAS preprofessional advisor and an advisor in the professional program before submitting an application. Each professional program has specific application procedures, deadlines, and requirements, which can change from time to time and may not be reflected in this catalog. Students are responsible for obtaining the most current information.

Students pursuing preprofessional studies must plan their course of study with care. Advisors are available to assist students, however, the responsibility for selecting courses and meeting admission requirements rests with the individual student who must plan and select courses consistent with the program requirements. The information below provides the current prerequisite course information for the UIC or UIUC professional programs. LAS Preprofessional advisors can assist students in applying to programs outside of UIC as well.

Pre-Dentistry, Pre-Medicine, Pre-Occupational Therapy, Pre-Physical Therapy, and Pre-Veterinary Medicine

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<sup>a</sup> Although the prerequisites for admission to professional programs are those for University of Illinois professional colleges, students interested in other institutions should consult those programs for their requirements.

<sup>b</sup> Students should visit the program website for information regarding applying without a bachelor’s degree http://vetmed.illinois.edu.

Course Requirements

For a list of Course Requirements in each area, please see the pages for Pre-Dentistry (http://catalog.uic.edu/ucat/colleges-depts/liberal-
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Preprofessional Studies in these health sciences areas require two years of undergraduate study prior to matriculation in the professional program. If admitted to the professional program, pre-health information management, pre-nursing, and pre-public health students complete the bachelor’s degree in the professional college, and pre-pharmacy students complete the doctor of pharmacy degree in the College of Pharmacy.

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For a list of Course Requirements in each area, please see the pages for Pre-Health Information Management (http://catalog.uic.edu/ucat/colleges-depts/liberal-arts-sciences/preprofessional-studies/pre-him), Pre-Nursing (http://catalog.uic.edu/ucat/colleges-depts/liberal-arts-sciences/preprofessional-studies/pre-nurs), Pre-Nutrition (http://catalog.uic.edu/ucat/colleges-depts/liberal-arts-sciences/preprofessional-studies/pre-nut), Pre-Pharmacy (http://catalog.uic.edu/ucat/colleges-depts/liberal-arts-sciences/preprofessional-studies/pre-pharm), Pre-Public Health (http://catalog.uic.edu/ucat/colleges-depts/liberal-arts-sciences/preprofessional-studies/pre-pubh), and Pre-Law (http://catalog.uic.edu/ucat/colleges-depts/liberal-arts-sciences/preprofessional-studies/pre-law).

Pre-Law

For more information about Pre-Law at UIC, please see the Pre-Law (http://catalog.uic.edu/ucat/colleges-depts/liberal-arts-sciences/preprofessional-studies/pre-law) page.