

# 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 (M.D./D.O. and podiatric medicine)
- Pre-Nursing
- Pre-Nutrition
- Pre-Occupational Therapy
- Pre-Optometry
- Pre-Pharmacy
- Pre-Physical Therapy
- Pre-Physician Assistant
- Pre-Public Health
- 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-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 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 post-baccalaureate 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 major in a different UIC college. In some instances, completion of a particular program 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 program and graduate with a bachelor's degree.

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 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.

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

Preprofessional Studies	Prerequisite Required Hours	Major	Bachelor's Degree Required for Admission to Professional College	Professional College <sup>a</sup>
Pre-Dentistry	41-42	Any	Yes	UIC College of Dentistry
Pre-Medicine	47-51	Any	Yes	UIC College of Medicine
Pre-Occupational Therapy	34	Any	Yes	UIC College of Applied Health Sciences
Pre-Physical Therapy	46	Any	Yes	UIC College of Applied Health Sciences
Pre-Veterinary Medicine	39-40	Any	Yes <sup>b</sup>	UIUC College of Veterinary Medicine

<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.

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

## Course Requirements

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-Health Information Management, Pre-Nutrition, Pre-Nursing, Pre-Pharmacy, and Pre-Public Health

Preprofessional Studies	Preprofessional Studies Required Hours	UIC Professional College	Professional Degree Program
Pre-Health Information Management	60	College of Applied Health Sciences	BS in Health Information Management
Pre-Nursing	57	College of Nursing	BS in Nursing
Pre-Nutrition	63	College of Applied Health Sciences	BS in Nutrition
Pre-Pharmacy	71-74	College of Pharmacy	Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD)
Pre-Public Health	60	School of Public Health	BA in Public Health

Preprofessional studies in these health sciences areas require at least two years of undergraduate study prior to matriculation in the professional program. If admitted to the professional program, pre-health information management, pre-nutrition, 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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## 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.

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