

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-Law
- Pre-Medicine (M.D./D.O. and podiatric medicine)
- Pre-Nursing
- Pre-Nutrition/Registered Dietician
- Pre-Occupational Therapy
- Pre-Optometry
- Pre-Pharmacy
- Pre-Physical Therapy
- Pre-Physician Assistant
- Pre-Veterinary Medicine

Preprofessional advisors are available to meet with students during individual appointment sessions and group workshops. On-demand webinars are also available for students interested in pre-health fields. Students interested in preprofessional studies should visit the [LAS Pre-Health website](#) or the [LAS Pre-Law website](#) for information regarding webinars, upcoming workshops, and other related information. Students can also find information regarding how to schedule an appointment with a Pre-Health or Pre-Law advisor.

Preprofessional studies in Pre-Dentistry, Pre-Law, Pre-Medicine, Pre-Nutrition/Registered Dietician, Pre-Occupational Therapy, Pre-Optometry, Pre-Physical Therapy, Pre-Physician Assistant, and Pre-Veterinary Medicine require students to complete an undergraduate degree program, including a major and prerequisite coursework. 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 post-baccalaureate professional degree.

The UIC College of Nursing offers entry to first-year students into the Bachelor of Science in Nursing major, but because of the interest and demand in nursing, not all eligible students can be admitted. LAS Pre-Health Advising assists pre-nursing students who are enrolled in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to prepare for a future in a nursing career. LAS Pre-Health Advisors work with students to determine which nursing pathway is the best option for them. Prerequisite courses for nursing programs, including the BSN and MSN, are available. Students may pursue any major in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, including the Bachelor of Science in Integrated Health Studies:

Concentration in Behavioral Health major, which incorporates many of the prerequisite courses required for admission to nursing programs.

Preprofessional study in Pre-Pharmacy requires students to complete a minimum of two years of undergraduate study prior to admission to the College of Pharmacy. In most cases, three years of undergraduate study are needed to complete the prerequisite course work. A majority of the students admitted to the College of Pharmacy PharmD program 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 (PharmD) degree.

Students interested in the preprofessional study of pharmacy may also consider the Bachelor of Science in Pharmaceutical Science (BSPB). The BSPB requires students to complete at least two years of undergraduate study prior to admission to the major in the UIC College of Pharmacy. In some instances, completion of this major may take more time than anticipated if the student needs to satisfy prerequisites, or when a student does not take courses in the proper sequence. If admitted, students complete at least two additional years of undergraduate study in the major and graduate with a bachelor's degree while completing the first year of the PharmD program.

Completion of prerequisite coursework 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

Preprofessional Studies	Prerequisite Required Hours	Major	Bachelor's Degree Required for Admission to Professional College	Professional College ^a
Pre-Dentistry	40-41	Any	Yes	UIC College of Dentistry
Pre-Medicine	46-50	Any	Yes	UIC College of Medicine
Pre-Occupational Therapy	33-34	Any	Yes	UIC College of Applied Health Sciences

Pre-Physical Therapy	42-43	Any	Yes	UIC College of Applied Health Sciences
Pre-Veterinary Medicine	37-38	Any	Yes ^b	UIUC College of Veterinary Medicine

a 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.

b Students should visit the [College of Veterinary Medicine website](#) for information regarding applying without a bachelor's degree.

For a list of Course Requirements in each area, please see the pages for [Pre-Dentistry](#), [Pre-Medicine](#), [Pre-Occupational Therapy](#), [Pre-Physical Therapy](#), and [Pre-Veterinary Medicine](#).

Pre-Pharmacy

Preprofessional studies in pre-pharmacy require at least two years of undergraduate study prior to matriculation in the professional program or major. Pre-Pharmacy students may apply to and complete either the BS in Pharmaceutical Sciences or the Doctor of Pharmacy degree in the College of Pharmacy.

Preprofessional Studies	Preprofessional Studies Required Hours	UIC Professional College	Professional Degree Program
Pre-Pharmacy	59-60	College of Pharmacy	BS in Pharmaceutical Sciences
Pre-Pharmacy	67-74	College of Pharmacy	Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD)

For a list of Course Requirements in each area, please see the pages for [BS in Pharmaceutical Sciences](#), and [Pre-Pharmacy](#).

Pre-Law

Preprofessional Studies	Preprofessional Studies Required Hours	Major	Bachelor's Degree Required for Admission to Professional College
Pre-Law	Varies	Any	Yes

For more information about Pre-Law at UIC, please see the [Pre-Law](#) page.

Pre-Nursing

The UIC College of Nursing admits first-years to the College of Nursing for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing major. Students who are not admitted to the UIC College of Nursing as a first-year student may apply as a transfer student. LAS preprofessional advising works with LAS students who are interested in pursuing nursing and can provide assistance in considering multiple pathways into the nursing profession.

Preprofessional Studies	Preprofessional Studies Required Hours	UIC Professional College	Professional Degree Program
Pre-Nursing	57	College of Nursing	BS in Nursing

For more information about Pre-Nursing, including a list of Course Requirements, please see the [Pre-Nursing](#) page. If admitted as a transfer student to the College of Nursing, Pre-Nursing students complete the bachelor's degree in the College of Nursing.

Preprofessional Studies Advised by Other Undergraduate Colleges

Preprofessional Studies	Preprofessional Studies Required Hours	UIC Professional College	Professional Degree Program
Pre-Health Information Management	59-60	College of Applied Health Sciences	BS in Health Information Management
Pre-Nutrition	59	College of Applied Health Sciences	BS in Nutrition, Nutrition Science Concentration
Pre-Public Health	60	School of Public Health	BA in Public Health
Pre-Public Health	60	School of Public Health	BS in Public Health

For more information about the BS in Information Management and the BS in Nutrition, Nutrition Science Concentration please see the [College of Applied Health Sciences](#) section of the catalog. For more information about the BA and/or BS in Public Health, please see the [School of Public Health](#) section of the catalog.

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