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 (http://prehealth.las.uic.edu) or the LAS Pre-Law
website (http://prelaw.las.uic.edu) 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 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

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<th>Major</th>
<th>Bachelor’s Degree Required for Admission to Professional College</th>
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<td>Pre-Dentistry</td>
<td>41-42</td>
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<td>47-51</td>
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<td>Pre-Occupational Therapy</td>
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<td>Pre-Physical Therapy</td>
<td>46</td>
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<td>Pre-Veterinary Medicine</td>
<td>39-40</td>
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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.
Students should visit the College of Veterinary Medicine website (http://vetmed.illinois.edu/education/doctor-veterinary-medicine-degree/admissions/prerequisites) 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 (http://catalog.uic.edu/ucat/colleges-depts/liberal-arts-sciences/preprofessional-studies/pre-dent), Pre-Medicine (http://catalog.uic.edu/ucat/colleges-depts/liberal-arts-sciences/preprofessional-studies/pre-med), Pre-Occupational Therapy (http://catalog.uic.edu/ucat/colleges-depts/liberal-arts-sciences/preprofessional-studies/pre-ot), Pre-Physical Therapy (http://catalog.uic.edu/ucat/colleges-depts/liberal-arts-sciences/preprofessional-studies/pre-pt), and Pre-Veterinary Medicine (http://catalog.uic.edu/ucat/colleges-depts/liberal-arts-sciences/preprofessional-studies/pre-vet-med).

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

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<td>Pre-Health Information Management</td>
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<td>College of Applied Health Sciences</td>
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<td>Pre-Nursing</td>
<td>57</td>
<td>College of Nursing</td>
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<td>Pre-Nutrition</td>
<td>63</td>
<td>College of Applied Health Sciences</td>
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<td>Pre-Pharmacy</td>
<td>71-74</td>
<td>College of Pharmacy</td>
<td>Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD)</td>
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<td>Pre-Public Health</td>
<td>60</td>
<td>School of Public Health</td>
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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.

Course Requirements

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), and Pre-Public Health (http://catalog.uic.edu/ucat/colleges-depts/liberal-arts-sciences/preprofessional-studies/pre-pubh).

Pre-Law

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For more information about Pre-Law at UIC, please see the Pre-Law (http://prelaw.las.uic.edu) page.